

About Whitehorse Orchestra

Whitehorse Orchestra is a well-established amateur orchestra based in the City of Whitehorse. For over 40 years it has contributed significantly to community music in Victoria and for nearly 30 years has grown under the expert musical direction of conductor and professional cellist, Gerald Keuneman OAM.

The orchestra comprises adult musicians of all ages and in keeping with its philosophy, the musical skill of its players is enhanced through learning and performance in a supportive environment. Our philosophy also involves the encouragement and support of young aspiring composers and soloists from Australia and abroad. We are regularly approached by soloists keen to have experience in performing a major work with a large orchestra.

The orchestra's repertoire includes symphonies, concertos and a variety of popular musical works. In recent years it has expanded its repertoire beyond Western music to include Chinese works and performers.

Whitehorse Orchestra was one of the first community orchestras in Melbourne to develop a classical music program just for children. For more than 25 years it has presented a highly successful concert series including favourites such as *Tubby the Tuba*, *Peter and the Wolf*, *Paddington Bear's First Concert*, *Babar the Little Elephant*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*. The concerts are educational and entertaining, featuring narration, mime, dance and song. More recently the orchestra has explored cross-cultural themes presenting the narration in both Mandarin and English.

In 2015 the orchestra toured to Shaoxing, the friendship city of the City of Whitehorse, a highly successful tour consolidating our cross-cultural ties with China.

Rehearsals

We rehearse each Saturday morning at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre from 9am until midday. Included in the rehearsal time are specialised tutorials for wind, brass, percussion and strings. The rehearsal venue is a functional and beautiful building, designed by internationally-acclaimed architect, Greg Burgess and has been our home since it was opened in 1990. The Orchestra recognises the valuable sponsorship from Whitehorse City Council in being able to use this venue.

Membership

New members are always welcome although there is a waiting list in some sections. The orchestra has a non-audition policy although a standard of AMEB grade 5 or higher is required.

Harrietville Music Camp

Whitehorse Orchestra holds a residential music camp for adults each January in Harrietville. In its 43rd year in 2019, it will as usual attract musicians Australia-wide.

2019 Concert Series

With the exception of the children's concert in June, all concerts in our 2019 concert series will be held at

James Tatoulis Auditorium
Methodist Ladies' College,
Barkers Road, Kew

Concert Highlights

Saturday 13 April at 2.30pm

All Tchaikovsky program

1812 Overture
Violin Concerto in D Major
- soloist Matthew Rigby
Selections from the Nutcracker Suite & Swan Lake

Saturday 1 June at 2.00pm and 3.30pm

Kingswood College, 355 Station Street Box Hill

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Mozart Melodies
Francis Poulenc - The Story of Babar the Little Elephant

Saturday 31 August at 2.30pm

Gustav Holst - Japanese Suite op. 33
Benjamin Britten - Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra
Edward Elgar - Pomp and Circumstance March no. 1
Ralph Vaughan Williams - Five Variants and Dives of Lazarus
Eric Coates - Dambuster's March
Andrew Lloyd Webber - Arias

Saturday 23 November at 2.30pm

Robert Schumann - Piano Concerto in A minor op. 54
- soloist Josh Hooke
Christopher Sainsbury - Spirit Land
Alexander Borodin - Symphony no. 2 in D minor



Ticket Prices:

MLC concerts: Full \$25, Full Time Student \$15

* Gourmet refreshments included in ticket purchase (wine extra)

Group bookings MLC Concerts: (8 or more) are available at the discount price of \$15 per person - *bookings essential*.

Take advantage of the Early Bird Discount (adults) by pre-purchasing your MLC concert tickets @ \$20 up to midnight the evening before the concert. Or purchase the **entire series** of (3) adult MLC concerts at the discounted price of \$50 full / \$40 Full Time Student

Children's concert: Adults \$12, Children \$8, (Under two years free)

Gift vouchers are available at early bird prices

Purchase online at Trybooking via our website at
www.whitehorseorchestra.org.au

or
Complete the form below, enclose stamped self-addressed envelope with payment details and send to:

Whitehorse Orchestra
P O Box 1218 Surrey Hills North VIC 3127

Concert 13 April 2019 Full F/T Student \$ _____

Children's Concert 1 June 2019

2.00pm performance Adult Children \$ _____

3.30pm performance Adult Children \$ _____

Concert 31 August 2019 Full F/T Student \$ _____

Concert 23 November 2019 Full F/T Student \$ _____

Entire 2019 MLC concert series

(3 concerts) Full F/T Student \$ _____

Total amount payable \$ _____

Cheque payable to Whitehorse Orchestra

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Whitehorse Orchestra Inc.

BSB 063 197

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Phone: 9459 2670 or

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NB: Unless preference indicated, notification will be by email



Musical Director Gerald Keuneman OAM

The success of any orchestra is largely due to the ability and sensitivity of its Musical Director and we are fortunate to draw on the experience of Gerald Keuneman. His patience and dedication of close to 30 years with the orchestra have been pivotal in its development from a small training orchestra to the present day 70 - piece symphony orchestra.

