



February 2014

Dear Members

I hope the New Year has started well for all of you!

There will be the usual rehearsal on Thursday and Francisca will be there to greet you, but please note that the rehearsal will not include the full programme. Please be there by 9.45am.

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership. The membership cards have not been sent to you as we are having new ones printed that will be laminated - credit card size. However, there will be a list of paid up members at the Friends Table so that those of you who attend the reception after the concert will get a voucher for wine.

Some of you who have renewed did not return the membership form, please can you do this as we are determined to check the whole data base to make sure that everything is correct.

Don't forget that the series booking for the Summer Season opens on February 17. Dial-a-seat at Artscape will have a list of paid up members so that you can ask for your extra 10% discount.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the concert on Thursday, come to the Friend's Table to say "hello".

Tickets for the Soiree at Old Mutual House on April 13, which promises to be a splendid concert.... will be on sale and we will have copies of the full programme available.

ANTON NEL PLAYS MOZART WITH THE CPO

Pianist Anton Nel returns to South Africa to play two Mozart Piano Concerti with the Cape Town Philharmonic in the 8th International Summer Music Festival. He will play the Piano Concerto no 24 in C minor, K 491, and the Piano Concerto no 21 in C, K 467, on February 13, at the Cape Town City Hall at 8 pm.

Principal guest conductor Martin Panteleev will be on the podium, taking the orchestra through the lyrical Magic Flute overture and the classical gem, The Symphony no 41, "Jupiter".

Nel, whose international career took off when he won the Naumburg Competition in 1987, is happy to be back with an orchestra with which he has a long history. "A tour to South Africa is always a special occasion for me, and I very much look forward to playing two of my favorite Mozart Concerti with the CPO, an orchestra that has been very near and dear to me since I first played with it as a teenager," he says. Nel's concert career takes him all over the world; he has several CDs to his name, and he is head of Keyboard Studies at the University of Austin in Texas. He is also a visiting professor at the University of Stellenbosch.

Tickets for this concert are available from Computicket and, if available, at the door.

More information 021 410 9809.

CAPE TOWN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA SHOWCASES ITS YOUTH

The Cape Town Philharmonic youth projects are giving two concerts at Artscape Theatre on Saturday, February 8. The gala concert at 7pm, will showcase the Cape Town Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Cape Town Philharmonic Youth Wind Ensemble, with their conductors Brandon Phillips and Sean Kierman. Playing the first movement of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto will be the young South African violinist Jeffrey Armstrong. The concertmaster of the CPYO, Armstrong at 17 has already won several competitions.

150 young musicians from the CPYO will be performing at 3 pm, including the Junior Wind Band, Junior String Ensemble, Masidlale String Project, Mamre Project and Atlantis Project.

Tickets are available at R50 for each concert from Artscape-Dial-A-Seat and Computicket.

With best wishes

Ruth Allen (Chairman) and the rest of the Committee

