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West Australian
Symphony Orchestra

THE NEWSLETTER FOR WASO PATRONS & FRIENDS

MARCH 2020

Thank you for an amazing year!

YOUR GENEROSITY WORKING FOR YOUR ORCHESTRA IN 2019



SUPPORTED INTERNATIONAL MASTERCLASSES AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ASSOC PRINCIPAL VIOLA
ALEX BROGAN AND TUTTI VIOLIN LOUISE SANDERCOCK
THROUGH THE FRIENDS OF WASO SCHOLARSHIP



\$100,000

SUPPORTED WASO'S
INDIGENOUS CREATIVE
COLLABORATION



12

PRINCIPAL MUSICIAN CHAIRS
SUPPORTED THROUGH
ORCHESTRAL PARTNERSHIPS



84

CHAIRS FOR THE PERTH CONCERT
HALL STAGE PURCHASED WITH
THE INSTRUMENTS FUND



\$250,000

TO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND



2

WORLD PREMIERES AT
PERTH CONCERT HALL
THROUGH WASO SONGBOOK



SUPPORTED OUR YOUNG & EMERGING ARTISTS
PROGRAM, ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR, AND
EDUCATION ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAMS



368

\$700,000

TO THE ANNUAL GIVING
PROGRAM, THE FOUNDATION
STONE OF WASO PHILANTHROPY



STUDENTS SUPPORTED TO
PARTICIPATE IN WASO'S EL-SISTEMA
INSPIRED, FREE MUSIC EDUCATION
PROGRAM, CRESCENDO

We could not do this without you. Thank you!

Thank you for our new chairs!

In 2019 we asked for your assistance with the purchase of new state of the art orchestral chairs to be permanently positioned at Perth Concert Hall, in order to improve our musicians' rehearsal and performance experience. We were overwhelmed with the response, receiving enough support to purchase an incredible 84 new chairs!

Our heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who donated towards our chair campaign and enabled such a significant upgrade to our musicians' experience on stage. The musicians are currently testing several prototypes and once the winning model is settled on, the 84 chairs will be ordered all the way from Germany. We are very much looking forward to

updating you all on the chairs' arrival and delivery in the next few months, and to 'introducing' you to your chairs with your or your loved one's names on the plaques.

We hope all our chair donors will be able to join us on Wednesday 22nd July for the 'Meet Your Chair' function, where you will have the opportunity to 'meet' the chair with your plaque attached on the Perth Concert Hall stage and enjoy a WASO rehearsal where our musicians will test out the new chairs! (You will receive an invite to this function closer to the date.)

Thank you so much again to everyone who made this significant upgrade possible.



Welcome to our new Annual Giving Patrons!

We are delighted to welcome the following new people who have joined our philanthropic community as WASO Annual Giving Patrons. Thank you for your support!

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| Alecia Benzie | Meg O'Neill & Vicky Hayes | Michael & Gwenda Upton |
| Philip & Frances Chadwick | Richard & Sharon Prince | Anonymous (4) |
| Christine Eilon | David Stevenson | |
| Louis & Miriam Landau | Patrica Turner | |

If you are interested in becoming a Patron, please get in touch with Philanthropy & Annual Giving Manager, Jacinta Sirr-Williams on sirrj@waso.com.au or (08) 9326 0014.

Team WASO Philanthropy

We have had some recent changes in the WASO Philanthropy Team. Last December, we farewelled Sarah Tompkin, our beloved Major Gifts & Bequests Manager after many years of hard work and wonderful friendships made at WASO. Earlier this year, we also gave Alecia Benzie, our Executive Manager of Philanthropy, a heart-felt send off. Alecia was with WASO for ten years and has left behind an incredible legacy for WASO as an organisation, but also for the wider community, of course including you, our Patrons & Friends. Though we will miss them both very much, we wish them well as they pursue new and exciting opportunities. Of course, keep an eye out for them in the WASO audience – no-one ever really leaves the WASO family!

We are pleased to let you know that we have a wonderful new team member to introduce to you all – Liam Smith has taken on the role of Philanthropy & Events Coordinator. Liam has joined us from Black Swan State Theatre Company of WA and is keen to meet you all.

You will also be pleased to know that your WASO Philanthropy Team has two familiar faces – Emily Kennedy, stepping into the role of Major Gifts & Bequests Manager and Jacinta Sirr-Williams, our Philanthropy &

Annual Giving Manager (sporting a new last name after her wedding in December!). We are currently conducting a search for a new head of department and will keep you updated as things progress.

Please get in touch with any questions or ideas, we are always happy to meet for a coffee and a chat, and are looking forward to seeing you all at Perth Concert Hall throughout this year.

