

Staines – Hultgren email correspondence – Listen!

26 Oct 2006

Dear Ralph,

Great to speak to you earlier in the week.

No doubt you guys are off to the MidWest in December; next year I am hoping to go. Any chance of getting me a programme? I will be holidaying at Margate over Christmas/ New Year and it would be good to catch up.

The Commission. An Overture of a Level 4 standard of around 6 minutes. It will be performed by a Regional Band to open a concert at the Opera House in August. I am hoping to receive it from you in April/ May, to give me plenty of time to prepare it.

I need to get a rough idea of cost to a Budget Committee; hoping you might be prepared to do it for around -. But you need to do what is right, and we will accept your quote.

With regard to your Trombone Concerto, I had both Ron Prussing and my son Mitchell (who is in his final year at High School) listen to the recording that you sent me. Mitchell is required to play as part of his Recital a piece of Music by an Australian Composer that has been composed in the last 25 years. They both liked the piece and wanted me to ask you if i/ he could use it? ii/ you had written a piano accompaniment to it? iii/ if not, would you be prepared to write one and what would it cost?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Gavin

1st Nov 2006

Dear Ralph,

Great news!

Can you email me a contract at your earliest convenience?

Regards,

Gavin

2 Nov 2006

Dear Ralph,

I have forwarded on your emails to Jennifer Gregory.

Hopefully she will contact you tomorrow.

Regards,

Gavin

3 Nov 2006

----- Original Message -----

From: [Gregory, Jennifer](#)

To: [Gavin Staines](#)

Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2006 10:20 AM

Subject: RE: New Commission.

Hi Gavin,

Yes we will do this. Can you send me the contract you use please?

Thanks Gavin

Jenny

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From: Gavin Staines [mailto:gavsco@dart.net.au]

Sent: Monday, 30 October 2006 9:07 PM

To: Gregory, Jennifer

Subject: Fw: New Commission.

Dear Jennifer,

Quote for the Concert Band Commission as requested.

Regards,

Gavin

8 Nov 2006

Dear Ralph.

Trust you and Julie are well.

Just been talking to Ron Prussing about your 'Dance Diversions'. Ron suggests that he would probably teach him the 1st movement.

However, being from north of the border you probably are not aware that for the Higher School Certificate here, music students studying the Music 2 course are required to perform a work written in the last 25 years by an Australian Composer. Ron suggests that you write an accompaniment for the piece, then get it to the Australian Music Centre here in Sydney, who would be looking for such pieces to sell to senior students. You could do alright out of this.

How did you get on with Jennifer Gregory about the commissioned work?

Take care. Regards,

Gavin

10 Apr 2007

Dear Ralph,

Thank you for keeping me updated on your latest commission for us. I will give Jennifer Gregory a call on Monday to find out where we are at.

My son Mitchell has asked me to remind you about the Piano Accompaniment for the 3rd movement of 'Dance Diversions'. Any chance of letting me know when that might be done, as he needs to perform it soon for an assessment.

Trust everything goes well in the US.

Did you receive our CD recording of 'Joshua' ? What do you think? I must tell you, that with the new year, hardly a week goes by without someone asking me when we will be playing 'Joshua' next.

Take care. Regards,

Gavin

19 Mar 2007

Dear Ralph,

Great to hear from you. Thanks for taking the time to do the Piano accompaniment - Mitchell will be really pleased.

No great hurry for 'Listen' - any chance of receiving it sometime in May? It will not be premiered until the end of August.

Glad everything has worked out with this piece as far as the money goes.

Regards to Julie (and to Tim Robo, when you see him next),

Sincerely,

Gavin

15 Apr 2007

Dear Ralph,

My apologies for not responding - I have been away on holidays.

With regard to your email - all good!!!

I have the luxury in that it is a Regional Band, and I can supplement it with students from my own Band.

Looking forward to working with you.

Regards,

Gavin

7 Aug 2007

Dear Ralph,

Many thanks for your emails. My apologies for being a bit slack when it comes to replying.

We had our 1st rehearsal of 'Listen' on Sunday evening, and for a 1st Rehearsal I was pleased. We have another rehearsal this coming Sunday.

When you sent down a copy of the parts, you forget to send a copy of the Trombone 2 part. I realized this on Sunday morning and wrote out a part, but if you could email me a copy before the weekend I would appreciate it.

Trust you are well and that you are busy composing Commissioned pieces of music. What's happening with 'Joshua'? Will it be published? Please let me know if you know of any Bands that will record it - as I would like to get a copy.

Are you getting to Chicago this year? My son Mitchell is playing in the Sydney Secondary Schools Wind Ensemble - they will be playing on the Friday afternoon. I am going across for the week - we should get together for dinner one night if you are going to be around.

Take care and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

Gavin

Post premiere

3 Sep 2007

Dear Ralph,

Many thanks for the email, and I apologize that I didn't get to see you after the concert.

I had approximately 40 students involved in the concert and I was responsible for transporting them on the train back to Chatswood Station straight after the concert had finished. (One of my Year 10's has Asbergers, and relies heavily on me to help him with public transport)

I will get the chance to talk to you in Chicago later in the year. Personally I was disappointed we didn't get a better response from teachers and students in the region. We have about 20 High Schools in our Region - only 5 were represented in the Wind Orchestra. More than 20 students were from my school. There should have been more students - more clarinets, trumpets, euphonium, trombones. I think those who were involved enjoyed the experience.

Thanks again for writing for us.

See you soon.

Regards,

Gavin
