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## **THE ACCOMPANIST TAKES CENTRE-STAGE**

### **AUSTRALIA'S 1<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ACCOMPANISTS**

**Friday 30 May – Sunday 1 June 2008  
Elder Conservatorium of Music  
The University of Adelaide**

The world's first renowned vocal accompanist, Gerald Moore, made famous the question, "Am I too loud?"

From Friday 30 May until Sunday 1 June 2008, the Accompanists' Guild of South Australia during its inaugural Conference of Accompanists and Associate Artists will consider that question and much more.

The Conference is part of the Guild's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and coincides with the visit of a pianist often compared to Moore and Geoffrey Parsons, one of the world's foremost vocal accompanists, **Malcolm Martineau**.

During the three-days, Malcolm Martineau will be one of the many pianists to contribute as speaker, educator and performer. The Guild has attracted a rich array of presenters - leading pianists, chamber musicians, and pedagogues from all Australian states.

Guild Founder and Conference Convenor, Diana Harris remarks, "Never before has there been such a Conference in Australia. Enthusiasm about the project has been exhilarating."

The Conference includes:

- **The Geoffrey Parsons Award**, sponsored by the UK based Geoffrey Parsons Trust, elevated to a prize pool of \$6000 in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- **Recitals** commencing with the Friday lunch time concert presenting Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes* and including mini-recitals by Calvin Bowman with soprano Jaqueline Porter, Alexander Hanysz with violin prodigy Yuhki Mayne and concluding with the exclusive Australian recital by Malcolm Martineau and bass-baritone, Jonathan Lemalu.
- **Master-classes** conducted by renowned performers and teachers, Malcolm Martineau, Stephen McIntyre (Vic) and David Miller (NSW)
- **Presentations** reflecting the enormous range of the accompanists' art and covering topics related to choral, dance, opera, orchestral and tertiary accompanying, language expectations, training options, interpretation of Ravel, Bowman, Brahms and Schoenberg and even questioning the future of the accompanist.
- **Discussions** including an interview with Martineau by ABC Classic FM presenter, Graham Abbott and panel sessions with established and emerging professional accompanists on the realities of their vocation.

Major contributors at the Conference will be:

- **Malcolm Martineau** – Accompanist of international distinction
- **Graham Abbott** – Conductor, ABC Classic FM presenter
- **Diana Harris** – SA Guild founder: Conference Convenor
- **Jonathan Lemalu** – bass –baritone international opera and recital stages
- **Stephen McIntyre** – University of Melbourne, inaugural Guild Patron
- **David Miller** – Sydney Conservatorium, President of the Accompanists' Guild of NSW
- **Suzanne Witham** and **Mitchell Leigh** – past and current Presidents of the Queensland Accompanists' Guild



The Accompanists' Guild  
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Download the full program from:

<http://accompanist.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2008/03/agsa-conference-programme.pdf>

## Who, What, When & Where?

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<b>WHO &amp; WHAT</b>	Accompanists' Guild of SA and in association with the Elder Conservatorium of Music presents <b>Conference of Accompanists &amp; Associate Artists</b>
<b>WHEN</b>	Friday 30 May – Sunday 1 June 2008
<b>WHERE</b>	Elder Conservatorium of Music, The University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide. Hartley Concert Room and Elder Hall
<b>TICKETS</b>	Adults \$250, Concession \$200, Students \$105 Martineau / Lemalu Recital single ticket bookings Bass 131 246
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