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Yours, in non-humility,

Vanessa Inigg (editor)

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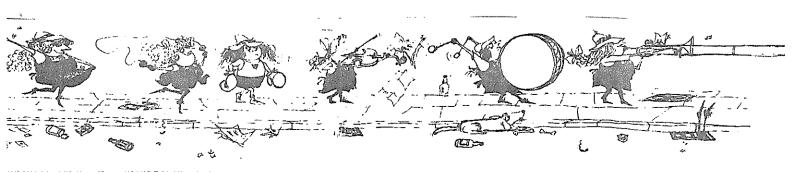
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Ken: and the art of motor

(Scene: The Annual Countdown Rock Awards.

Youthful 57-year-old SOLOMON GOERING, stylishly garbed in a cowboy hat, crepe-de-chine overalls and a fetching mauve feather boa, enthuses loudly to himself in front of sixteen microphones. They are all connected in parallel to a bank of step-down transformers and heavy duty fuses in case he gets carried away by the wall-to-wall charisma of the occasion and fuses the entire national grid, while teams of heart surgeons, orthopedists, chiropractors, and paedophiles wait tensely in the wings, just in case....)

GOERING: And now, boys and girls, I mean ladies and gentlemen, to present the latest in our series of highly prestigious Countdown Rock Awards, would you please welcome the very wonderful George Slick!!!!!

(ENTER SLICK. He is stunning in a pale blonde hairpiece, some bits of leather hanging randomly from various portions of himself, sprayed-on leather jeans and a two-stroke exhaust system surgically implanted into his shoulder-blades. He lurches unsteadily over to GOERING and peers uncomfortably at him through eyeballs that are not only unspeakably dilated but appear not to be on speaking terms with each other. He goggles at the screaming audience and puts his arm seduct- ively around GOERING's waist.)

SLICK: Hey man, I've been having some really heavy sex here in Australia, I mean, man -

GOERING: Yeah, well, that's great, George. Now would you like to open the envelope? Or would you like to be fed live to the studio audience?

SLICK: (Fondling GOERING's chest) Oh, yeah, man (suddenly reverts to native Oxbridge accent) The winner for this year's most EXCITING New Talent is MUFS, for their unforgettable rendition of the ôld Sex Pistols' hit, 'La Nozze de Figaro'. Yeah!

GOERING: (Disentangling himself with difficulty from the octopus embrace of SLICK) And here to receive the award is...er... (at this point GOERING is mobbed by an avalanche of First Basses and disappears under the table.

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cycle maintenance

SLICK blinks vaguely at them. SEAMUS LAGER, a black-bearded powerfully built figure, shakes hands with him, picks him up and deposits him and the by now unconscious GOERING upon a convenient chaise-longe.

LAGER:



(grinning conspiratorially) And what a lovely couple they (He holds up the envelope he has abstracted from SLICK) Well, boys and girls, may I say how absolutely fantastic it is to get this sort of recognition at last from our longsuffering public! After our 'Australian Sanctus' it looked like we were really losing control there, but the whole thing really came together for 'La Nozze'. Yeah! (The fans scream Ambulances wail outside. Stretcher-bearers carry out the more severely injured.) But - success is not every-Is it, guys? (He turns to his fellow MUFS. have opened several thousand cans of unameable substances and are pouring them down their throats, over each other and into the audience. One of them charitably donates a can each to GOERING and SLICK, who lie senseless in each other's arms. Their nerveless fingers grasp the offerings like talismans.) Guys? (They look around nervously. Cries of YES and NO and WHAT WAS THE QUESTION?) Yeah, well, anyway, me and the boys have decided to take a spell from the music scene while we go on a quest for ultimate enlightenment. You know, like Donkey Kong, only a bit less sophisticated. Anyway. we go to seek the Prophet of the Holy Mountain, far away across the hills and plains, beyond many rivers, past a surprising number of service stations, swimming pools, footy grounds and more licensed premises than the mind can comfortably encompass.

SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE: What's his name?

LAGER:

His name?? It's a secret of awe-inspiring magnitude! None dare speak his holy NAME, except in a hushed whisper inside an IV scarf wrapped up in a sleeping bag inside a locker in the furthest recesses of the Union Basement. Last time anyone even thought about him in the open air half Mt Buller Ski Lodge fell down. No unbelivers are permitted even to see his sacred Name written on a Tattslotto form! His name is forbidden even for his faithful followers to think about

except on Brownlow Medal nights!........Oh, all right,... it's KEN. (He strolls over to the chaise-longue with its sleeping occupants.) Jeez, you'd never guess they were English lecturers, would you? See you Monday arvo, guys.

