



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 Cowes and at Cherry Tree Retirement Village 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, every two years the orchestra combines 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".

We are fortunate to have as our conductor Willem van der Vis, under whose leadership the Orchestra has developed greatly in recent years. Willem is a well-known professional conductor and cellist.

Rehearsals

- Location:** **Maroondah Federation Estate, Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood** (Melway 49 H9), 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 **8 pm sharp**; finishes by 10:15 pm
There is usually an additional rehearsal at 2.30 pm on the Saturday prior to each concert.
- Absence:** If unable to attend a scheduled rehearsal, please advise Elaine Ogden 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.
- Schedule:** A detailed rehearsal and performance schedule is distributed periodically and is available on our website (www.maroondahsymphony.org.au/members) together with other useful information as well as concert details and access to ticket booking via Try Booking. 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:** 1pm warm-up for a 2:30 pm start on Sunday afternoons. Usually a rehearsal is scheduled for the day before (Saturdays) at 2:30 pm at Federation Estate. There is no Tuesday rehearsal after the first concert of each program.
- Venue:** Details are on the rehearsal and performance schedule. Our main performance venue is the George Wood Performing Arts Centre at Yarra Valley Grammar, Kalinda Rd, Ringwood.
- Dress:** All black. Men: Black trousers, black shirt. Women: Black shirts/tops and pants or skirts. No bare legs.

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 extends to the next concert. Full-time members pay an annual subscription (equivalent to a few dollars per rehearsal; less for students) that enables us to have a talented professional conductor.

Contacts

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