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Please call Simon Loveless ~ 5622 3275
who will arrange an audition
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West Gippsland Choral



at **Wesley of Warragul**

**I've got the
Music in me!**

**May 16th & 18th
2014**

**Musical Director ~ Simon Loveless
Accompanist ~ Chris Sim
Guest Artist ~ David Smith**

Welcome

I recently happened upon a short interview with Eric Whitacre, composer, conductor and self confessed choral geek. The short snippet was a discussion of the role of choirs in creating community.

"Music making is a marvellous vehicle for bringing people together and nothing does it quite like choral singing. There is something transcendent about a group of people in a room together and when the conductor gives the up beat they all breathe together and every member is unified in that moment. They become selfless and part of something larger than themselves. Everyone is dedicated to the most human of endeavours, to be compassionate, to be empathetic and to make something beautiful. There is a purity and elegance in choral singing."

We hope you enjoy this concert with its emphasis on music about music, a small exploration of the importance of music in our lives.

Anne Outhred - President

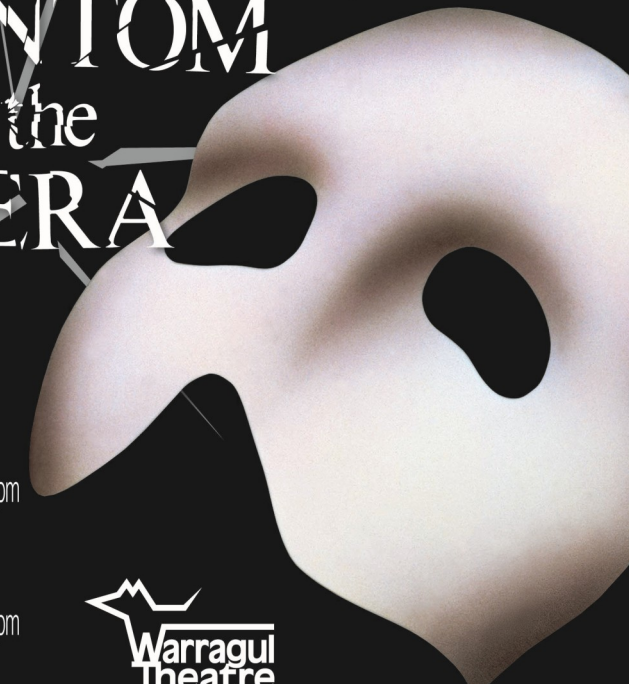
David Smith ~ Student Guest Artist

David has lived in Warragul since he moved here with his family at the age of 3. Currently he is a year 12 student at Berwick Grammar School in Officer, where he is the inaugural Performing Arts Captain. He has been learning piano for eleven years, the last five under Dr Brian Chapman. In 2013 he completed his seventh grade piano examination and has achieved grade six in musical theory. At Berwick Grammar School, David performs in the school's Concert Band, stage bands, and accompanies the school's choir, the *Berwick Bloses*. At the sister school campus of St Margaret's, he performs with the Orchestra and Symphonic Winds Ensemble. Locally, he is the rehearsal accompanist for the Warragul *Sing Australia* choir. His performance highlights include being selected for two years running as a soloist on piano in the "Masters' Recital" at St Margaret's School. He has been a regular competitor in the West Gippsland Music and Drama Eisteddfod for close to a decade both on piano and in the drama section. David has also composed the Berwick Grammar School processional, entitled "The Berwick March" which is employed at school assemblies. Although hoping to study science at university, David wishes to continue his studies in music upon completion of secondary school. David's passion for his music is only matched by his passion for the sciences, in particular maths and physics. As a current University of Melbourne "Kwong Lee Dow" scholar, he plans to pursue these interests in 2015 on completion of his VCE year.

David is honoured to be invited as a student performer for the Chorale.

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West Gippsland Chorale

Soprano: Margaret Carlile, Sue Carson, Jessica Chambers, Janette Clark, Marion Cohen, Lynne Davine, Pauline Hastings, Miriam Hood, Judy Hopkins, Elizabeth McCaffery, Rosemary Nicholson, Joy Parker, Fiona Powell, Joy Sim, Jessica Stephens, Diane Wilkie.