(The studio falls in ruins. Earthquakes, thunderbolts, firestorms, cyclones, anti-cyclones, rain in the early morning clearing to coastal showers in the afternoon, but nobody appears to notice.)

A VOICE AMONG THE DEBRIS: Ken? KEN?? What sort of bloody name is that for a prophet? Why didn't they call him Ron?

Who is this mysterious savant?

What is his connection with the Richmond Football Club?

Will Seamus Lager learn the ultimate secrets of computer programming?

Will George Slick and Solly Goering find true love?

Will our intrepid explorers reach the summit of Mt Bogong in time?

Will Simon the talking hedgehog discover New Zealand before the Floating Aardvarks of Camberwell achieve escape velocity?

Find out the answers to none of these questions in PART TWO of our dubious saga next issue.

OD. Greagg 1984, and serve him right, too.



flinders university choral society



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Dear UCs and UMs,

I am proud to announce that this year, due to a successful fresher drive (involving much jelly bean bribery) FUCS has been saved from the brink of disaster and is well and truly into the double figures. Yes, folks, once again we can revel in the sheer joy of putting out two rows of chairs!

To date, our choral activities this year have included participation in a Flinders University Religious Service in which the works 'God be in my Head', 'If ye love me' and 'Never Weather Beaten Sail' were performed. We were invited to sing at the Flinders University Talent Quest Caberet, where amidst the raging storm of drunken obscenities FUCS belted out such Caberet (?) hits as 'Scarborough Fair', 'Gaudete', 'Rubber Duckie' and a selection from 'The Jonah Man Jazz'. The surprising amount of applause (surprisingly large, that is) which greeted us at the end of our set was put down to the fact that the audience probably thought we were some kind of avant-garde mime act, as no one seemed to hear a word we sang.

Right now we're really organising THE Choral event of the year (O.K., besides Perth I.V. and Canberra Minifest) 'The 4984 Adelaide Microfest'!!! As you'll probably be reading this apres Microfest, I'll just say 'Wow, didn't we have a simply marvellous time?!!' (I agree totally; especially Judy's spa. Ed.)

And so to the matters of an administrative kind; our committee for 1984 is:

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Francis

Librarian: Fred (But we haven't got a librarian...) Nurk

Immediate Past President: Keith (last but not least) Mallett.

Our conductor for this year, once again, is the illustrious Kenneth Lay who needs no introduction (and besides, you ALL met him at Microfest, didn't you?)

Bye - Bye for now,
Lots of love

Fay Butter



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Melbourne University Choral Society

It is 1984, and I.V. is over before the year starts. The victorious armies of MUCSEESIA have deposed the rebellious oppressors of past times, and the Party reigns omnipotent.

MUspeak abounds amongst all those who would faithfully serve the State. The Thought Police (Committee) are watching you...

The Inner Party: Big Sister: Feemac

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Minister of Society: Catpug

Minister of Aid: Mayroz

Remember, Big Sister reigns. Your movements are being watched. Any digressions will be punished by consignment to Room 101 (or even hours of compulsory Dreyfus). Remember, you, you, you, um, ah,....I'm having problems with my MUspeak here (it must be George!), but the general idea is:

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Concert Programme 1984

1st Term: Mozart Requiem (shades of Brisbane I.V. - so what,

it's fun)

Michael Tippett Five Negro Spirituals

2nd Term Zoltan Kodaly Missa Brevis

G. F. Handel Coronation Anthems

3rd Term Combined concert with MonUCS

Monteverdi Christmas Vespers (Ist Australian performance?)

So there you have it. In MUspeak and all. Congratulations to PUCS for a splendid I.V., and we'll see you all in Adelaide at Easter or Canberra in August (brrr!). Remember, Big Sister is watching. MUCS double plus by vergood.

James Harland

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Tasmania University Musical Society

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Yet again at the eleventh hour, a brief newsletter from T.U.M.S.

Now what can we tell you since our last eraticle?

T.U.M.S. remains under the baton of Robert Prero. Currently, preparations are being made for our first term concert (May 7th) consisting of the Faure Requiem and other assorted french choral and instrumental pieces. In collaboration with the Alliance Francaise we hope to turn the evening into a big French extravaganza. (oo la la:)

Over the last few months, TUMS has been busking, busking and, oh yes, I forgot, busking. We have also: sung Christmas carols, sung at residential colleges and given a short performance in "O" week, whilst bombarding prospective Tummies with choral society propaganda.

