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THE NEWSLETTER FOR WASO PATRONS & FRIENDS

JUNE 2019

June is WASO's Month of Giving Join us and help share extraordinary music!



Your donation to WASO, whatever the size, is an investment in WA's cultural heart.

WASO is a not-for-profit charitable organisation that increasingly depends on the generosity of its community of Patrons to remain at the cultural heart of Western Australia, presenting joyful and inspiring orchestral music with the world's leading artists.

It is people like you who helped build the WASO we hear and see today. Ongoing philanthropic support is paramount in maintaining a strong and vibrant orchestra that continues to contribute to your community.

By donating to WASO you are joining a community of like-minded music lovers who have a special relationship with the Orchestra and receive unique access to exclusive opportunities that enrich their orchestral experience.

Most of all, you are joining a community that is as passionate about music as you are and supports WASO to capture imaginations and build a vibrant cultural life that brings joy to thousands of Western Australians every year.

Join us this Month of Giving and help share extraordinary music.

Throughout June, WASO celebrates giving in all its forms. We celebrate our deep connection and commitment to the people of Western Australia, and invite you to join us by becoming a part of the incredible community that shares our mission to *touch souls and enrich lives through music*.

To make your gift this June, please contact Jacinta Sirr on 9326 0014 or sirrj@waso.com.au or make an online donation via our website waso.com.au/support-us

All donations over \$2 are fully tax-deductible.




Wesfarmers Arts
Principal Partner

A new piccolo for Michael Waye

Our Principal Piccolo, Michael Waye recently had the very exciting task of travelling to Germany to pick up his new piccolo from world-renowned instrument maker, Anton Braun!

Anton Braun, who lives in Hesse, Germany, is currently transitioning into retirement and it was a race for us to secure this amazing piccolo before his craftsmanship will sadly be lost to the musical world forever. Anton Braun's flutes, which are handcrafted individually by Anton and his daughter Antonia, are used by a large number of leading soloists and orchestral flautists and are considered to be amongst the best in the world.

The purchase of WASO's new wooden piccolo was generously enabled by WASO Patrons, Peter Ingram and Tom & Peggy Stacy and we could not be more thankful for their support. Thank you, Peter, Tom and Peggy!



Michael Waye in Frankfurt am Main



Michael Waye with Anton Braun and the new piccolo



A happy Flute section! Principal Piccolo, Michael Waye, Associate Principal Flute, Mary-Anne Blades and Principal Flute, Andrew Nicholson with the new piccolo

WASO's inaugural Estate Planning Seminar with Steven Brown



We recently hosted WASO's inaugural Estate Planning Seminar at Perth Concert Hall. Lynn & Brown Lawyers delivered this seminar free of charge for WASO Patrons. After watching the morning's orchestral rehearsal of WASO's Classics 2 concert, Rachmaninov's Rhapsody, with the amazing Jaime Martin conducting, the Seminar, delivered by Director Steven Brown, gave WASO Patrons the opportunity to find out more on estate planning and how to best provide for their loved ones.

Steven covered the typical pitfalls for writing wills and gave invaluable insights into how to get the best out of their estates, while our Patrons had the chance to enjoy cake and coffee with fellow supporters after the rehearsal.

The light hearted seminar, aimed at demystifying estate planning, underlined that estate planning is for everyone. It can never be too early to put your affairs in order and your mind at ease.

Steven went through many professional examples from his legal practice and the Q&A session afterwards proved a very welcome chance for our Patrons to ask their most pressing questions in regards to formulating a valid Will. The event concluded with WASO Major Gifts & Bequests Manager, Sarah Tompkin highlighting how charitable bequests can be a wonderful way to support your Orchestra and help 'future proof' our ability to play on.