Alto: Leonie Broeren, Lisa Campbell, Helen Chambers, Janice Eshuis, Robyn Gray, Lynn Jones, Jan MacLean, Jacquie Newman, Anne Outhred, Karin Ryan, Venetia Somerset, Jenny Steele, Sally Woollett.

Tenor: Jane Kennon, Marie Kitching, Geoff Leunig, John Reilly, Sam Stephens, Walter Willems.

Bass: Peter Eshuis, Allan Richards, Michael Sayer, David Tanner, Alan Wright.

An auditioned community choir based in Warragul, the Chorale consists approximately 50 of the district's most talented singers. The Chorale was formed as a madrigal group 30 years ago. On several occasions it has combined with neighbouring choirs to present major works. In 2010 a collaboration with Camberwell Chorale presented Verdi's Requiem. In 2011, the Chorale together with the Heidelberg Choral Society performed Handel's Messiah to audiences in West Gippsland and Melbourne and again in 2012, combined to present Carmina Burana as part of an eclectic program.

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Simon Loveless ~ Musical Director

Simon has long been active in choral music as a conductor, accompanist, singer, administrator and advocate. He has achieved a B.A., B.Mus. and LMusA. He joined West Gippsland Chorale as accompanist in 2011 and moved to the role of Musical Director at the start of 2012. Simon is also the Musical Director of Casey Choir and Da Capo Singers chamber choir and Assistant Artistic Director and accompanist for Berwick Youth Choir. In addition to his choral involvements, Simon works extensively as a freelance accompanist.

Chris Sim ~ Accompanist

Chris spent her early years in East Gippsland before moving overseas to live with her family. Returning to Australia in her late teens, she attended Leongatha Secondary College, where she was awarded the Larry Hills Most Outstanding Performer Award in 2005. Chris was the winner of numerous regional music competitions, including the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod's VCE Piano Solo, Lythgo Trust Scholarship and Championship (open) Sections. She was awarded her AMusA for Piano in 2008, and completed a Bachelor of Music with Honours in 2010. During this time, Chris lived at Janet Clarke Hall, where she was the recipient of the Vera Moore Scholarship in 2007, 2008 and 2009; and the William Angliss Scholarship in 2010. Chris has performed with the Australian Conservatoire of Ballet Orchestra, and broadcast several chamber music performances on 3MBS. While working as a residential tutor at University College, as well as a piano/theory teacher and accompanist at several Melbourne schools, Chris completed her LMusA for piano in 2012. Later she went on to complete a Master of Teaching (Sec.) in 2013 while working as an accompanist, piano teacher and choir director at Newhaven College.

Having recently moved to Warragul, Chris is currently teaching piano privately and is also employed by several schools in Warragul and Berwick as a casual relief teacher.

West Gippsland Chorale

Concert Dates for 2014

Friday 12th Sept & Sunday 14th Sept

Friday 12th Dec & Sunday 14th Dec

Fridays at 8.00pm & Sundays at 2.00pm

~ Program ~

Movers and Shakers

Arthur William Edgar O'Shaughnessy (1844-1881)
Music: Kathryn Sadler

Sing We And Chant It

Michael Drayton (1563-1631)
arr: Thomas Morley (1557-1603)

An die Musik (To Music)

Franz von Schrober
Franz Schubert arr: Paul Stetsenko

Songs My Mother Taught Me

A Dvořák
Trans: Natalia MacFarren arr: James Easson

My Spirit Sang All Day

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
Music: Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

Silence And Music

Ursula Wood
R Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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La cathédrale engloutie

(The sunken cathedral)
Claude Debussy

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Come, ye Sons of Art

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
Poem: Nathum Tate Edit: Philip Legge

Soloists: Janice Eshuis, Pauline Hastings,
Lisa Campbell, Lynn Jones, Alan Wright,
Lynne Davine & Sam Stephens

~ Interval ~

A Gershwin Medley

George and Ira Gershwin arr: Mac Huff

Phantom of the Opera Medley

Andrew Lloyd Webber arr: Ed Lojeski

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Student Guest Artist ~ David Smith

Misty

Erroll Garner

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I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing

Bill Backer, Billy Davis, Roger Cook
and Roger Greenaway arr: Greg Gilpin

Thank You For The Music

Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson
arr: Jerry Estes

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