By far the most successful (socially and financially) of our activities for '84 (so far), was the combined wine bottling and spitroast held on St Pat's day (still some TUMS 1st vintage claret left. . .going cheap!)

Yet another Lamington Drive bit the dust last week. Unfortunately, noone carried off the highly coveted, much sought after "Golden Lammie" award.* It remains, alas, on McDermott's mantelpiece until the next drive. (Newsflash.c..TUMS announces a new competition for all committees - see how many lamington drives you can con your society into over the next 12 months)

Now for our LISZT of things to come:

a pre concert weekend camp a video night molto pub nights sumptious suppers intensive training for hos

intensive training for boatraces. . . just about exhausted the supply of news - remember only 42 weeks (or thereabouts) to Hobart IV.

See you in Canberra.

THE COMMITTEE

- P.S. We have wonderful new TUMS badges to flog sell to you all and, yes, a TUMS songbook is finally underway.
- * for selling 100 dozen of the little blighters.

MICHAEL TIPPETT.

Michael Tippett is the composer of <u>A Child of our Time</u>, the work from which we took the five Negro spirituals we are singing in our First Term Concert. It's not often that one actually gets the chance to see a composer of works performed by M.U.C.S. (Rob Kay and George Dreyfus being notable/notorious exceptions)... Most of them have been dead for three hundred years. Anyway, prompted by Hugh Hunt's enthusiasm, I went off to see Michael Tippett at Melbourne University's answer to Robert Blackwood Hall; Melba Hall. We were a mixed audience: Bazza, myself, Terri McKenzie and a pack of aspiring composers who spent most of their two hours arriving late and leaving early.

The title of the symposium was 'The Composer in 20th Century Society'. It was supposed to be a three-cornered discussion between Sir Michael, Peter Dennison and Tippett's biographer Meirion Bowen; but Sir Michael did most of the talking, as well as fielding pretentious questions from the audience of budding Brittens. The symposium was mostly a question and answer session which I found very interesting, but I could not pick out any salient points to reveal in this article. However, there were a couple of things which really impressed me about Michael Tippett. First, in his white tracksuit and blue and yellow sandshoes he failed totally to blend with Melba Hall's pink and green ceiling. The second thing was his ability to refer to one of Britain's musical doyens casually as 'Ben'.

To conclude, I thought I would leave you with two quotations from Tippett himself which might give you some insight into his character and understand why he writes music the way he does.

I am a composer. That is someone who imagines sounds, creating music from the inner world of the imagination... Throughout history, society has recognized that certain men possess this gift and has accorded them a special place. But if such men - poets if you like - are honoured, are the products of their imagination of any real value to the society which honours them? Or are we, particularly at this present point in history, deluding ourselves that this may be so?

The Jews were the particular scape-goats of everything, for every kind of standing outcast.... For these people I knew somehow I had to sing songs. Suddenly, in fact the day after war broke out, the whole thing welled up in me in a way which I can remember exactly.... I felt I had to express collective feelings and that could only be done by collective tunes such as the Negro spirituals, for these tunes contain a deposit of generations of common experience.

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This is a friendly greeting from the above to all UCS and UMS (Oh yes, and CADS as well!).

Each society will have received at I.V. or soon after a more detailed brochure about the Archives but, briefly, here is the gen.

The Archives cover not only the records of AICSA but also the I.V.C.F.'s and Minifests - ranging from posters, publicity and ephemera through to correspondence, minutes, budgets and other mundame items (though this side of the collection is still small). These are held in the Manuscript/ Rare Book Section of the National Library of Australia in Camberra. Concert recordings are held in the Sound Archives Section. ERATO is also held at the NLA.

The material is on open access but only for use within the MSS/Rare Book reading room. Photocopying is permitted.

The Archivist serves to organise the material, help retrieve information, and maintain a personal file detailing both the exact contents and their location and samples, relevant info, and ephemera. This high and mighty being assists people in locating information and also receives material, examines and catalogues it, and then arranges lodgment in the NLA. Due to staff pressures at the NLA at the moment only a very basic cataloguing can be done by them.

The Archivist is a non-executive AICSA member who may stand as often as he or she wishes (unlike the Executive) and is elected at the annual AIVCC meeting and AICSA elections.

