

United Youth Orchestra

Bringing Waikato's Young Musicians Together

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Spring Charity Concert: 3 pm, Sunday 15th October, Academy of Performing Arts

In this newsletter we highlight our forthcoming Spring Charity Concert and featured soloist from Cambridge, soprano Elaine Wogan. The concert is on Sunday 15th October, starting at 3.00 pm, in the Gallagher Concert Chamber, WEL Energy Trust Academy of Performing Arts, University of Waikato, Knighton Rd, Hamilton (parking available at Gate 2b). Elaine is an extremely talented and sought-after soloist with a wonderful voice. Her programme of sumptuous Italian opera arias is not to be missed. As well as performing with UYO, Elaine will be accompanied by pianist Francis Cowan as she sings three well known songs (Lieder) by Schubert.

Other items in the programme include **Beethoven's Egmont overture**, **Schubert's Symphony No. 8 ("Unfinished")**, and the 1st movement of **Bach's Concerto for Two Violins** which will feature UYO's leader Rebecca Pullon and deputy leader Sebastian Lowe as soloists. So, a terrific programme! Please come and enjoy the concert and help support the UYO – and Melville High School's fire rebuilding programme (see below). Entry is by gold-coin donation as usual.



Soprano Elaine Wogan (at rear) rehearsing with UYO in August in the gymnasium at Fairfield Intermediate School

"Go for Broke"

The UYO is to donate all door takings from the Spring concert to Melville High School's fire replacement building project. In July this year, an arsonist destroyed a two-storey block at the school. In August it was announced that the school would 'go for broke' to replace the burned buildings with a new classroom block, a new library, and refurbishment of other rooms including the music suite. The UYO Trust decided to support Melville High School in its fire rebuilding programme both as a community gesture and in appreciation of support from the school to UYO over a number of years.

Generous funding from PUB Charity (main sponsor for concert) allowed us to support Melville HS in the Spring concert.



ASHES TO ASSET: An architect's view of the new library and classroom block, as seen from the school field.

School to replace burned buildings and 'go for broke'



Soprano Elaine Wogan (left) is well known in the Waikato for her work with local choirs and orchestras. She has been soloist in “The Creation”, “Messiah”, Dixit Dominus” and other works with the Hamilton Civic Choir, Cantando, and Renaissance Singers, and was featured soloist with Opus Chamber Orchestra. Elaine has also sung with the Auckland Philharmonia, Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, and Christchurch Civic Choir. Initially trained by Jean Bassett in Taumaranui, Elaine trained more recently with Dame Malvina Major in the Emerging Artist Programme with New Zealand Opera (2003). She has sung many roles in operas including The Magic Flute and Don Giovanni (Mozart), Carmen (Bizet), Die Fledermaus (Strauss), and Madama Butterfly and Gianni Schicchi (Puccini), with New Zealand Opera, Opera Waikato, and Garden Opera. Elaine’s personal career highlights include performing on TVNZ’s “This is Your Life Dame Malvina Major” and singing in the concert to launch the Dame Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation (2004).

Refreshments: FUN members, parents and supporters please join us after the concert

At the conclusion of the Spring Concert, all FUN members, parents and supporters are invited upstairs with UYO members to the Mezzanine Lounge at the Academy for light refreshments and reflections on the concert and a special announcement. Please don’t be shy – we’d love to see you there!

UYO members rehearsing in August for the Korean Music Festival and Spring Concert



Violinists Sam Chan (left) and Marco Schneider



Catherine Mills (left) and Esther Gilbert



Who can you spot here? Poh-Lin Teo (viola), Amy Lin, Seung-Kwon Yu, Song-Ri Lee (flutes), Felicity Hanlon, Shona Tatsumi (oboes), Martin von Zijl (bassoon), Kim Dewhurst (horn), Shakira Nicholas, Joshua Hanlon, Marguerite Gilbert, John McLean (trumpets) and Philip Porter (trombone)



Tony Seong (cellist)



Yuri Tatsumi (double bassist)

In September, the UYO performed at the Korean Music Festival as the opening item to a sell-out audience in the Academy for the Performing Arts on 9th September. The concert opened with both the South Korean and New Zealand national anthems, a first for the UYO.



