

# Welcome

Welcome to the Maroondah Symphony Orchestra Inc. The Orchestra was founded in 1964 to bring together young musicians with the more experienced to give them the opportunity to practise and perform orchestral music. The Orchestra performs four major public concerts each year. Additional concerts often include a performance at Cherry Tree Grove Retirement Living in Croydon. Performances typically include works by the major classical and romantic composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Dvorak and Grieg, with occasional forays into more adventurous repertoire. In addition to orchestral performances, in the past the Orchestra has combined with local choirs to present choral works that have included Handel's "Messiah", Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy", Vivaldi's "Gloria", Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and Orff's "Carmina Burana". The Orchestra is governed by an elected committee and is a not-for-profit incorporated association.

We are fortunate to have as our conductor Willem van der Vis.

## Rehearsals

- Location:** Maroondah Federation Estate (MFE), Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood, an easy walk from Ringwood railway station.
- Time:** Every **Tuesday** evening from last Tuesday in January to early December, (except after the first concert of each program). Commences at 7.45 **pm sharp**; finishes by 10.00 pm. Usually held at MFE.  
There is an additional rehearsal at 2.30 pm on the Saturday prior to each concert usually at MFE.
- Absence:** If unable to attend a scheduled rehearsal, please advise Lyn McCutcheon and your section leader (see below for contact details). If your part is required by another player, please leave it in the black music box, or arrange to get it to the player concerned.
- Music:** Parts are available from the Librarian and in the black music box at each rehearsal and may be retained for practice. These must be returned after each concert, or if you cease playing with the Orchestra. Players are responsible for any fees incurred due to late return or damage to music and/or folders.
- Schedule:** A detailed rehearsal and performance schedule is distributed periodically and is available on our website ([www.maroondahsymphony.org.au/members](http://www.maroondahsymphony.org.au/members)) together with other useful information. Specialist instruments, such as brass and percussion, may not be required at every rehearsal, as arranged with the Musical Director, and may be eligible for reduced membership fees.

## Concerts

- Schedule:** Warm-up commences at 1pm for a 2:30 pm start on Sunday afternoons. Usually, a rehearsal is scheduled for the day before the concert (Saturdays) at 2:30 pm at Maroondah Federation Estate. There is no Tuesday rehearsal after the first concert of each program.
- Venue:** For 2024 our concerts will be held at two venues, George Wood Performing Arts Centre at Yarra Valley Grammar for March and September, and the Auditorium, The Knox School, 220 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South for June and November.
- Dress:** All black. Men: Black trousers, black shirt. Women: Black shirts/tops and pants or skirts. Black hose, no bare legs or ankles.

## Membership

We hope that you enjoy playing with the Orchestra. If so, you would be welcome to join the Orchestra after a trial period, which usually includes the next concert. Full-time members pay an annual subscription, that enables us to have a talented professional conductor, provide the venues and sheet music etc.

### Contacts

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