

MELBOURNE YOUTH MUSIC ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The President of the Melbourne Youth Music's Board of Management, Peter Garnick, today announced a number of significant new appointments to its Board.

Trevor Green was elected as Vice-President. Trevor has an outstanding level of experience in orchestral music, having worked as Head of Music BBC North and with the BBC Philharmonic, most recently having retired as Managing Director of Melbourne Symphony Orchestra after 11 years. Prior to working with the MSO, Trevor was Director of Concert Music for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and between 1997 and 1999 was Director of the Australian National Academy of Music. Joining MYM allows Trevor to focus on his passion for youth education in the arts.

Trevor Green succeeds as Vice-President following the retirement of long-standing member Bruce Worland AM. Bruce's exceptional contribution to Melbourne Youth Music and Music Education in Victoria has spanned over 50 years. Bruce was a Senior Government Officer and Music Inspector with the Victorian Department of Education and Chairman of Melbourne Youth Music from 1972 until 2009. From 1974 until 2005, Bruce also conducted the Percy Grainger Youth Orchestra.

MYM President, Peter Garnick commented: "*The retirement of Bruce Worland and appointment of Trevor Green is a significant passing on of the baton. Bruce has made such an important contribution to establishing MYM as a leader in youth music education and we are honoured that he has placed his trust in the new team at the helm of MYM.*"

MYM is also pleased to welcome **Wendy Brooks** to the Board. Wendy has an accomplished background as both a music educator and violinist, having taught, performed in and managed a number of chamber and symphonic orchestras. Wendy also established and directed the Bay City Strings, a Geelong based youth orchestra program, while Wendy's children have previously been members of MYM ensembles.

Wendy has a proven track record in marketing, fundraising and management, with a career encompassing welfare, arts and health care sectors. Wendy has held positions as Strategy & Development Manager for Orchestra Victoria, Director of the Royal Women's Hospital Foundation, Director of Advancement and Marketing for the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne and is currently Co-Chair of the Victorian Women with Disabilities Network as well as Head of Business Development at Trust Company Limited.

Dr. Henry Pinski brings to the MYM Board his extensive experience in the corporate and government sectors, with a background in health. He is a Director of public listed device company KarmelSonix, Deputy Chair of streaming Internet technology company RivusTv, Director of Medi7 Pty Ltd Group of Medical Centres, Director of the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority, Yarra Valley Water and chairs an Ethics Committee in Optometry.

In the past he has been a Director of the Alfred Group of Hospitals, the Disability Housing Trust and served on the Victorian Government Ethnic Enterprise Council.

Lou Oppenheim is currently Director of Operations at the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra where she oversees strategic and production planning, while managing the MSO's permanent and casual musicians. Prior to joining the MSO in 2003, Lou was a Consultant with the international consulting firm, Boston Consulting Group and joins the MYM Board having previously assisted in developing MYMs strategic planning.

"Melbourne Youth Music has had a number of great achievements over the past 12 months, and is working to ensure it continues to grow and provide the maximum benefit for those enrolled in one of our ensembles. We currently face a number of challenges such as building income streams, maintain enrolments and gaining support from the government and private sectors, MYM is meeting these challenges by building the Board's capabilities in Development, Government and the Music Profession."

Peter Garnick, President MYM Board of Management