Bequests are a versatile way of making a positive statement about what you

believe in and can ensure that not only your loved ones, but also the cultural organisations that left an impact on your life, are looked after long after you are gone. All monies from bequests to WASO are invested and preserved in the Endowment Fund for the Orchestra with the income earned, less inflation, being used to support our activities for many years into the future. This means that our bequestors' monies 'live on forever', providing support for the development of young artists, regional touring, the commissioning of new musical works and WASO's award-winning Education & Community Engagement programs.

If you would like to have a confidential conversation with Sarah about leaving a gift to WASO in your Will or would like to notify her that you have already done so, please contact her on 9326 0017 or tompkins@waso.com.au.

All enquiries are non-binding and held in the strictest confidence.

Celebrating our 10 & 1 year Annual Giving Patrons

WASO is lucky enough to have an incredibly loyal and generous philanthropic community supporting its growth as an organisation and on Tuesday 16 April, we celebrated some of the most important people in this community – those who have been generously donating annually for ten years, and those who took the leap and joined our community in 2018.

Board Director, Janet Holmes à Court, presented each 10 year Patron with a certificate to thank them for their incredible generosity and acknowledge their outstanding commitment to WASO. We then celebrated over a glass of wine and canapés, before listening to WASO perform Bach's sublime *St Matthew Passion*.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to this wonderful section of our philanthropic community for their ten years of generosity and a very warm welcome to our new Patrons!



WASO Executive Manager, Philanthropy & Corporate, Alecia Benzie and WASO 1st Year Patrons, Gaye & John McMath.

Photo: Rebecca Mansell



WASO Patrons Prue Ashurst, Sheila McHale and Francis Landels.

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WASO 10 Year Patrons

- Margaret Atkins
- Pam Bennet
- Kevin Blake
- Jean Brodie-Hall
- Nanette Carnachan
- Neil and Gina Davidson
- Peter and Pauline Handford
- Sue Hovell
- James and Freda Irenic
- Bill Kean
- Michael and Dale Kitney
- Trevor and Ane Marie Lacy
- Irving Lane
- Graham and Muriel Mahony
- Jock and Jo Muir
- Bev Penny
- Margaret Purdie and Noel Meckenstock
- Tom and Peggy Stacy
- Wally and Gay Thompson
- Gene Tilbrook
- Ian Watson
- Mr Alan Whitham
- Trish Williams

WASO 1 Year Patrons

- Davilia Bleckly
- Margaret Bloch
- Cathy Bolt
- C & K Bond
- Elyse & Graham Bourgault
- Pam Mathews & Dr Mark Brogan
- Phillip & Adrienne Buttrose
- R & R Cant
- Chris Colton
- Churchill Consulting

- Daphne Devenish
- Jenny & Terry Fay
- Eléonore Fuchter
- The Giorgetta Charity Fund
- Peter Flanigan & Rosemary Grigg
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- Francis Landels
- Dr Sunny & Ann Lee
- Kathleen Lucas
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- Kathleen McGregor
- Gaye & John McMath
- Patricia Murphy
- G & I Nicholas
- Family Nilant
- Jim & Wendy O'Neill
- Clare Bannister & Will Riseborough
- Elisabeth & David Smith
- Helen Smith
- Summerlin Audiology
- Loma Toohey
- Christopher Tyler
- John Anderson & Deb Weir
- Sally Willis
- Alison Woodman
- Andrew Yeates
- Anonymous (5)

Welcome to our new Patrons & Friends in 2019!

We are delighted to welcome the following people who have joined our philanthropic community as a WASO Patron or Friend in 2019 so far (15 May). Thank you for your support!

