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In Focus...

Liederabend



On Friday evening, 30th July, the final concert of our SICC series for 2010 was held to a very receptive and happy audience. Due to an urgent invitation to sing *Carmen* at the Dorset Festival, Kathy Goeldner was unable to be with us but Yvonne Douthout, Mezzosoprano, joined Esther Jane Hardenbergh Soprano,



Robert Dundas, Tenor
and John Thomasson,
Baritone

for the evening of the
Works of Robert

Schumann. Therese Lindquist was their accompanist. The night was a great success and SICC certainly look forward to the Series to be held during August next year.



Inspiring words

Behind every kindness - a loving heart. There are loyal hearts. There are spirits brave. There are souls that are pure and true. Then give the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

(Mary Ainge De Veve 1844-1920)

SICC CALENDER

Weekly Events

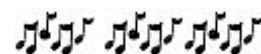
Sunday: **Worship** at 11am
followed by coffee time

Wednesday: **Women's Bible Study**, 2.30pm,
Navisotschnig's home, Am Römer-
stein 10, 5071 Wals-Himmelreich, Bus 2

Thursday: „**Sacred Space**“ Lunch, 1pm,
at the Mozarteum Cafe

Life at SICC

Our church service on Sunday July 25th was blessed by the playing of daughter and mother, Yukari and Keiko Aotoni. For the Prelude they played 'C.A. Berio, Duo Concertans' and Yukari played 'F. Kreisler, Recitativo and Scherzo-Caprice' after the Sermon.



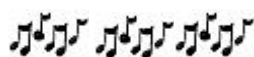
Kathy performs Carmen in Dorset



Kathy explains: In the middle of rehearsing for the July 30th Benefit Concert, I got an urgent call from my London agent. Denyce Graves - a very famous *Carmen* - had pulled out of Dorset Opera's production of *Carmen* and they were desperately searching for a replacement. This was

Wed, July 21. Rehearsals had already started, and the premiere was July 29th. Could I fly to Dorset and take over? I agreed, and immediately started learning the recitatives, since I'd only ever done the dialogue version (Dorset Opera didn't know that little detail!) I tried very hard to find flights that would get me back to Salzburg for the concert on the 30th, then back to Dorset for the show the next day, July 31st, but that proved logistically impossible. I was very lucky that Yvonne Douthat, a wonderful American mezzo living in Salzburg and teaching at the Univ of Miami's summer music program, agreed to jump in for me for the benefit concert. Many thanks to Yvonne! This was my UK debut!

What was supposed to be a very relaxing summer suddenly turned into a very busy one. In addition to jumping in as *Carmen* with Dorset Opera, I've been asked to jump in at the Sagra Musicale Maletestiana festival in Rimini August 31st & Sept 1st, in Frank Martin's song cycle "Das Cornet." This is a cycle of 23 Lieder based on a novel by the German poet/writer Rainer Maria Rilke. The piece is for mezzo-soprano and piano (or chamber orchestra) and this will be the first time the cycle has been staged. Then I start rehearsals Sept 13th for my debut as *Carmen* with the Chicago Lyric Opera, followed by performances as Pitti-Sing in *The Mikado* in the same house. It will be a fun and exciting fall, but I'll be gone from Salzburg until the end of January. I'll see you all then!



Grace Bumbry writes to us from Berlin: "My Vocal and Opera Academy began its second season this past Monday and runs until August 29th. I'm enjoying working with these talented students, some of whom are my own private students, some have come from music schools where I have taught Master Classes and some applied from a magazine article. In any event, it's a delightful change from being in Salzburg, even though I always look forward to being in that beautiful city.

Please pass my best wishes to the SICC.



'Words of Farewell from Jessica Roossien'

"The International Church here in Salzburg provided me with a truly wonderful home away from home. I met some amazing friends who I will miss dearly. I thank you for welcoming me into your community and making me feel a part of your church home. The services were wonderful and I thoroughly enjoyed the coffee fellowship hour that followed. It allowed me to speak with people from all over the world and with people I will stay in contact with in the future. The ability to become a part of the International Church really made my stay here in Austria all the more meaningful. I left each service with a great message & a growing list of Austrian friends! I will miss you everyone and hope to stay in contact in the future! Jessica was born & raised in Grand Haven, Michigan and most recently graduated from the University of Michigan with a concentration in German language and literature and European History. I will attend U of M's Second Career Nursing

Program and on completion will be a registered R.N." Jessica was an intern with the American Austrian Foundation at Schloss Arenburg. Thank you Jessica and God's blessings for your future.

ECUMENICAL NEWS

The Lutheran World Federation has chosen Palestinian Bishop Munib A. Younan as its next president. The 59-year-old bishop was the only candidate for the post and becomes the first Arab to lead the Geneva-based body that groups 70 million Protestants worldwide. He was elected on 24 July at the LWF's 11th assembly, its highest decision-making body, meeting in Stuttgart, Germany, from 20 to 27 July.



Younan was introduced to the LWF as a refugee when he drank chocolate milk at the Martin Luther School in Jerusalem and that this inspired him to enter the church ministry. "That this election took place in Germany is especially meaningful and emotional for me, since my church grew out of the German mission to the Holy Land," said Younan. The Bishop's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land with 3000 members is one of the smallest of the LWF churches. He also stated "It is essential that I as an Arab Christian can be used by other Christians for dialogue with people of other faiths so that we can have dialogue that can be for the benefit of all people. We carry that expertise," Younan was ordained in 1976 after studying theology in Finland. He also studied at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He speaks Finnish as well as Arabic and English.



*Jottings from the Pastor's
Desk*

This has become a favourite Psalm in a contemporary setting.

Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,

My Rock in Whom I trust."



And He will raise you
up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in
the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler
will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot
against a stone.

And He will raise you up
on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand

Michael Joncas

Listen to website: www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvpjxfWjzY
or google: On Eagle's Wings by Michael Joncas

God bless,

Glynthea