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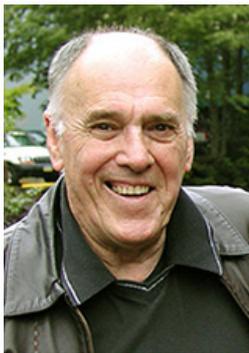


New Zealand Youth Choir and NZSO National Youth Orchestra CBS Canterbury Arena Christchurch 8 September 2012

Photo: Wayne Williams

David Carson-Parker

A Tribute



David Carson-Parker, former Chair of Choirs Aotearoa New Zealand Trust, died suddenly on Sunday, 21 October. A familiar figure on the arts scene in Wellington, he was a true patron of the arts and his eclectic interests took him into a wide range of arts disciplines. He was Associate Producer of the landmark film 'Utu', and was past Chairman of the New Zealand Printmakers Council, a Member of Downstage Trust Board, Founding Director and Chairman of the New Zealand Chamber Orchestra, a Trustee of the NZ International Festival of the Arts and the Adam Foundation. His interest in craft led him to become President of both the New Zealand Society of Potters and the New Zealand Crafts Council.

A former executive of the Feltex Company, he became a Trustee of the then National Youth Choir Trust in 1994 and Chair of the Board in 2000. An inveterate traveller, David accompanied the Youth Choir on its tours to the USA in 2001 and Eastern Europe and Russia in 2004, and joined Voices NZ Chamber Choir for its appearance at the International Chamber Choir Competition in Marktobendorf, Germany in 2005. David's final Board Meeting was in February 2007 after serving 13 years as a Trustee.

In the souvenir programme for the NZ Youth Choir's 30th anniversary concert in 2009, Artistic Director, Dr Karen Grylls, acknowledged the excellent work of the Trust's Boards and, in particular, mentioned that "the support of David Carson-Parker on various tours will be remembered as a mark of his huge generosity towards the Choir in every respect".

Having recently become re-engaged with Choirs Aotearoa, David was helping with a proposed overseas tour for the NZ Youth Choir next year. His enthusiasm and abundant support will be sadly missed.

Roger Lloyd
Chief Executive

A service will be held for David Carson-Parker at Old St. Pauls, Wellington on Monday, 29 October at 2.00pm.

Britten War Requiem

It was recently announced that Voices New Zealand Chamber Choir and the New Zealand Youth Choir with a combined children's choir will join the Auckland Philharmonia for a performance of Benjamin Britten's War Requiem in the Auckland Arts Festival on 23 March. This is a monumental piece and a number of volunteer Auckland singers will join the choirs to balance with the two orchestras in Britten's score. Celebrating the composers centenary, this is a 'not to be missed' event. Ticketing through the APO team (Tel: 09 623 1052 / Email: ticketing@apo.co.nz) or after the Festival launch on 31 October from THE EDGE (Tel: 09 357 3355 or 0800 289 842 / Buy online: www.buytickets.co.nz).



Old Coventry Cathedral
Photo: Robert Lussier



Requiem in Wellington
Photo: Matt Grace

Mozart Requiem Encore

For those who were unable to attend Voices New Zealand's performance of the Mozart Requiem in Wellington Cathedral last June, there will be another chance to hear this popular work when Voices appears under the Auckland Philharmonia's Choral Masterpieces banner in Auckland Town Hall on 12 September. The concert is conducted by Canadian Bernard Labadie and also in the programme will be the Haydn Cello Concerto No 1 with soloist Alban Gerhardt. For tickets contact the APO Ticketing team (Tel: 09 623 1052 / Email: ticketing@apo.co.nz).

"... those present were rewarded with a performance of enormous polish, skill and insight..." John Button *Dominion Post* June 2012

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