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Welcome Liam Smith



Liam has recently joined the team as Philanthropy & Events Coordinator.

As a graduate of WAAPA's Bachelor of Arts (Arts Management) program, Liam has a deep love for the performing arts and is proud to work in the industry. In his free time, he enjoys trail running and podcasting.

He has previously worked with Black Swan State Theatre Company in Sponsorship and Philanthropy and at the Art Gallery of WA in Public Programming and Education, both areas that he remains passionately committed to.

Liam is excited to meet you all, and to share the experience of many future WASO performances.



Your WASO Philanthropy Team: Liam Smith, Jacinta Sirr-Williams and Emily Kennedy

2020 WASO Patrons & Friends Events Calendar

WASO Philanthropy is delighted to present you with our 2020 Calendar of Patrons & Friends Events. We invite you to join us at one of the many opportunities this year to peek behind the curtains and become involved in our wonderful community of WASO Patrons & Friends.

We have produced a pocket calendar again this year, containing all the important event details in one handy diary - please pick one up from Perth Concert Hall.

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.

MARCH

P&F FUNDRAISING EVENT



PATRONS & FRIENDS FUNDRAISING EVENT

Alex Brogan & Louise Sandercock Talk Violas & Violins

Tuesday 24 March | 6pm | Aquinas College
\$45 | Contact the WASO Box Office on 9326 0000 | *For all Patrons, Friends & Bequestors*

As we welcome you back from the summer break, hear from the musicians you supported with the 2019 Friends of WASO Scholarship: Associate Principal Viola, Alex Brogan and Tutti Violin, Louise Sandercock, as they recount stories of their travels and learnings.

Both Alex and Louise will shed some light on their travels whilst on their respective trips, supported by the 2019 Friends of WASO Scholarship, before treating the audience to a short performance each.

The evening includes a glass of Margaret River wine and canapes.

APRIL



Celebrating 10 & 1 Years in Annual Giving

Wednesday 8 April | 6pm | Perth Concert Hall
For all Patrons celebrating 10 years or 1 year of giving to WASO's Annual Giving program, by invitation.

Every year we recognise and celebrate our newest members of WASO's Annual Giving community and those who have given for an incredible ten years.

The evening will center around WASO's Bach's Easter Oratorio concert and will include hospitality both pre-concert and during interval.

JUNE



WASO Patrons & Friends 15th General Meeting

Wednesday 3 June | 5pm | Perth Concert Hall
All Patrons, Friends & Bequestors welcome to attend, free of charge.

The WASO Patrons & Friends Committee is a wonderful way to be involved in the WASO Patrons & Friends community. The Committee members meet on a monthly basis, organise several fundraising events to fund the Friends of WASO Scholarship and act as ambassadors for WASO in the larger community.

The Patrons & Friends General Meeting will include a report from Committee President, Prue Ashurst, and guest speaker, WASO CEO, Mark Coughlan, who will deliver the 2019 CEO Report.

Register your attendance by contacting the WASO Box Office on 9326 0000 or in person at Perth Concert Hall. For more information on the Patrons & Friends Committee, please contact Emily Kennedy on 9326 0017.

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PATRONS & FRIENDS FUNDRAISING EVENT

Judy Sienkiewicz Lecture: Laurence Jackson – Conversations with a Concertmaster

Wednesday 3 June | 6pm | Perth Concert Hall
\$35 | Contact the WASO Box Office on 9326 0000 | *For all Patrons, Friends & Bequestors*

WASO's annual Judy Sienkiewicz Lecture is a much-loved date in the WASO Patrons & Friends calendar, featuring a key figure from the Perth classical music scene. This year we are delighted to be hearing from WASO Concertmaster, Laurence Jackson.

Laurence will delve into the intricacies of the Concertmaster role, his extensive career to date, including his tenure with WASO and if we're lucky, will treat us to a short recital.

The evening includes a glass of fine Margaret River wine and nibbles.

JULY



Meet Your Chair!

Wednesday 22 July | 2pm | Perth Concert Hall
For music chair donors by invitation.

For those of you who contributed to our successful 2019 campaign to support the purchase of 100 new musicians' chairs for our Orchestra, this is a moment well worth waiting for...

We encourage you to take this opportunity to 'meet' the chair you have supported in its new home on the Perth Concert Hall stage. The afternoon will include a live WASO rehearsal and hospitality offering.

AUGUST



2021 Season Preview

August | TBC | Perth Concert Hall
For all Patrons & Bequestors by invitation.

Get the inside scoop on next year's WASO season at the exclusive Season Preview for WASO Patrons & Bequestors.