The Archives serve several functions. They are a repository of information for both research and reference and are a safe, supervised storage place for information which is increasing annually. Allied with well-kept society archives they become a secure and useful source of material documenting the important part university UCS and UMS have played in Australian musical life over the last century.

I am particularly interested in material relating to the early years of I.V. and would also like to obtain at least 1 (preferably 3) good copies of ERATO No's 1 - 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 21. Do get in touch if you have anything you think I may be interested in. Mail would be a more certain way to reach me. The next deposit of material is planned for Canberra Minifest. Please remember that it is important that material is not sent directly to the NLA as it will be basically lodged as received.

Hope to hear from you soon and best wishes for 1984.

Noel Wilmott.
AICSA Archivist.



sydney university musical society



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DATELINE: BOSCH LT. 4, SYDNEY ... WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL 1984 ...

Well, here I sit, scribbling away at rehearsal in a desperate attempt to get an Eraticle written. I mean, who has time to put pen to paper when you're flat out writing all those endof-term assignments that seemed to be due in months away? Whoops! Altos from "And far away ..." Elgar, don't you know? The first term concert promises to be a smash-hit success with a choir of about 90 strong singing such favourites as Palestrina's 4 part mass (one of them, anyway) and Bach's Gottes Zeit alon with some Elgar, Delius, Dunstable and Folke Rabe (for the uninitiated, Folke Rabe's Rondes for mixed queer is reminiscent of Melbourne IV's Dollarhide!!). And the Dunstable ... a truly AMAZING sound! All this conducted by our own dear Ben Macpherson - well with apologies to PUCS.

Peter Seymour (yes, him again) will be conducting our second term concert which will be something BIG to be performed on the University's Open Day. WOW!

Not only have we picked up lots of freshers but choristers seem to be emigrating from all states to join SUMS. Dave (called 'Big Dave) Crooke and Claire (Sweetie) Whittaker have settled in, and are coping will with the sun rising over the sea and the other mysteries of life in the Eastern States. Noela Bajjali also turned up at O-Week, much to our surprise (and delight!). Those of us who went to Perth are just beginning to recover, (heavy sigh), our tans have faded - BUT the knitting needles are out in force as we prepare for Canberra's Minifest. We'll be sending a very large contingent, all wearing the NEW SUMS WINDCHEATER. Note the stunning design - you too can be the proud owner of just such a windcheater - just wait til Minifest.

THIS IS IT->

Comes in two fashion shades: Blinding while or Iridescent orange.

LOCK OUT!



By the way, the Toyota Imperial Flagship made it safely home, though soon afterwards it had to have extensive repairs.

The usual found of parties, picnics and general debauchery continues - in short, we prosper! Enough boasting - lots of luck to all the other UCS & UMS, oodle - toodles.

Eve XXX (M.O.)

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AICSA ENQUIRY

Are YOU a person who has attended one I.V. and then never again? If so, then AICSA is trying to find out the reasons why. Here are some ideas. Tick one if it suits your situation, or write your reason in the space provided.

Left Choral Society

Found paid employment

Couldn't afford it

Holidays didn't coincide

Don't like crowds

Other (Please expand)

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28th April, 1984

THE MONUCS ERARTICLE

Being a chronicle of MonUCS events past, present and planned...

MonUCS is off to a great start for 1984 with an enthusiastic fresher intake and most of the old faces still around. Our conductor is once again Greg Hurworth, with the lovely Jacqui Clark as assistant conductor.

Our first term concert took place on April 18th, with a programme consisting of Bach's Cantata No. 4, Buxtehude's <u>Jesu, meine Freude</u>, and <u>Two Motets, op. 74</u> by Brahms. Despite a last-minute(literally) hitch due to the concert manager's inability to attend, the concert was a reasonable success.

We are about to launch into rehearsals for our second term concert, which will feature Byrd's <u>Mass in Four Parts</u>, Copland's <u>In the Beginning</u>, and Kodaly's Pange Lingua.

Non-rehearsal-type situations have also been happening. A "D" party was held at my place, ostensibly for the purpose of getting to know the new members out of rehearsal. This resulted in some...ah...interesting costumes. Campbell Flack as a drunk won the Most Disgusting prize, Cathy Nihill was the McsDoriginal(Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire), and Jeff Kepert stunned all by appearing as me.