New Patrons in 2019

- Feilman Foundation (returning)
- LeMessurier Charitable Trust
- Richard & Sharon Prince
- Anonymous (2)

New Friends in 2019

- Venetia & Charles Bennett
- Minnie Biggs
- Sue Blatherwick
- Felicity Child
- Suzanne Combemorel
- Christopher Draber

- Denise Fairclough
- Lelia Green
- Paula Hanson
- Vanessa Harvey
- Marina Hooper
- Merilyn Howorth
- John Jarvis
- Robert Keatch
- Christine Lawson-Smith
- Pamela Lefroy
- Andy LeMessurier
- Andrew Lynch
- Greg Macpherson
- Marian Magee

- Robert McCormack
- Timothy Morley
- Heather Newton
- Mike & Maddy O'Brian
- Geoffrey & Shelagh Read
- Heather Ricketts
- Robert Rigo
- Adrienne Sylvester
- David Thwaites
- Janice Tiller
- Stephanie van den Hoek
- Stephen Warren
- Frederick Wehr
- Italo Zamudio-Villarroel

A note from our Chief Executive Officer, Mark Coughlan



Renew your Gift or Join WASO's Philanthropic Community

If you would like to become a Patron by donating to our Annual Giving fund, please complete and return the donation form at the back of this newsletter, or contact Jacinta Sirr on 9326 0014 or sirrj@waso.com.au

Alternatively, you can donate via EFT (BSB 086217, ACC 322210801) or make a donation online at waso.com.au. You can also make a donation at the WASO Box Office or with your ticket purchases.

All donations over \$2 are fully tax deductible.

Dear Patrons and Friends,

Please help keep the Music Playing – Make Your Donation Today!

I have loved and admired the West Australian Symphony Orchestra all of my life. From a young age, WASO provided my window into the remarkable world of music, as it does for so many West Australians. As a WASO Patron and the new Chief Executive Officer it is a privilege to join you and your commitment to building and sustaining our world class orchestra for all West Australians.

As a valued WASO Supporter, WASO relies on your Annual Giving donations to make all components of the orchestral experience possible. We are a busy Orchestra, delivering the finest possible performances across all we do, whether we are performing at Perth Concert Hall, in the pit for the Ballet or Opera, in a school classroom or children's hospital ward.

To make sure we remain a strong, artistically excellent, community driven, world class Orchestra, your support is critical.

This year, I invite you to consider increasing your gift to WASO's Annual Giving program. It is only with your help that we can continue to share the joy of music with you, your family and friends and communities around Western Australia. Ticket sales only cover 25% of the cost to put on a WASO concert. The rest is covered by State and Federal funding, corporate sponsorship and philanthropic donations.

To make your gift today over the phone please contact Jacinta Sirr, Philanthropy & Annual Giving Manager, on (08) 9326 0014 or sirrj@waso.com.au. You can also donate online at waso.com.au/supportus. I hope you will join me to play your part and donate today!

With very best wishes,

Mark Coughlan

Mark Coughlan
Chief Executive Officer

Congratulations to our 2019 Friends of WASO Scholarship Winners!



Every year the WASO Patrons & Friends Committee is pleased to offer an annual Friends of WASO Scholarship, enabling WASO musicians to engage in valuable professional development opportunities.

Along with the WASO Philanthropy team, the Committee hosts four Patrons & Friends events annually and all proceeds from these events fund the Scholarship. Thank you for your support of these events!

We are delighted to announce that the joint winners of the 2019 Friends of WASO Scholarship are Associate Principal Viola, Alex Brogan and Tutti Violin, Louise Sandercock.

Alex will be travelling to Switzerland to study with esteemed viola player and teacher, Ivan Vukcevic. Ivan is Principal Viola at one of Switzerland's leading Orchestras, the Orchestra della Svizzera Italiana and teaches at the world acclaimed Menuhin Academy.

Louise will be using the scholarship to cover expenses for her recent trip to Klagenfurt, Austria, engaging in intensive study with Prof. Brian Finlayson, Head of Strings at Corinthian State Conservatorium and selecting a new high-quality bow.

We congratulate both Alex and Louise on their successful applications and wish them all the best with their studies!

Enriching lives in the most meaningful of ways - WASO's inaugural Education & Community Engagement Briefing



Our inaugural Education & Community Engagement Briefing on March 18 at Perth Concert Hall offered our supporters the opportunity to find out about a range of projects happening in the area of Education & Community Engagement on top of presenting our regular concerts at Perth Concert Hall.