Details to be confirmed closer to the event.

SEPTEMBER

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PATRONS & FRIENDS FUNDRAISING EVENT

An Evening of Jazz with Ali and Andrew

Monday 21 September | 6pm | The Ellington Jazz Club
\$60 cabaret seating | \$40 standing | Contact the WASO Box Office on 9326 0000
For all Patrons, Friends & Bequestors

Join much-loved and talented couple, WASO Principal Flute, Andrew Nicholson and Perth jazz darling, Ali Bodycoat, as they return to shake up the classical music world with their distinctive brand of jazz.

More details to come.

OCTOBER



2020 World Artist Dinner – An Evening of Maestros

Wednesday 14 October | 6.30pm | Ambrose Estate, Wembley Golf Course
\$130 | Contact the WASO Box Office on 9326 0000 | *For all Patrons & Bequestors*

This year at our annual World Artist Dinner, we will hear from the leaders of the pack - our conductors. Take a step inside the mind of a conductor and hear first-hand what it's like to hold that all-important baton, whilst enjoying a three-course meal and Margaret River wines with WASO musicians and staff.

NOVEMBER



2020 Symphony Circle Celebration

Tuesday 3 November | 9.30am | The Westin Hotel
For all Symphony Circle members (Bequestors) by invitation.

Our annual celebration recognising one of the most valued groups in the WASO Philanthropy community, our Symphony Circle.

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PATRONS & FRIENDS FUNDRAISING EVENT

Patrons & Friends End of Year Celebration

Sunday 29 November | Post-concert (The Emperor, Beethoven Piano Concertos) | Perth Concert Hall
For all Patrons, Friends & Bequestors by invitation.

After experiencing one final evening of Beethoven's genius for 2020, join WASO musicians, staff and fellow Patrons & Friends to celebrate a completed year of symphonic music.

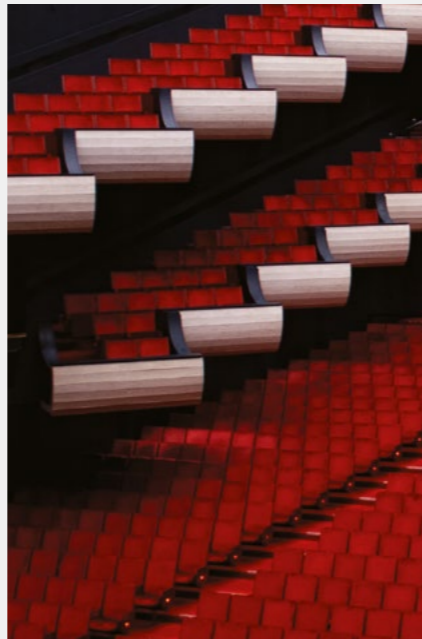
This function is open to WASO Patrons, Friends & Bequestors only and includes a complimentary glass of wine. RSVP to the invite, to be sent late 2020.

Please be aware you will need to purchase a concert ticket if you would also like to attend the concert on the day.

Since Brian retired from his position at WASO almost forty years ago, he completed a BA (Hons) and an M.Phil in History at Murdoch University. He is an

Join us in the
P&F Lounge

There will usually be at least one member of the Philanthropy team and one member of our wonderful Patrons & Friends Committee in the Lounge each evening and we encourage you to join us!



Transaction fees are not eligible for inclusion in the donation.

The logo for the West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) is located in the bottom right corner. It features the letters 'WASO' in a large, stylized, red script font. Below this, the words 'West Australian' and 'Symphony Orchestra' are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, stacked on two lines.

WASO Patrons & Friends Social Page

The 2019 WASO Philanthropy calendar was a year full of wonderful opportunities for WASO Patrons & Friends to discover insights from the Orchestra, mingle with musicians, and be a part of our passionate community of supporters.

Below, we are delighted to share with you a small snippet of one of our final events for the year, the 2019 World Artist Dinner with 2019 WASO Artist in Association, Siobhan Stagg that was held on Wednesday 20 November for WASO Patrons.

We are so looking forward to our 2020 calendar of Philanthropy events and can't wait to see you there!



John & Alison Rigg and Principal Cor Anglais, Leanne Glover



Mavis Owens, Principal Tuba, Cameron Brook and Trish Williams



Vimala Whitaker and Lesley Davies



Janet Williams, Siobhan Stagg and Pamela Platt



Joshua Pitt, Associate Principal 2nd Violin, Kylie Liang, Steve Stone, Sara Wordsworth, Principal Piccolo, Michael Waye, Peter Ingram, Vicki Stewart and Michael Snell



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