We've been pleased to welcome Ernie Gruner back to sunny Clayton after his summer sojourn in Bateman's Bay; he's now musicking around Melbourne and inciting riots at the MonUCS lunchtable.

Quite a few MonUCS went to Port Fairy Folk Festival over the Labour Day weekend, and on all accounts enjoyed themselves immensely. Our first term camp was held at an old converted convent in Heathcote(near Bendigo). With only eight single rooms and one dormitory containing forty or so beds, much fun and pillow-fighting was had by all.

Plans for the rest of the year include a combined concert with the Latrobe Uni Choir: two new works will be performed, including Theodore Dollarhide's Three Poems of Bertolt Brecht, conducted by the composer. This will be followed by a combined concert with MUCS featuring the first Australian performance of Monteverdi's Christmas Vespers.

Last but not least - the galah event of the year - the Soprano Aria Prize for Tenors and Basses(see elsewhere in Erato - or you should have seen a green bullsheet about it at one of your rehearsals). Everyone is cordially invited to come over for the weekend - bring Verdi Requiem scores for a sing-through on the Sunday.

And that's about it for now from the land of the cherub,

Lots of love,

Denise Lawry

PERTH I.V. 1984

That's some choir! Students from campuses all over Australia are pictured outside the Winthrop Hall during the recent Intervarsity Choral Festival.



I am writing to congratulate all concerned with the recent Intervarsity Choral Festival in Perth.

It was the continuation of the fine tradition in Australia of bringing together University students from all over the country to devote themselves to making music at a very high level. It is a tradition which I hope will last for many years, and I know that the Music Board of the Australia Council rates it highly. I have already conveyed my impressions of the event to the Music Board, letting them know that the performance of African Sanctus was, in my opinion, one of the most exciting and brilliant choral performances I have heard - a real Festival event in the full meaning of the word. Singers were introduced to other works - like the Scarlatti Stabat Mater - which, but for Intervarsity, they probably would not have experienced.

Again, hearty congratulations upon Intervarsity in Perth and I would appreciate it if you passed on my letter to your various sponsors who should be very gratified at having been associated with such an event.

Yours sincerely

David Turley

DAVID TUNLEY Professor of Music Chairman, Music Board, Australia Council



Varsity choirs converge on Perth

Three hundred choristers from university choirs all over Australia will converge on Perth In January for the 35th Intervarsity Choral Festival.

will converge on Perth in January for the 35th Intervarsity Choral Festival.

This festival is the second largest of its kind in the world—and was last held here in 1980.

There will be two weeks of rehearsals under the supervision of Faye Dumont, conductor of Melbourne's Canterbury Singers, and Rob Kay, former member of the Mucky Duck Bush Band who now conducts the University of WA's Undergraduate Choral Society.

The festival will end with a concert in the Winthrop Hall on February 4, which will be recorded and released as an album or cassette.

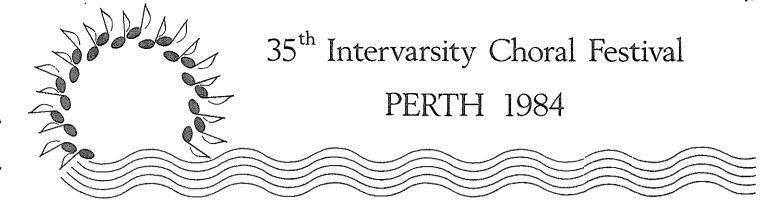
The major concert work will be David Fanshawe's African Sanctus,

a highly exhilarating piece which incorporates "multi-racial" and "ethnic" drums and other percussion, a rock band, a tape of African tribal songs and a mass for the choir.

Apart from the choir, this Sanctus will feature soprano soloist Elaine Flint and the local rock band Whirlwind.

Other concert works include Domenico Scarlatti's Stabat Mater and Berger's Brazilian Psalm. The Stabat Mater is a setting of the great medieval devotional poem, scored for 10 choir parts and organ. The mood is meditative with moments of reflective pasce—an ideal contrast to the dynamic vibrancy of Fanshawe's Sanctus.

Tickets are available from the Octagon Theatre (380 2400). Adults \$6. Concessions \$4.



Patrons, Professor Sir Frank Callaway, C.M.G., O.B.E. David Measham.

P.O. Box 334, Subiaco, 6008 Western Australia

Dear Choral Folk.

Well, Perth I.V. is well and truly over now. Most of us are now over the Blues and are once again firmly entrenched in the boring monotony that passes for everyday life (I hope it's not that bad really!)

