



Maruki Community Orchestra

Supporting the Maruki Community Orchestra

You are cordially invited to support our wonderful symphony orchestra...

What is the Maruki Community Orchestra?

The Maruki Community Orchestra (MCO) is a non-profit community-based organisation devoted to bringing high quality music to the community and providing a musical outlet for professional and non-professional musicians alike. We are listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations administered by the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA), and endorsed as a DGR Deductible Gift Recipient by the ATO accordingly.

MCO is a new orchestra devoted to musicians from our Canberra community, who have strong interests in playing classical musical instruments in an orchestra environment, but who may not qualify to play in the other Canberra orchestra and music framework due to level of skills, age, or experience. MCO will develop those skills and experience enabling successes not otherwise available – in a positive and encouraging environment. Above all, MCO will play real classical repertoire from composers of all of the periods of classical music.

The MCO performs and operates under the leadership of the Association Committee, the Orchestra Manager, and the Music Director. The Orchestra performs approximately eight concerts each season, all of which offer programming to suit a wide variety of musical tastes.

The function of the Association Committee is to oversee budget management, publicity, venue selection, and fund-raising. The Orchestra's first Committee was elected for the 2005-06 season. Its true value is in its ability to increase visibility, financial assets, and community support. Maruki Incorporated is a registered Charitable Entity and trustee of a Deductible Gift Recipient public fund, which has its own board of trustees. Maruki Inc operates under the close scrutiny of the Australian Taxation Office and the ACT Registrar General's office. Its audited financial reports will be available for public scrutiny.



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Is the MCO for beginners or experienced musicians?

The MCO is for everyone who really wants to play good classical symphonic music – whether less or more experienced musicians – young or older. MCO provides a process by which Canberra musicians can develop, achieve and enjoy the disciplines and experience of playing in a full symphony orchestra and in doing so, entertain audiences of all backgrounds and ages inside and outside Canberra.

What is the philosophy of MCO?

“Maruki” means “harmonious energy” – where, like boulders in a strong river, the players are rounded and buffeted to become smooth harmonious pebbles. At MCO we give all musicians the opportunity to play in a full symphony orchestra and through extensive teaching and playing experience by the musician management, build the musical, performance and instrument skill level up to a high standard.

Who is the Musical Director of MCO?

John Gould is the conductor, creator and mentor of the MCO. John began his career as a violinist in the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in 1958. Since then he has played principal viola with many of Australia’s major orchestras and ensembles including contemporary groups. He has worked and toured with several leading European orchestras including four years with the London Symphony Orchestra and was a founding member of the Carl Pini String Quartet.

John has also been extensively recorded by the ABC, has been a concerto soloist with the London and Sydney Symphony Orchestras, and has given master classes in Europe and America. His former students can be found in orchestras around the globe, including the illustrious Vienna Philharmonic.

An ardent “music camper” himself and a member of the first Australian Youth Orchestra, John tutored at National Music Camp for 13 years. He recently led the expansion of classical music teaching and performance in Orange as music director of the Orange Regional Music Centre for nine years. Students from Orange now feature in the Australian Youth Orchestra and swell the ranks at



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National Music Camp; several have moved into the profession and more are studying at various Australian tertiary music institutions.

Now living in Canberra, John is sharing his skills and experience with musicians of all ages and experience...

What kind of support is needed?

Like any community orchestra, the MCO relies heavily on the support of the community to provide funding and volunteer work so that they may keep bringing music alive in Canberra for all to enjoy. There are many ways that you can help support the orchestra.

Individuals may make financial contributions or offer their services as volunteers. Much of the work involved in maintaining the orchestra is performed by volunteers, and the regular members of the orchestra are volunteers as well. All of these people are essential to the success of the orchestra. For more information on volunteering with the Orchestra, please [e-mail](#) or call (02) 6295 6456 and leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Donations

General donations are welcomed. We are a registered non-profit charitable entity which is trustee for a Deductible Gift Recipient public fund. All unencumbered donations are tax-deductible.

The various types and descriptions of donations and gifts are discussed below.

Types of deductible gifts or donations

For the purposes of tax deductibility the following are considered by the ATO as gifts that are suitable:

- \$2 or more – 100% tax deductible
- Property > \$5,000 – property valued by the Tax Office at more than \$5,000.



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- Property < 12 months – property purchased during the 12 months before the gift was made.
- Trading stock – trading stock disposed of outside the ordinary course of business.
- Cultural gifts – gifts made under the Cultural Gifts Program.
- Cultural bequests – gifts made under the Cultural Bequests Program.
- Heritage gifts – places included in the National Heritage List, the Commonwealth Heritage List or the Register of the National Estate.

Management of funds and donations

1. All donations to the Maruki Association Fund are used solely for the purposes of the association.
2. The Fund operates on a non-profit basis. No monies are distributed to any Trustee or Committee member except as reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of The Fund, or for proper remuneration for services rendered and invoiced.
3. The Maruki Association Fund receives only gifts as described above (and in subsection 30-300(4) of the Tax Act), and issues receipts as prescribed.
4. The Maruki Association Fund is managed by a sub-committee of five trustees invited by the Association Committee, and includes the Treasurer of Maruki Incorporated and one other member of the Committee, and three persons of public responsibility.

Recognition

All donors to Maruki will be recognised in all non-advertising literature and in the form of a plaque in the case of a gift being property such as musical instruments. Each donor will receive a donor's certificate which can be framed and used for presentation at the donor's premises.

For further information...

Please contact us at the address below!