These activities are focused on providing live music experiences to people who may not otherwise have the opportunity. This would not be possible without the willing and generous participation of many WASO musicians - one of the leading lights being violist Helen Tuckey, a member of the Orchestra for nearly 40 years and also a dedicated music teacher.

Helen clearly derives absolute joy in performing for young people, be it a child in a remote part of our state, a patient in hospital or a student with Special Educational Needs. During the briefing, Helen addressed the audience describing the many ways music impacts young lives from her personal experience.

Together with WASO Executive Manager of Community Engagement, Cassandra Lake, she shared beautiful stories from the various programs, such as the **Hospital Orchestra Project (HOP)** at Perth Children's Hospital in partnership with the School of Special Education Needs. This project is now in its 11th year and includes a range of performance and participatory

music programs in the hospital which are broadcast on Starlight TV for those patients unable to join them in the theatre. Not surprisingly, according to Helen this is where some of the most enriching moments are experienced by musicians.

Other programs like **Harmony Music** see small WASO ensembles visit schools for students with Special Educational Needs to perform informal concerts and introduce students to the instruments of the Orchestra, while the **Musical Moves** initiative offers financial support to schools located within a 100km radius of the Perth CBD to contribute to transportation costs for their students to attend a WASO concert.

WASO Philanthropy is seeking donations to support the above programs through a gift. These access programs are provided by WASO free to participants, and the costs of running them can be considerable, so philanthropic support remains critical to their continuation.

Patrons supporting these initiatives through a tax-deductible donation will be acknowledged in our concert programs and on the WASO website.

- A tax-deductible contribution of **\$2,500 towards a Hospital Orchestra Project (HOP)** concert enables us to perform for children and their families at Perth Children's Hospital. We have planned six (6) visits in 2019.
- A tax-deductible contribution of **\$2,500 towards Harmony Music** enables us to visit a school for students with Special Educational Needs. We have planned six (6) of these visits in 2019.
- A tax-deductible donation of **\$500 towards Musical Moves** enables us to assist a school with the cost of a school bus for students to attend a WASO education performance.

To support any of these initiatives, please see the donation form towards the back of this newsletter or get in touch with Sarah Tompkin on 9326 0017 or tompkins@waso.com.au

Events for WASO Patrons & Friends

WASO Philanthropy invites you to join us at one of the many opportunities every year to peek behind the curtains and become involved in our wonderful community of WASO Patrons & Friends.

Ticket sales for our Patrons & Friends Events support the Friends of WASO Scholarship, which provides professional development opportunities for full-time WASO musicians. Please book through the WASO Box Office on **9326 0000**.



Patrons & Friends General Meeting

Wednesday 26 June | 5pm
Perth Concert Hall

All Patrons & Friends welcome to attend at no charge. RSVP via the WASO Box Office on 9326 0000.

PATRONS & FRIENDS EVENT - JUDY SIENKIEWICZ LECTURE & SHORT RECITAL

Andrew Tait – The Life of a Luthier

Wednesday 26 June | 6pm
Perth Concert Hall

For all Patrons, Friends & Bequestors

luthier (/ˈluːtiər) Someone who builds or repairs string instruments.

Join us to hear from WASO Tutti Double Bass, Andrew Tait, about his double life as one of Australia’s most sought-after master luthiers and instrument makers. Andrew, who has made instruments for most of the WASO Double Bass section, our EChO ensemble, as well as our Principal Cello, Rod McGrath, will speak about his experience as a luthier, the characteristics of certain instruments and the tricks of the trade!

Following the lecture, Andrew will showcase and perform with some stunning examples of baroque instruments, alongside WASO Tutti Violin, Lucas O’Brien, as well as Andrew’s own instruments played by WASO Principal Cello, Rod McGrath and Tutti Violin, Kathryn Shinnick. You certainly don’t want to miss this!

