

*Goulburn
Valley
Concert
Orchestra*

GVCO
25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
JUNE 19 2021

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PROGRAM

**THE GOULBURN VALLEY CONCERT ORCHESTRA ACKNOWLEDGES THE
OUTSTANDING 23 YEAR CONTRIBUTION OF ITS FOUNDER,
WENDY OAKES OAM**



FREE LIVE-STREAM CONCERT

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Directed by
Mr. Steven Sargant

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President's Message ~ Helen Rankin

When I first became President of the Committee of Management at the beginning of 2019, I was stepping into a role that Wendy Oakes OAM had filled for 23 years. There was no way I could possibly manage to do what she had achieved over that time. It was daunting, but I was excited as well. I knew I had Wendy's support and that she was there for me. Who would have dreamt though, that COVID 19 would be so disruptive. After no concert last year, we feared we were facing the same again.

I am delighted, thanks to the wonderful efforts of the Riverlinks team and the support of the Shepparton Arts Festival that we are able to present this Live - Stream 25th Anniversary Concert into everyone's lounge room. None of this would have been possible without the support of my excellent committee, our conductor Steven Sargant and artistic director Leona Sterling. I thank them all sincerely. I hope you enjoy our GVCO Annual Concert 2021.

"Where words leave off, music begins" ~ Heinrich Heine

Conductor ~ Steven Sargant

Steven is a graduate of the Victorian College of the Arts where he studied Horn in the mid-eighties. Following a Graduate Diploma in Education, Steven was appointed to the Music staff at Wanganui Park Secondary College in 1991. Over many years in front of countless ensembles he has honed and refined his ensemble directing skills. Currently Steven is teaching Music at the McGuire Campus of Greater Shepparton Secondary College. His passion for community music has witnessed his involvement in many ensembles both as a player and as a Conductor.



Steven was honoured to have been made Principal Conductor of the Goulburn Valley Concert Orchestra following the retirement of the orchestra's founding Conductor Mrs. Wendy Oakes OAM.



Artistic Director ~ Leona Sterling

Leona is a Piano Teacher and former Classroom Music Teacher, who has come almost full circle in terms of musical involvement since arriving in Shepparton during the 1970s. As a former Conductor of the Shepparton Symphony Orchestra, she was Musical Director for three STAG productions and many school productions at Shepparton High School and Goulburn Valley Grammar School. She has also played Cello for many other STAG and Turaton shows, not to mention playing Cello in GVCO for many years.

As the new Artistic Director of GVCO, she has helped prepare this Annual Concert; has arranged a String Workshop with Affinity Quartet and is preparing programmes for the Chamber Music Concerts in August. She is also a strong supporter of the Australian National Piano Award.

PROGRAM

Light Cavalry Overture ~ Franz von Suppé

Intermezzo ~ Pietro Mascagni

Symphony No 9 1st & 2nd Movt. ~ Antonin Dvorak

Five Dogs' Suite ~ Wade Gregory

Arietta ~ Leroy Anderson

Selections from Phantom of the Opera ~ Andrew Lloyd Webber

Superman March ~ John Williams

GOULBURN VALLEY CONCERT ORCHESTRA

1st Violins

Peter Read
Matt Carrafa
Sharon Thomas
Alison Smith
Imré Gontier

2nd Violins

Liesl Parnell
Fiona Morphett
Georgina Waser
Alexander Wright
Sarah Minotti
Megan McFarlane
Rebecca Jennings

Violas

Carole McGregor
Wade Gregory
Rechelle Zammit
Charleigh Hack
Bruce Sterling

Cellos

Demi Wood
Keri Jennings
Leona Sterling
Lidia Armadei

Double Bass

Charlotte Drinnan

Flutes

Sandy Sexton
Jill Clapperton

Piccolo

Jill Clapperton

Oboe

Eric Anderson

French Horn

Valerie Murphy

Trumpets

Katherine Cartwright
Jeremy Sargent
Paige Johnston

Tenor Trombones

Lachlan Gallacher
William Lees

Bass Trombone

Hayley Williamson

Tuba

James Simpson

Clarinet

Carissa Lee
Brian Matthews
Clifton Boschetti

Bassoon

Nyree O'Connor

Timpani

Helen Rankin

Percussion

Bruce Archibald
Kim Read
Djembe Archibald

Keyboard

Wade Gregory

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Artistic Director - Leona Sterling
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