View from the wings of UYO playing the South Korean National Anthem to a capacity audience (standing, above rear), Korean Music Festival, 9th September, probably the first time it has been heard in the Academy.



Marguerite Gilbert, Joshua Hanlon and Philip Porter ready to roll at the Korean Music Festival



Alexandra Hayr (left) and Chris Tseng look on while Kim Dewhurst tunes her French horn with Yoshi

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Soloists Seung-Kwon Yu (left) and Song-Ri Le, and UYO, await Yoshi's opening downbeat for the Vivaldi Double Flute Concerto at Korean Music Festival concert



View from above of UYO performing under Yoshi Tatsumi's guidance at the Korean Music Festival

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Lower strings (mostly) and wind and brass sections (not forgetting guest Tailin Chou Lin playing keyboard) at the Korean Music Festival

Seb joins Opus



Sebastian Lowe, deputy leader of UYO, has performed in Opus Chamber Orchester this year, firstly for the Mozart “Requiem” concert (where he played an impromptu solo ‘boing’ as his shirt sleeve button caught on a string during a period of [almost] total silence), and more recently for the orchestra’s September concert series featuring cellist Callum Hall.

Trust Waikato grant allows purchase of new keyboard

In September, Trust Waikato announced the results of funding applications with UYO being awarded \$1000 to enable it to purchase a keyboard (funding for a shortfall of several hundred dollars is still being sought). The new keyboard allows piano, harp, and harpsichord parts to be played. UYO is very grateful to **Trust Waikato** and to many other organizations including **Hamilton Community Arts Council, PUB Charity, Beattie Rickman Legal, SKYCity, KPMG, WEL Energy Trust, Castle Trust Hamilton Brass, Danny’s Music World, and Lodge Real Estate** for their support in this and previous years.

Winter Concert, June 17th

Some photos from the Winter Concert held on 17th June at the Academy for Performing Arts



Yoshi and the inner circle: all concentration at the Winter concert, 17 June. Inset: Mary Lin, who gave a dramatic and memorable performance of the Grieg piano concerto (1st movement)



Martin von Zijl (bassoonist), guest players Danny Roguski and Ione Mooney, and others



Rebecca plays both violin and piano – she will be co-violin soloist in the Spring concert, playing Bach's Double Violin Concerto (1st movement)

Multi-talented UYO leader Rebecca Pullon warms up on piano before performing with Eleganza in the Winter concert in June. Rebecca won first prize in NIWA's national science fair competition recently (\$1000 prize money and a paid job with NIWA over summer!).



From Kliban, B. 1976. Never eat anything bigger than your head and other drawings. Eyre Methuen, London.

FUN and friends

FUN members (Friends of United) are invited to renew their subscriptions at the Spring concert for 2007. Forms will be available at the door (or see David Lowe). **Don't forget:** please join with UYO players and Yoshi Tatsumi, our dedicated music director, for light refreshments right after the Spring concert. Head upstairs to the mezzanine lounge area for tea, coffee and light snacks and chat with UYO members, Yoshi and others.

Invitation to FUN members and supporters to attend end-of-year open rehearsal and supper

FUN members, parents and supporters are invited to the final rehearsal of the year on **Friday 10th November**, any time from 6.30 pm: rehearsal 6.30-7.30 pm, then announcements and supper from around 7.30 pm. **Venue:** Castle Trust Hamilton Brass Bandroom, Clyde Street (next to Police Station, near The Warehouse, Hillcrest).

UYO Trust

The UYO is administered by the United Youth Orchestra Trust. Trustees comprise Grant Wilkin (Chair), Dr Marianne Lammers (Secretary), Ai-Ee Teo (Treasurer), Dr David Lowe (Manager), Rachel Kreymborg, and Yoshi Tatsumi.

After the concert:

Fri 20 Oct	No rehearsal (break)	
Fri 27 Oct	Rehearsal	Bandroom 6.30-8.30 pm
Fri 3 Nov	Rehearsal	Bandroom 6.30-8.30 pm
Fri 10 Nov	Open rehearsal/supper with FUN members	Bandroom 6.30-9.00 pm
End of year pizza party Friday 17 November (6.30)...details to be announced shortly		

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