



Romance of Tchaikovsky

Michael Woods - conductor

Eugene Onegin: Polonaise

String Serenade

Symphony No. 2

Little Russian

8.00pm Saturday

28th March 2009

James Tatoulis Auditorium,
MLC, 207 Barkers Road, Kew.





As a cross-over conductor, Michael Woods has appeared with community and professional orchestras such as the Australian Pops Orchestra, Rotary's Orchestra of the Stars, Adelaide Symphony, Australian Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra, Beethoven Consort (players from the MSO), Stonnington Symphony and Zelman Symphony.

Recently, he worked with the Martinů Philharmonic in the Czech Republic and Bucharest Sinfonia in the famous Romanian Ateneum. His European recordings include the four symphonies of Robert Schumann with the Philharmonia Orchestra in London.

Throughout his life, Tchaikovsky truly mastered the art of orchestration as he explored and experimented with the expressive effects of musical language. The development of this brilliance will be on show in this All-Tchaikovsky programme, including three of his most popular works.

It commences with the well-known Polonaise which was danced by the palace-guests in his opera, Eugene Onegin. This will be followed by the Serenade for Strings, one of the most charming works he bequeathed to the musical world, demonstrating for the first time, the wonderful colour effects that can be produced by a full string orchestra, without the use of wind instruments.

The highlight of the evening will be the fabulous Symphony no. 2 in C minor, which Tchaikovsky, himself, regarded as his best work in terms of correctness of musical form. Throughout this "Little Russian" symphony, Tchaikovsky casts a spell of wondrous orchestration from the simple folk-like melodies in the opening allegro right through to the furious verve of the brilliant final Presto.

BOOKING FORM

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Children 5 years or less entitled to free entry.*

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Tickets: Adults (\$20): Concession (\$15): Child 5-16yrs (\$5):.....

TOTAL Amount Payable: \$

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