It may be over, but the memories linger on. Who could forget the "Snot-Culture-Club" or "Ease in the Frogs"?

Not to mention skinny-dipping in the Sheep Dip (Ocops-I mean Muresk Pool) or the Phallic Phroot Frollics in downtown Floreat Park.

Overall it was a great success.

Musically the I.V. went extremely well, as evidenced by three encores and the spontaneously enthusiastic comments from many of the 1000-strong audience. Reviews and letters from "people in high places" are to be found elsewhere in this Erato.

Financially we have also come out on top. Figures are not yet finalised, however the profit should be somewhere around \$4,000. The only question now remaining is how to spend it. Any suggestions? (Our transport and billeting officer has suggested making a down payment on Rottnest Island, so that all choristers could go and live there in eternal I.V. bliss).

Anyway, all the best. See you all in either Canberra or Tassie.

35th I.V.C.F. committee

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN MONDAY TERRUARY & 1984

MUSIC ROUSES

DAVID Fanshawe's exhilarating "African Sanctus" brought the second part of Saturday's concert at the Winthrop Hall to a rousing and thought-provoking conclusion.

The occasion was the final event of the 35th Intervarsity Choral Festival.

Côncert Concert

For this work the big. mixed choir, composed mainly of young people, was conducted by Faye Dumont, who bildged the musical gap between African and Australian musical

quintet of nercussionists, the

quintet of percussionists, the student choir gave an exhilarating performance which never degenerated into a shouting session. Elaine Flint had the unenviable task

of performing the soprano part for which she deserves unstinting praise. She achieved the almost

joined her for a touching performance of *Our Father* which was encored at the end. Winthrop Hall resounded to a genuinely enthusiastic audience response, the

entitudistatic adjusted response, the climax of a concert which, fortuitously, proved to be a magnificent curtain-raiser for the Festival of Porth. Unfortunately the Festival Itself does not contain any

MUSIC MAKER, Jan/Feb, 1984

Alan True

impossible to soar above the massed Mezzo-soprano Julie Danlel

styles with grace, style and confidence.

This work uses many sources for its inspira-tion—the Latin Mass, African ritual chant-ing, rock musicians, the sound of thunder

and the lowing of cattle.

Much of this is on tape and the manner in which tapes, choir, rock band, soloists and plane are brought to a unity of purpose is what provokes thought.

It is skilfully con-trived and offers polg-nant and serene mo-ments which create a tapestry of sound.

The choir, the two so-loists—Elaine Film and Julie Daniel—and the Whirlwinds which pro-vided the instrumental backing, met the re-quirements of the work with flexibility.

The WA Percussion Ensemble provided ex-cellent support,

The evening opened with a sensitive rendering of "Gaudeamus Igitur" after which came the lively Brazilian Pealm by Jean Berger.

Written in 1941, this piece was sung with plece was sung with clority and rhythmic intensity after an ethe-real and intriguing opening.

opening.

Robert Kay conducted and led the choir through a nerformance of Scarlatti's "Stabat Mater" which, placed between two dynamic works, emerged as occasionally insighd and incking in confidence, with many opportunities for growth and expression missed.—

Herbara Yates Rothwell.

University students were once more to the fore in February when the Intervarsity Choral Festival returned to Perth. A large, returned to Perth. A large, well-balanced choir presented an intriguing programme which opened with a delicately understated performance of *Gaudeamus Igitur*—what a relief not to be on the receiving end of a loud, brash rendition of this old student song.

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The programme consisted of three choral works starting with a confident performance of the unaccompanied Brazilian Psalm by Jean Berger. Directed by Robert Kay, the choir confidently handled the complex presentations of the the complex cross-rhythms of the Latin-American music.

Domenico Scarlatti's Stabat Matar, which followed, was a great disappointment. Stylistically it did not sit easily with the other works and it was not surprising that the choir and conductor shared unease. The polyphonic phrases did not breathe and there was no sense of continuity or imitation between the

The second half saw Faye
Dumont take the baton. She seems
to me to be one of the future major
telents in Australian choral music. With a remarkable economy of gesture, she fluently controlled the disparate forces required for Fanshawe's African Sanctus.

With accompaniment provided by piano, tape, rock group and a



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Although I have already written to you to congratulate you and your colleagues on the remarkable success of the whole Intervarsity Choral Festival but particularly last Saturday evening's concert, I now feel prompted to write further having read the strange report in the West Australian by that paper's music critic.