Tickets are \$30 for Patrons & Friends (\$35 for guests) and include a glass of wine.



Symphony Circle Celebration

Wednesday 11 September | 10am
Perth Concert Hall – On Stage

For all Symphony Circle members (WASO Bequestors) by invitation.

PATRONS & FRIENDS EVENT

Andrew & Ali at The Ellington

Monday 28 October | 6pm
The Ellington Jazz Club

For all Patrons, Friends & Bequestors

It’s back! Join us for an incredible evening of jazz with WASO’s Principal Flute, Andrew Nicholson and renowned Perth jazz vocalist, Ali Bodycoat, as they interpret the music of Michel LeGrand.

Tickets are \$60 seated and \$40 for standing and include a glass of wine and antipasto platter to share.



World Artist Dinner with Siobhan Stagg

Wednesday 20 November | 6.30pm
Ambrose Estate, Wembley Downs

For all Patrons & Bequestors

This year the World Artist Dinner will feature our 2019 WASO Artist in Association, Siobhan Stagg and will be held at the delightful Ambrose Estate in Wembley. Enjoy a three course meal and beautiful Margaret River wines while you listen to Siobhan and her interesting life stories as an in-demand artist all around the world.

The early bird discount of \$110 runs out on 30 June 2019, so book now to avoid disappointment!

PATRONS & FRIENDS EVENT

Patrons & Friends Christmas Party

Thursday 12 December | 4.30pm
Perth Concert Hall

For all Patrons, Friends & Bequestors

Tickets are \$50 for Patrons & Friends (\$55 for guests).



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- If making a funds transfer, please put your surname and DONATION in the description line, return this completed form or email philanthropy@waso.com.au advising a donation has been made, and to which campaign.
- ☐ **I have donated online via waso.com.au**
- ☐ **Please contact me regarding payment options including Regular Giving**

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Thank you for your support of WASO

- ☐ I prefer my donation to be acknowledged as: name(s)
- ☐ I prefer my donation to remain anonymous.
- ☐ Please send me information on making a bequest to WASO in my Will. Your enquiry will be treated in confidence.
- ☐ I have already made a bequest to WASO.

Please send this form to WASO Philanthropy, PO Box 3041, East Perth, WA, 6892. For more information, contact Jacinta Sirr on 9326 0014 or sirrj@waso.com.au or Sarah Tompkin on 9326 0017 or tompkins@waso.com.au. WASO respects your privacy. You can view our privacy policy at waso.com.au.

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WASO Patrons & Friends - Out and About

WASO's philanthropic and corporate supporters have had a busy start to the year with many wonderful events, including an opportunity to 'Meet the CEO' Mark Coughlan at Government House Gardens; our first Patrons & Friends fundraising event, 'Meet Julia Brooke' at the Holmes à Court Gallery @ no.10; and our Season Opening function for WASO Masters 1, *Mozart Symphony No.40*.



WASO Patrons, Warwick Hemsley, Janine Goyder, Jean Perron and Elizabeth Perron at 'Meet the CEO'.



WASO Patrons, Peter & Jean Stokes, 'meeting' new WASO CEO, Mark Coughlan.



Representatives from Happs Winery, Denise Newman, David Jones, Ros Happs, WASO Major Gifts & Bequests Manager, Sarah Tompkin and WASO Patron, Trish Williams at the WASO 2019 Season Opening.



WASO Patrons, Giovanna Cecchele & Vivian Booth and GHD representative, Lisa Perry at 'Meet the CEO'.



WASO Executive Manager, Philanthropy & Corporate, Alecia Benzie and Tutti Horn, Julia Brooke, discussing Julia's trip to the US supported by the Friends of WASO Scholarship.



WASO Patrons, Gavin Bunning and Julianne Penny, Executive Manager, Philanthropy & Corporate, Alecia Benzie and WASO Patrons, Pamela & Josh Pitt at the WASO 2019 Season Opening.