

Christmas concert Press release:

The Latrobe Orchestra will be holding their Christmas series of performances on Saturday 8th December, led by Musical Director Colin Iversen.

'BABES' IN TUNE FOR MUSIC PROM

The Latrobe Orchestra will be presenting the first Latrobe Valley Babies Prom on SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER at 1100 in the VRI Hall.

Aimed at children aged from two to six, The Prom is a dynamic, entertaining and interactive concert that introduces young children to music and to instruments of the orchestra.

The music is performed by the Latrobe Orchestra, an orchestra of some 30 players, and children and parents are encouraged to take an active part in the concert.

The event is the brainchild of the orchestra's Musical Director, Colin Iversen, who was first involved with Babies Prom concerts when Executive Director of the W A Youth Orchestra associating in Perth and also when Director of Music at Gippsland Grammar.

"It is designed to be really lively and interactive where young children are encouraged to mix with the orchestra, test their skills as conductors and move in time to the music," Mr Iversen said.

"Children are really excited by being able to see and try instruments and meet the young people who are performing for them."

"It's a great experience and a great introduction to music."

The Babies' Prom starts at 11 am and is open to everyone. Tickets are **\$5 per person**, with children under two years of age admitted free. It will be held at the VRI, 18-20 Queens Parade Traralgon

Bookings and enquiries can be made by contacting info@latrobeorchestra.org.au or calling Alison Teychenne on 0402 125 848.

EDITOR'S NOTE: (Not for publication) For further information or comment, contact COLIN IVERSEN, telephone 0413 023 810.

The feature Christmas Concert at 2pm will include music by Beethoven, Mendelsohn, Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, Strauss and others. Our young musicians who work with the John Noble Quartet Program will also perform, fresh from performances with the renowned Flinders Quartet in Warragul and at the Melbourne Recital Centre. Afternoon tea will be supplied at the conclusion of the concert. Tickets are \$5 children/concession, adults \$10 and family \$25.

If you would like more information about these concerts or how to join the Latrobe Orchestra, please email info@latrobeorchestra.org.au or call Alison Teychenne on 0402 125 848.