



Risingholme Orchestra

# Take Note 5 2020

15 June

*Congratulations to you all for observing the call to stay healthy.*

For us all it has been a new experience to stay home and keep our distance from those we meet. It has, however, provided the time to retrieve long-hidden jigsaw puzzles, enjoy more reading time, playing our instruments, and going for leisurely walks. Let us now keep this healthy lifestyle as we resume our rehearsals this week.

## **Important new entry arrangements**

When we resume rehearsals on Thursday 18 June, life will be different at the Woolston Club. The Club has very graciously offered Risingholme Orchestra entry on Thursday mornings from 9am. The public will not be admitted until 11am. **This is a very important distinction.**

## **Timetable for Thursday 18 June**

- 9am Terry Williams will open front door for orchestra players only
- 9.45 Rehearsal begins with information about the new arrangements  
Prokofiev Suite No.2 Montagues and Capulets, whole movement.
- 10.10 Tchaikovsky 1812 from bar 257 to end.
- 10.30 Wagner Tannhauser Overture from beginning to bar 61
- 10.45 Morning tea break
- 11.00 Wagner Tannhauser continued
- 11.15 Anderson Typewriter (to be handed out on Thursday)
- 11.30 Brahms Variation on a Theme by Haydn. Theme and closing variation only (to be handed out on Thursday)
- 12pm Rehearsal concludes

## **IMPORTANT**

If you don't have a copy of the music for Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky or Wagner, please contact Linda [lsorensendvm@hotmail.com](mailto:lsorensendvm@hotmail.com) by Tuesday 16 June. Brahms and Leroy Anderson will be handed out on Thursday.

**Late arrivals (that is, between 9.45 and 11am) should contact Terry Williams (trombone) 0212263776 to open the front door. Players with advance notice of a late arrival, should also contact Terry.**

Many thanks to Terry for volunteering to be the first door opener.  
We strongly urge all players to be considerate of the person on door duty and arrive in sufficient time to ensure that everyone is able to rehearse together from 9.45am.

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**Special Birthday celebrations** on 18 June for Doug Kelly (Trumpet) who turned 98 on April 10 and on 25 June for Mel Smith who will turn 101 on 23 June.

Special morning tea bring a plate – 18 June names A to H and 25 June J to W.

### **Changes at the Woolston Club.**

The reduction of the Woolston Club's public opening hours is a consequence of the recent lockdown. The orchestra's committee is also aware that our venue expenses will increase and this may mean a change to some of the arrangements for sectionals and concerts. Rest assured, these are significant events in our schedule and every effort will be made to ensure their continuity.

### **Membership changes:**

We are sorry to farewell Ann Jennings, a very committed member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> violins, chamber music performer and organiser of the duty Roster, who has been a member since 2009. We look forward to meeting her again at future concerts as she joins the special group of Friends of the Orchestra.

We wish her well and know that she will continue to enjoy a very musical retirement.

Three new players have made contact through the website.

**Members' booklet** is being reprinted. If you have changes to your contact details, please contact Kate McSweeney (1<sup>st</sup> violin) [kateandrewmcsweeney@gmail.com](mailto:kateandrewmcsweeney@gmail.com) urgently.

### **Weekly Roster**

A new roster covering the next 3 weeks has been distributed. Pauline Sewell (Leader 2<sup>nd</sup> Violin) will be preparing the next one for Term 3 and if you have any preferences for set up, morning tea or pack away, please let her know [Pauline.kirwee@gmail.com](mailto:Pauline.kirwee@gmail.com). Advance notice of holiday plans etc is also important.

**What's On** update has been compiled. Unfortunately, the **Beethoven Big Birthday Bash** on 30 August has been cancelled. Hopefully there will be another opportunity for all Christchurch musicians to gather en masse in the Town Hall. All we need is an excuse!

### **Our conductor on Youtube!**

We may not all be aware that Philip recently recorded this interview for SOUNZ. Enjoy and be very grateful that we have this man as our conductor – and friendly teacher!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2yxc6m93VY>

### **What to do if you are unwell.**

You will have received Tonya's recent message about looking after yourself and those around you. As a country, New Zealand has received plaudits from around the world on our amazing journey through the recent pandemic. It is a testament to our respect for each other and the economic health of the country. The fact that there were fewer case of flu for example, was because we all observed the call to practice social distancing. It is this same call that we now need to heed as we return to our weekly rehearsals. Stay home if your cough is not asthma or an allergy to milk etc. Sniffles and sneezes don't need to practise with other sniffles and sneezes but they will be grateful to have your full attention in the privacy of your own home.

So.... be kind, be considerate and enjoy making music with likewise healthy friends.