The report so misrepresents the achievement of the performers throughout the programme, including the fine work of the two conductors, that I am concerned at the possibility of these opinions being read by those persons and organisations who supported the Festival financially getting a distorted account of the comment. In my view, the financial and other support given your Committee was not only amply justified but represented an investment which made possible an event the musical quality of which many professional organisations would have been proud.

Yours sincerely,

SIR FRANK CALLAWAY



RICHARD DIVALL

music director, Victorian State Opera

BEATLES, WHO? I saw them on television with crowds of teenagers mobbing sion with crowds of teenagers mobbing the hotel, but my head was in the clouds. I was more interested in the activities of Julius Caesar on Mt Parnassus, or Hector and Achilles in Troy.

I wasn't listening to the music, I was one of the few people of my generation who didn't. I liked it, it had its own distinct musical stamp, but I preferred

distinct musical stamp, but I preferred Verdi.



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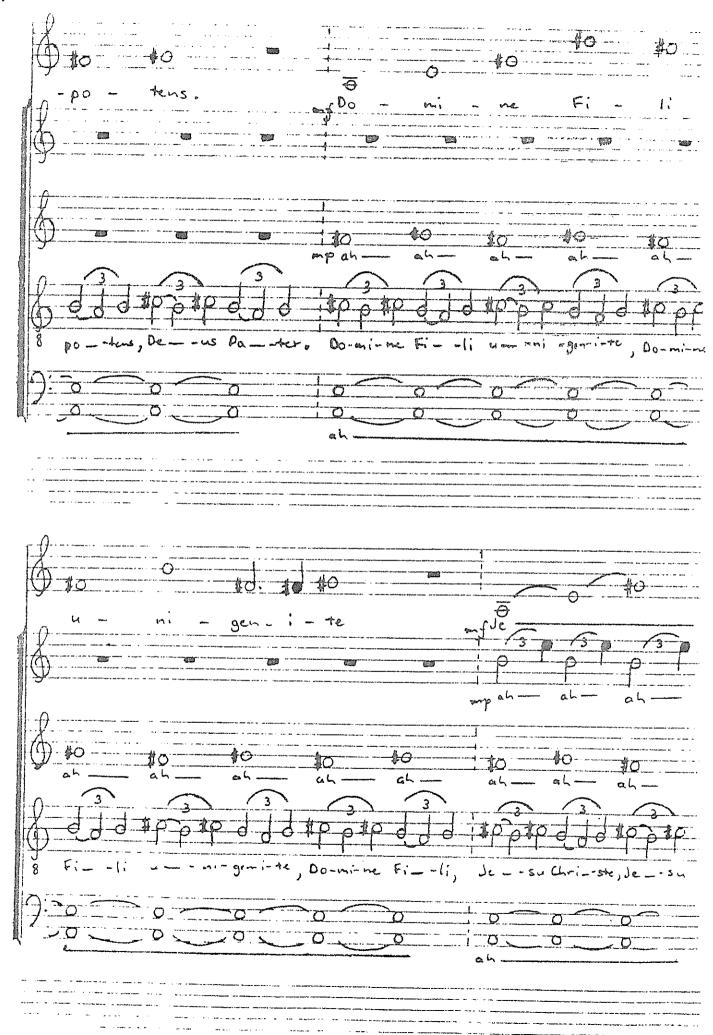
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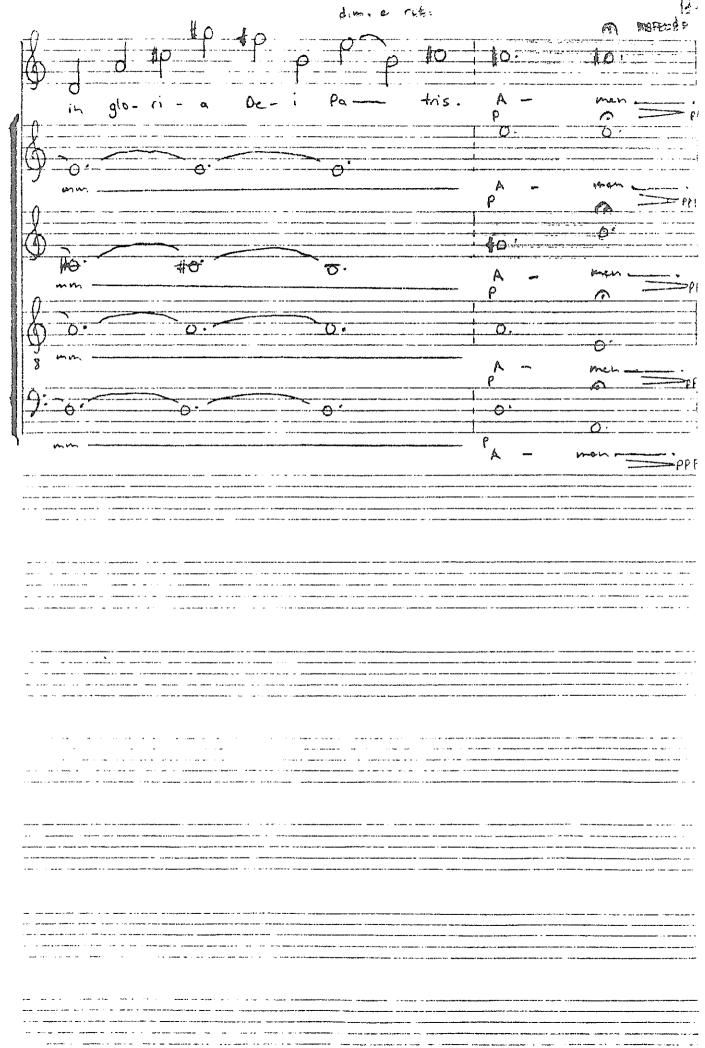
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MINIFEST

NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR

Patron: Her Excellency Lady Stephen C.St.J.

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BULLSHEET NO 3

June

(packed with lots of exciting information and at least 20% of your daily requirements of newsworthy items!)

DO NOT LOSE!

Aw, come on - don't be boring. You all know what it is ... it's a small intervarsity where members of university choirs from around Australia come together forming a large choir to sing in an unforgettable concert. Minifest Nineteen Eighty-Four promises a week of hard work. But it also promises exciting social activities, lovely SCUNAE to show you round our fair city, and a beautiful beatific committee to cater for your every whim. In short, it's just the thing for those post-exam pre-third-term blues!

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Saturday 25th August to Sunday 2nd September

Music

Berlioz Te Deum

Brahms Four Folk Song Arrangements

Conductor: Warren Bebbington (Lecturer at the Canberra School of Music)

If you don't know the Berlioz Te Deum, believe me -- you are missing If you don't know the Berlioz Te Deum, believe me -- you are missing one of the most thrilling choral works ever written. It is absolutely and second movements are exhibitating to sing. first and second movements are and the last is surely one of the grandest We need a huge choir to match the huge exhilirating to I make a special plea to tenors: as there are two (quite overwhelmingly emotional, and noblest movements in all music.

high) tenor lines, we need every tenor we can get. Come!

(PS: I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again from last year's IV in Melbourne.)

Accommodation

The camp will be held from Saturday night through to Tuesday afternoon (25-28 August) at Greenhills. This camp is on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River about 15 min. from Canberra. It features several rehearsal spaces, barbeques, sporting equipment, dormitory style accommodation, etc.

Choristers will be billeted in Canberra for the remainder of the Festival.

Social

The SCUNA 21st Birthday Party is going to be a fancy dress <u>cold</u> party (shouldn't be too difficult in Canberra in August!). Start thinking about snow, ice, Antarctica, polar bears, etc. and come dressed appropriately.

Arrival

All choristers arriving by bus/plane will be met at the bus depot/airport. For those who are driving to Canberra details of how to get to the camp will be provided in the final Bullsheet (early August).

Touristy Information

There are many interesting things to see in Canberra: the High Court of Australia, the National Gallery, the Australian War Memorial, the National Library, etc. If you've never been to Canberra think about spending some extra time looking around. We will be happy to assist. Also the Snowy Mountains are worth a day visit.

Cost

Camp fee (3 days) \$45
Registration fee - Worker \$30
- Non-worker \$15

Plus spending money for Minifest windcheater/T-shirt, etc.

You will also need a bit extra for your contribution to billeting expenses.

Bring

Song books

Sleeping bag

Warm jumpers and japara-type jacket

Concert clothes: long black skirt/trousers, white blouse/shirt, black

bow-tie, black academic gown (if you have one, otherwise

we will provide one)

Fancy dress for the SCUNA 21st Birthday Party

Revue item

ABUNDANT ENTHUSIASM !!

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