

FREE CONCERT – MELBOURNE SCOTTISH FIDDLE CLUB
Town Hall Overtures concert series
Sunday 12 September, 2pm
Hawthorn Town Hall 358 Burwood Road, Hawthorn
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Australia's favourite fiddle group, the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club, is celebrating the arrival of spring with a free concert at Hawthorn Town Hall, Sunday 12 September, 2pm.

Presented by the City of Boroondara, the concert aims to inspire and energise. The 60-strong Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club has been wowing crowds all over Australia and New Zealand since 1995, impressing audiences with its collective joie de vivre!

Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club's musical director and founder, Judy Turner, says the concert involves more than just massed fiddles: "Expect foot percussion, highland dancing and, of course, some outstanding vocalists. Equal parts rhythm, melody, music, dance and song, the show will be as much fun for the under 10s as for the over 80s. But come early to be sure of a seat, as our last two appearances at Hawthorn Town Hall were standing room only!"

It's been a year of successes for the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club after winning two Golden Fiddle awards at Tamworth and *Australian Folk CD of the Year* in the Folk Alliance Australia Music Awards.

The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club won the prize for *Best CD by a group* (for *Gates of Gold*) and *Best Original Composition* (*MSFC Originals* track from *Gates of Gold* CD) in the Golden Fiddle Awards on January 21 at the National Country Music Festival in Tamworth.

Turner says the club's musical arrangements always strive for an exciting, contemporary sound, while paying respect to the direct lineage of traditional Scottish music, both in Scotland and countries where the Scots have emigrated, such as Australia, Canada and the United States.

The club's fiddlers range in age from 12 to 75. Turner says that a unique aspect of the club is the mix of ages it has always had. The Davidson Brothers are the most famous of the club's alumni. Four other young fiddlers – Pria Schwall-Kearney, Claire Alleway, Lucy Wise and Evan Davies – have formed their own band, String Theory, while continuing to perform with the club. String Theory won a swag of awards at the 2010 National Folk Festival and is winning fans all over Australia with their exciting performances.

The commitment to high musical standards for more than 15 years is now resulting in an impressive list of achievements.

The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club will tour regional NSW from September 25, finishing with a CFA benefit gig in Benalla on October 3.

Information for media:

The members of the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club are available for interviews, photos and performances.

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To hear tracks from their CDs: <http://www.melbournescottishfiddlers.com/Music.html>

More info: www.melbournescottishfiddlers.com

<http://www.folkalliance.org.au/page/folkawards/>

www.musicplayforlife.org

<http://www.goldenfiddleawards.org.au/winners-finalists/>