



Michael Woods - conductor
John North - viola

Nicolai - *The Merry Wives of Windsor*: Overture
Brahms - Variations on a Theme by Haydn
Barry McKimm - Andante Tranquillo
for Viola and Orchestra
Beethoven - Symphony No. 5

8.00pm Saturday 29th August 2009
James Tatoulis Auditorium,
MLC, 207 Barkers Road, Kew.

2.00pm Sunday 13th September 2009
Yea Town Hall, Yea.



From Nicolai's very popular Overture to the Merry Wives of Windsor, and Brahms' beautiful Variations on St Anthony Chorale to, arguably, the most famous of all orchestral works - Beethoven's 5th Symphony, this is a programme that celebrates the triumph of the Human Spirit.



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.



John North comes of a Melbourne family in which there have been other string players. He studied the violin privately in Melbourne and the viola with Gavin Saunders at Victoria University of Wellington, while a member of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. From 1974 to his retirement in 2003, John played viola in the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. He continues to enjoy playing in symphony and opera orchestras and as a small-solo violinist and violist.

John's paternal grandfather led the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's first concert in 1906 under the baton of Alberto Zelman – today, John leads the Viola section of the Zelman Symphony.

Booking Form - Melbourne Performance

Concession available to full-time students, pensioners and seniors card holders. Children 5 years or less entitled to free entry.

Name:

Address:

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Phone: Email:

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

TOTAL Amount Payable: \$

Cheques should be made payable to: Zelman Memorial Symphony Orchestra Inc.

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Bookings and Information - Yea Performance

Tickets: Adults \$25, Concession \$16

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