

AMATEUR CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Kirribilli Concerts – Role of the Organiser

Preparing for your concert

Secure performance items for your concert. Progressively send details of these to the Coordinator, currently Tony Tenney, and to George Carrard for him to put on the website.

Confirm that all performers are financial members of ACMS. Advise non-members that they must join or become financial before the day of the concert. For those who are not members or who are unfinancial, provide them with a membership form or advise them to download it from <http://www.acms-australia.org/sydney/index.php>

Build a program of up to about 90 minutes' duration, which would include an interval of about ten minutes and a few minutes' introduction and concluding remarks. Playing time would therefore be around 75 minutes, but this is flexible. In such a concert format, ask your groups to consider the length of individual items. As a general principle, it is preferred that whole works be performed, rather than movements or parts.

Arrange the items into an interesting and varied program. As we are a chamber music society we accept ensembles rather than solo items.

Performers playing copyrighted music should play from original notation.

Use the template from the website to produce the printed program (double sided). Organisers may wish to publish program notes about the works in their program. These should be provided by you or by the individual groups, but are not mandatory. Felicia Mitchell (9661 6732) can assist with the production of the program, but not its printing.

Email the program to these three people: the Coordinator, the Editor of *Tutti*, currently Graham Cormack gjcormack@gmail.com and to George Carrard who will put it onto the ACMS website.

**The current Coordinator is Tony Tenney 9918 8555 0400 635 607
tenney@bigpond.net.au**

- Print 40 copies of the program and bring them to the concert, **OR**
- contact the Kirribilli Centre and arrange for the Centre to print the programs, and make arrangements for their collection on the day, **OR**
- email the program to the Coordinator who will arrange printing.

- If costs are incurred and you require reimbursement, you will be paid from door takings.

Be at the venue no later than 4.30pm for a 5.00pm start.

As necessary, liaise with Justyna Delofski or Carl of the Kirribilli Centre on 9922 4428, info@kirribilli.org.au Carl is the manager.

Concerts are held in the upstairs gallery which is available to us for sound checks and rehearsal from 3.00pm. Sound checks should conclude by 4.40pm to allow patrons to enter the gallery. If any of your groups wish to rehearse at other times, you or they may be able to arrange this through the Centre. Groups not requiring a piano can rehearse in the Library on the ground floor. Those with piano should hire the Gallery. The Centre may levy a charge for rehearsal venues.

On the day

You or a spokesperson for one of your groups welcomes people to the concert and thanks them for supporting ACMS. The Coordinator will do this if you prefer.

The audience should be advised that there will be a short (roughly ten minute) interval and be invited to stay for light refreshments (wine, cheese, nibbles) at the conclusion of the concert.

The President and/or the Coordinator are usually present as well as an ACMS member acting as a volunteer.

The role of ACMS member volunteers

Purchase food for the evening refreshments. This could include cheeses, savoury biscuits, chips, dips, grapes and orange juice. Either before the concert or at interval our volunteer may need to buy wine from the bottle shop just around the corner in the shopping centre, but will check first what we have in stock in the ACMS cupboard. The usual order is 3 bottles of white, 3 bottles of red but these can be adjusted according to the weather and audience size. This is usually enough for a full house. Volunteers will obtain a receipt from the BWS bottle shop. If at interval it is apparent that there is a larger crowd than usual you might need to buy some extra bottles. Naturally the choice of wine is from the best specials available.

In the rare event that neither the President, nor the Coordinator, nor an ACMS volunteer is in attendance, it becomes the Organiser's responsibility to carry out the tasks described above, or to delegate them to another person.

Introduce each item, or arrange for one performer from each group to announce their own item. Organisers may consider publishing program notes

about the works in the program. Items with published program notes optionally may or may not be announced. Advise them that any additional information they provide to the audience should be brief and pertinent.

At the conclusion of the concert, ask patrons to assist by stacking the chairs in the centre of the hall. They can then be moved onto the verandah.

If you have any difficulties or an emergency arises, contact the Centre representative, Roger, on 0418 465 587 or the Coordinator as appropriate and then, if necessary, the President, currently Jenny Allison, on 9955 3387.

OR contact one of the Centre's officers:

- Carl, Centre General Manager 0402 404 509
- Jo, Marketing and Programs Manager 0468 454 382
- Roger, Caretaker, lives very close 0418 465 587

Thank you for taking on this very valuable role.

ACMS Committee