

## The Rococo String Quartet

The ROCOCO QUARTET is a new and exciting ensemble of Sydney's finest musicians, Marshall Kim, Sayako Mundy (violins), James Munro (viola), and Charlotte Roberts (cello). Today's concert will be missing Sayako Mundy on violin as she is visiting relatives in Japan. The ROCOCO QUARTET is delighted to be performing with and welcome warmly Leo Kram!

The members are all graduates of the Sydney Conservatorium, where they first met, and they have performed together since 2005. Already *Rococo* has given numerous concerts throughout the Sydney and the Hunter regions and earlier this year they were invited to perform as a guest quartet for the 2006 Order of Australia Gathering at the NSW Parliament House. They have also been recorded and broadcasted live on both ABC



Classic FM and 2 MBS FM with other guest artists and their reputation as a quality ensemble is growing rapidly. The current members collaborate a wealth of experience from having played with orchestras such as The Australian Chamber Orchestra, Sydney Sinfonia and the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra. Besides playing as a quartet they also delight in filling their other time with teaching, computers and surfing.

### *Christmas Greetings to all*

The Hastings Choristers would like to wish our friends and supporters a very peaceful, happy and musical Christmas.

This year we have been lucky enough to have two fine young musicians enhance our team. Lydia Wills, our extremely talented accompanist, has landed on our shores from Queensland and we hope she will continue to enjoy this area's riches for some time. Josh Salter, well known to the local area, will leave us in 2007 to pursue his musical studies overseas and we wish him all the very best. Hopefully the call of the Hastings Valley will see him back here in years to come. Bless you both for bringing your youth, enthusiasm and considerable skills to the Hastings Choristers.

Today's concert also showcases the beautiful soprano voice of our own Nina Mestic and the dulcet tones of John Thompson. We are fortunate to have so much talent in our membership and thank them both for their hard work and dedication.

*Robyn Ryan*

### Special Thanks

Many thanks to our **Patrons, Paul and Mary McCarthy** for producing this colourful program and to the following businesses who are always willing to support the Hastings Choristers:

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## REJOICE AND BE MERRY!



**Musical Director - Robyn Ryan OAM**

**WITH SPECIAL GUESTS**

**ROCOCO STRING QUARTET**

8.00 PM SATURDAY 2 DEC 2006

2.00 PM SUNDAY 3 DEC 2006



**Uniting Church Port Macquarie**



THIS CONCERT IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF RAY CUGLEY

## Rejoice and Be Merry

Robyn Ryan - Musical Director      Josh Salter - Assistant Conductor  
Lydia Wills - Accompaniste



### Poco Bel Canto

Wild Mountainside	Celtic arr. Tyack / Torbay
Calypso Carol	M. Perry
Deo Gratias	Natalie Sleeth



### Cantorus

A Fanfare for Christmas	Robin Wells
Whence is that Goodly Fragrance Flowing?	French trad.
Christmas is Coming	W. Davies, trad. words
The Little Road to Bethlehem	M. Head <i>Ensemble</i>
De Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy	West Indian Spiritual arr. W. Llewellyn <i>Ensemble</i>
Donkey Plod and Mary Ride	French 16th Century, arr. H. Le Fevre Pope
A Gallery Carol ( <i>Rejoice and be Merry</i> )	Old English, arr. R. Wells
Lullay My Liking	Gustav Holst. <i>Soloist Nina Mestric</i>
A Christmas Antiphon	John Wilson
Stille Nacht	F. Gruber, arr. I. Humphris <i>Ensemble</i>
Huron Carol	Huron trad., arr. W. Llewellyn
Away in a Manger	W.J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Llewellyn
See Amid the Winter's Snow	J. Goss, arr. D. Willcocks

## Interval

### Cantabile

You'll Never Walk Alone	Rodgers & Hammerstein
Simple Gifts	Trad., arr. Stephen Leek
The Lord is my Shepherd	Javier Busto
Sing Allelu	Trad. spiritual



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Christmas Concerto      Corelli



### Cantorus

And There Were Shepherds	J.S. Bach <i>Soloists: John Thompson Nina Mestric</i>
Ding Dong! Merrily on High	16th C French, arr. C. Wood
The Three Kings	P. Cornelius, arr. I. Atkins <i>Soloist: Nina Mestric</i>
A Christmas Carol	Hungarian trad., arr. Z. Kodaly



### Cantorus with Rococo String Quartet

Ave Maria	G. Caccini
Good King Wenceslas	Arr. R. Jacques
Jesu, Joy of Mans Desiring	J. S. Bach
A Merry Christmas	Trad., arr. A. Warrell