



Tune-In

Manawatu Youth Orchestra Inc

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EXOTIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND SINFONIA COMBINED CONCERT NEXT WEEKEND!

The Sinfonia and Youth Orchestra give an exciting concert of exotic music on Saturday night, 19 September. The concert in the Salvation Army Centre follows the now well-established format of a first half provided by the Youth Orchestra, with the Sinfonia providing most of the second half, before the orchestras combine to provide a rousing send-off under the baton of John Schwabe.

Each part has its own highlights, featuring **the orchestras' wind soloists in a concert** underpinned by folk legends and exotic locales.

The Youth Orchestra performs Luigini's 'Ballet Egyptien' and Grieg's ever popular 'Norwegian Dance', along with the Entr'acte from Bizet's Spanish flavoured 'Carmen'.

The Sinfonia continues with Sibelius with **the haunting 'Swan of Tuonela'**. Sibelius portrays the Swan of death, of Finnish folk legend, with the cor-anglais, the husky and mournful sounding big brother of the oboe.

The French horns have a work-out in the opening of the delightful Donizetti **overture, 'Daughter of the Regiment'**. **The clarinets and oboes shine in Borodin's Polovetsian Dances.**

Finally, all the wind principals have their chance to shine with their quasi-cadenzas in a Rimsky-Korsakov favourite, the **symphonic poem, 'Scheherazade'**. **Drawn from the '1001 Arabian Nights', 'Scheherazade' evokes an exotic Arabian theme.**

Concert 7:30pm Saturday 19 September, Salvation Army Centre, Cr Church and Princess Streets



Simon Lynch (cello) and Daniel Sullivan

2011—WE TURN 50!

The Youth Orchestra turns 50 in 2011 and we want you to help us celebrate in style!

Already we have commissioned a book telling the story of our first 50 years to be launched at the celebrations. As well, a commissioned work is underway to be performed by the Sinfonia in 2011. Another calendar is planned, too.

But what else should we do to mark the occasion?

Perhaps we could do Wagner's Ring Cycle—a whole opera for each subscription concert? Sight-read the entire 106 symphonies by Haydn over one weekend? A Portsmouth Sinfonietta scratch orchestra formed from all past and present members **playing Beethoven's 5th would certainly be memorable. Let's play all the** Beethoven symphonies and concertos over the subscription series?

But you tell us your ideas!

We need your ideas if our celebrations are to be a celebration appropriate for half a century of music-making! So, put your thinking caps on and tell us what you think we should do.

We are also forming a subcommittee to oversee celebrations that requires members. For more information and to give us your ideas, send an email to Jubilee@publicpolicy.co.nz



Percussionist Matthew Dann

What is it? **The Sinfonia calendar's instrument** of the month for September is the tuba.





Bass and Horn Day

The Sinfonia sponsored a Double bass and French horn day in early September, with NZSO players, Vicki Jones (bass) and Ed Allen (horn).

Youth orchestra and Sinfonia players, along with players from local secondary schools attended. Vicki and Ed spent time reviewing **technique, followed by 'master class' type of tuition** for each player. The afternoon was spent on ensemble playing and the day concluded with a short concert by all the players and the tutors.

Feedback from participants suggested it was a good day for reviewing technique and for providing impetus for practice back home! We are grateful to Vicki and Ed for their generous support to our musicians.

All photos in this edition of Tune In are of the Youth Orchestra practicing for the 19 September concert.

SINFONIA AND MANAWATU YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERTS 2009

19 September - Combined Youth Orchestra and Sinfonia Concert

5 December - **Handel's Messiah**

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The 2009 Annual Report has been removed from our website. Hard copies are available on request from the Secretary.



DVDs of the Last Night of the Proms is available at \$10.00 each. Contact the Secretary to obtain copies.

Situation Vacant

Wanted—Music Librarian

Mix with the Great Composers! (And help our conductor and musicians!) Small honorarium.

Contact the Secretary if you are interested in helping out.

The Sinfonia welcomes new players!
Contact the Secretary for
information



FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The MYO administers the E & E Laing Trust. It provides grants up to a maximum of \$100 per annum to players from the Manawatu Sinfonia or Manawatu Youth Orchestra to attend music courses outside Palmerston

North or to assist with advanced tuition which is unavailable locally.

See:

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