Gerald played for 26 years as a professional cellist with Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and ABC Recording Orchestra. He also performed as principal cellist with the Victorian and Melbourne Opera companies. Gerald has been involved in many professional productions of musical theatre in Australia and overseas and has over one hundred film credits to his name. He conducts the Victorian Concert Orchestra which performs throughout rural Victoria and is Musical Director of the legendary Harrietteville Music Camp held annually in January. As an educator he served as president of the State Music Camp Association and has been vitally involved in the development of orchestral music at leading schools in Melbourne.

In 2016 Gerald was recognised in the Australia Day honours for his outstanding contribution to community music. His musical experience, his vision, his commitment to community music and musical education, guides the orchestra in presenting innovative performances of great enjoyment and creativity.

Concertmaster Philip Carrington

Philip has had extensive experience working with string players of all ages, standards and musical interests, ranging from bush bands and rock fiddlers, to orchestral players and soloists.

His commitment to community music spans decades, including many years conducting the Dorian Le Gallienne and Zelman Orchestras in Melbourne. Philip has been instrumental in developing the orchestral and music ensemble program at Mont Albert Primary School, and the string enrichment program at Blackburn High School.

His expertise, enthusiasm and skill as both musical educator and conductor have been acknowledged by the music critic, John Sinclair.

Since his appointment as leader of the orchestra he has been an inspiration in developing not only the string section but also the wind and brass. His informative and enjoyable tutorials together with his dedicated, energetic style brings out the best in the musicians.



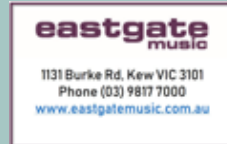
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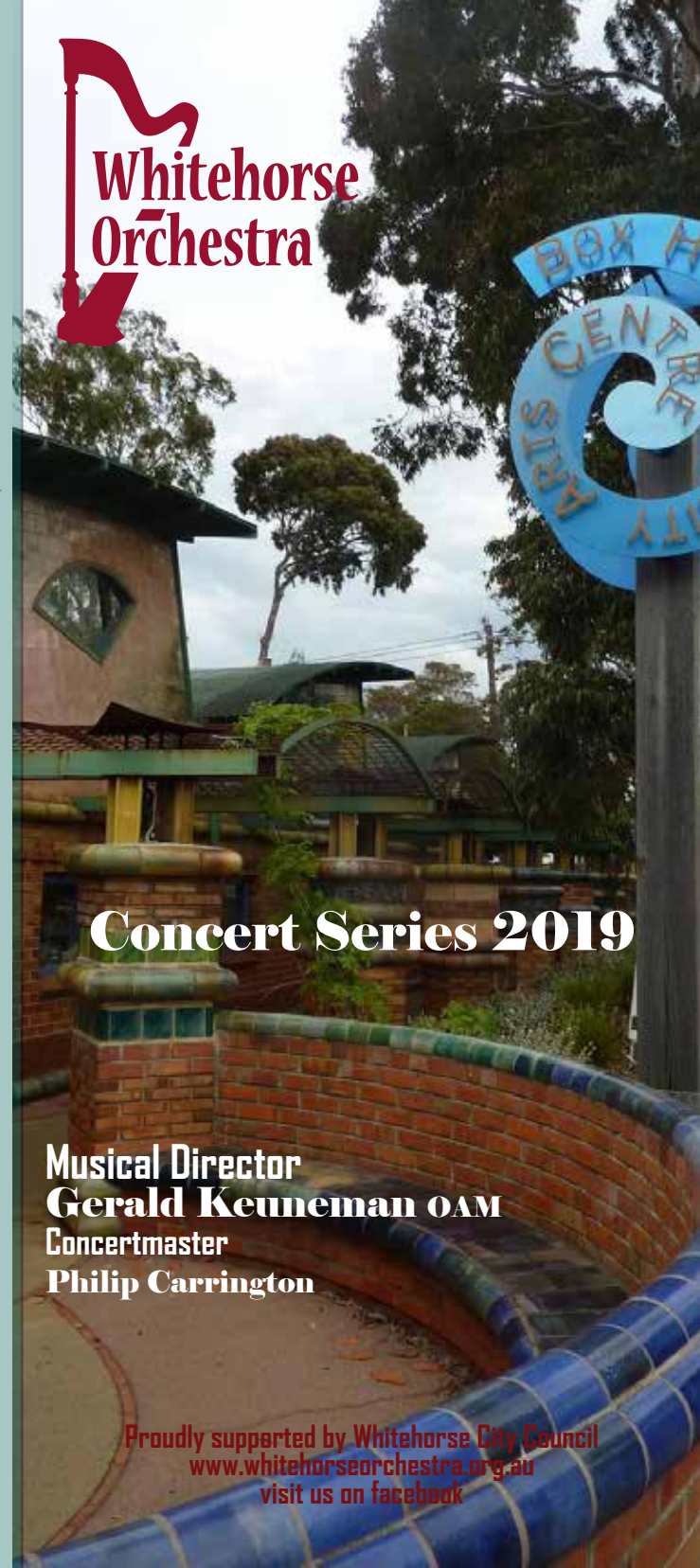
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Concert Series 2019

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