

National Capital Orchestra

Minutes of committee meeting, 22 September 2008

- 1. Welcome and apologies:** The meeting was attended by Yu-Lan Chan (President), Philip Hartstein, Lada Marcelja, Steven Strach, Suzanna Powell, Liz Turner and Lyndsey Vivian. Apologies were received from Iain Hercus and Martin Elias.

Yu-Lan welcomed SCUNA representatives Jonathan Powles (Musical Director) and Petra Lindsay (President), for discussion of a joint concert in May 2009.

- 2. Program:** It was agreed that the main item of the concert program would be Brahms' *German Requiem*. Further consideration will be given to the first half of the program, although suggestions included Mahler's *Songs of the Wayfarer* or early works by Schoenberg which require the same range of soloists as the Requiem. Conducting arrangements were discussed and it was agreed that Jonathan would conduct the Requiem with the other pieces to be conducted by Philip.
- 3. Venue and date:** It was agreed the concert will be held at Llewellyn Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 17 May 2009. If the hall was not available on that date, the second preference would be for the evening of Saturday 16 September 2009. It was noted that NCO receives a subsidy from Arts ACT for hiring Llewellyn Hall. Jonathan undertook to explore the venue's availability and find out whether SCUNA would receive a discount as an ANU association, so that the best price could be obtained.
- 4. Financial arrangements:** It was agreed that arrangements would follow those used for the joint concert held in May 2007 – all costs/profit will be split evenly between the NCO and SCUNA, with the following exceptions:
 - a. NCO will pay for hire of orchestral music parts, including the score for the conductor
 - b. SCUNA will pay for soloists for the Brahms Requiem, and hire of choral parts
 - c. NCO will contribute to the costs of soloists if they perform in pieces additional to the Requiem.
- 5. Other items:**
 - It was agreed that SCUNA will take care of concert manager.
 - It was agreed that all SCUNA orchestra members would be welcome to join NCO for the joint concert. It was acknowledged that if there are instruments excess to the orchestration, this would be addressed at the time.
 - NCO and SCUNA will give further consideration to a theme for the concert, to assist promotion. It was agreed that promotion would begin in earnest from Marcy 2009.
 - It was agreed that the next collaborative concert would feature Mahler's *Symphony No. 2*, to be conducted by Philip.