

**Tchaikovsky
Violin Concerto**
Lilburn, Dvorak & Beethoven



Lilburn 100

Sunday 18 Oct 2015 | 2:30pm
\$15 / \$10 at the door

Manawatu Sinfonia
Conductor: Peter van Drimmelen
Violin soloist: Megan Molina

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, PN

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TCHAIKOVSKY, Violin Concerto in D major



Next weekend the Sinfonia will be performing with Megan Molina. Megan began violin lessons from age four in Wellington. She graduated from Victoria University with a BM in Violin



Performance with First Class Honours, studying with Vera Rubin and Donald Armstrong. In 2005 Megan won a position with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, South Carolina, holding the position of Associate Concertmaster for her last three years there and leading the orchestra on numerous occasions. Megan returned to New Zealand with her husband, Alan, in January 2012 to join the second violin section of the NZSO.

As well as the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto the orchestra will be performing Beethoven's Egmont Overture, Lilburn's Mountain Rescue (concert premiere), Dvorak's Minuet and Furiant from the Czech Suite and Lilburn's Aotearoa Overture.

Peter van Drimmelen again takes the helm and the inclusion of two works by Lilburn completes our part in celebrating Lilburn's centenary.

We hope to see many of you at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Broadway on Sunday 18th October at 2.30pm.

String Scholarship

The Scholarship is established to encourage string players from outside the MYO catchment area to become regular members of either orchestra of the Society.

One Award may be made annually, to the value of \$500.

Applicants must be under the age of 25 years, and enrolled at a tertiary education institution in Palmerston North during the year the Award is offered. Applications considered throughout the year.

Check our website for details.

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News and Announcements

Manawatu Youth Orchestra Charity Concert

The charity concert for Methodist Social Services will take place on 26th October at 7pm at St. Andrew's (Church Street).

The concert will include popular classics and family events such as the introduction of instruments.

The MYO will also perform several modern arrangements and an original composition.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 unwaged/concession, \$5 children. They are available from the Methodist Social Services office or on the night.

Jubilee Cup Award: Jim & Shirley Chesswas

This year's Jubilee Cup, which is presented for meritorious service, goes to Jim and Shirley Chesswas, foundation members of the Manawatu Sinfonia in 1963 and key members of the violin contingent in most concerts since that time. Jim led the Sinfonia for many years. Jim writes: "Yes it is true that we must have been foundation members, Shirley between having babies, under the then direction of Len Schwabe, who used to also direct the Wanganui orchestra and stay with us during some of these times."



Check out our new website:

manawatuorchestra.org.nz

The new look website has details of all upcoming concerts, details of rehearsals and how to join as well as latest news.

Look out for other Lilburn 100 events around the country. See the SOUNZ website for details:

sounz.org.nz

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Recent Success for MYO members in Examinations:

Grade V

Sai Natarajan - violin (Distinction)

Daniel Hodgetts - violin (Merit)

Grade VI

Angela Cheng - violin (Distinction)

Anna Prasitdamrong - violin (Distinction)

Sibel Atalay - violin (Merit)

Cindy Xu - violin

Grade VII

Te Hinemoa Tuiono - flute (Distinction)

Sakura Muhopadhyay - violin (Distinction)

Amy Srichantra - violin (Merit)

Shauna Lane - violin (Merit)

Grade VIII

Felix Brookie - viola (Merit)



Manawatu Youth Orchestra and Taipei's Nanmen Junior High School String Orchestra combine



Earlier this year members of Taipei's Nanmen Junior High School String Orchestra and the Manawatu Youth Orchestra joined together for a special performance.

Chris Ma - the former Leader of the MYO (in 2005) and who also performed as a soloist with the Manawatu Sinfonia started the exchange. He is now teaching in Taipei and wanted to show NZ to his violin students.

Photos are attributed to Sasha Routh and Marise McNeill



A Few Words from the Leader of the MYO for 2015 - Sylvia Neild

This year I've had lots of opportunities with music, all of which have been challenging and fun.

Moving from the viola section to lead the first violins in the MYO was certainly interesting - leading a large section after being in a group of two took some getting used to. After the first concert I got the feel of being leader, and have both really enjoyed it and learned a lot.

I also really enjoyed travelling to Christchurch and Wellington to attend the NZ Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra and the National Youth Orchestra, playing viola in both. The conductors of each were hugely inspiring in different ways, and had quite unique methods of conveying how they wanted the works played. It was great to play the Elgar Cello Concerto with Matthias Balzay, and the Ibert Flute Concerto with Bridget Douglas, and I particularly loved the NZ piece that we played with NYO by composer Salina Fisher. This used very innovative techniques such as the woodwind blowing through their instruments without their reeds, to create "gusts of wind".

I'm hoping to study performance music at university next year, and will be using all the skills that I've learnt from the three orchestras that I've been lucky enough to be part of. It's a long time and a lot of practicing hours since I first picked up a violin and made terrible scraping sounds, and I'm very grateful to all the people along the way - teachers and conductors - who gave me a chance and taught me to appreciate and play wonderful music.

Here Sylvia Neild, Leader of MYO 2015, is with her Chamber Music Ensemble: The Melford Trio comprising of Sylvia, Jasmine Luo and Joanna Dann. They were the Regional Representatives at the Semi-finals of the Chamber Music New Zealand competitions held in Napier in June and won the IRMT Chamber Music Ensemble Competitions held in early August.

