

Media Release



Melbourne Chamber Orchestra

A Master's Voice

2009 Autumn Tour 27 March - 1 May

"...an effortless exhibition of clarity and equilibrium"

Clive O'Connell, *The Age*

Regional Arts Victoria proudly announces the 2009 Autumn tour of Melbourne Chamber Orchestra's *A Master's Voice*, which will tour to eight regional centres across Victoria.

Acclaimed soloists, Australian pianist/composer Ian Munro and Australian/Russian pianist Igor Machlak, will accompany the MCO on tour for an engaging evening of the finest orchestral chamber music. Performing four dates of the tour each, the soloists will feature in a program of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 12 in A major, K414, Bach's iconic Brandenburg Concerto No. 6, Suk's Serenade for Strings and the 2009 commissioned Divertimento, by Ian Munro.

Melbourne Chamber Orchestra, founded in 1990 as Australia Pro Arte, is one of Melbourne's finest advocates of orchestral chamber music, with programs featuring the emotionally engrossing and intellectually inspiring works of the baroque era, mixed with modern works for small orchestra. Audiences love the sensational young musicians, and most of all, that they perform within touching distance.

Artistic Director and legendary violinist, William Hennessy, believes regional touring is of the highest importance as it strengthens the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra's connection with their regional audience.

"Victoria is Melbourne Chamber Orchestra's home - all of Victoria, not just the north coast of Port Phillip Bay. The more we engage with our home, the richer our life. This is why we travel so extensively in Victoria and perform with all our might," says Hennessy.

Regional Arts Victoria is proudly touring *A Master's Voice* to Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Portland, Horsham, Frankston and Albury between March – May, 2009. As part of this tour, MCO will also be opening the 2009 Castlemaine State Festival with *Intimate Voices*, a program for the true classical music lover.

For more information, visit www.mco.org.au.

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Victorian Autumn Tour Dates and Venues

Castlemaine Town Hall*

Friday 27 March, 8pm
Soloist: Igor Machlak
Bookings: 03 5434 6100 | thecapital.com.au

The Capital, Bendigo's Performing Arts Centre

Wednesday 22 April, 8pm
Soloist: Ian Munro
Bookings: 03 5434 6100 | thecapital.com.au

Wendouree Centre for the Performing Arts

Thursday 23 April, 7.30pm
Soloist: Ian Munro
Bookings: 03 5338 0980

McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College, Geelong

Friday 24 April, 7.30pm
Soloist: Ian Munro
Bookings: GPAC 03 5225 1200 | 03 5243 6931

Portland Arts Centre

Tuesday 28 April, 8pm
Soloist: Ian Munro
Bookings: 03 5522 2263

Wesley Performing Arts Centre, Horsham

Wednesday 29 April, 8pm
Soloist: Igor Machlak
Bookings: 03 5382 4343 | wesleypac.com.au

Frankston Arts Centre

Thursday 30 April, 8pm
Soloist: Igor Machlak
Bookings: 03 9784 1060 | artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au

Albury Performing Arts Centre

Friday 1 May, 8pm
Soloist: Igor Machlak
Bookings: 02 6051 3051

**Intimate Voices* - a slightly different program to *A Master's Voice*.

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