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Trumpet fanfare please ... for Manly Music Club's president

Focus on community, schools

Rod Bennett

MANLY Music Club has acquired a new president whose plan is to break down the misconceptions that surround music clubs.

He is hoping the MMC will reach new markets, such as schools, and become a thriving part of the community.

"I think the club does a lot of good for the community," new president Anthony Aarons said. "We want to enhance that."

The first Manly Music Club event for the year is tonight: A Brahms Fest featuring the complete Johannes Brahms sonatas for violin and piano.

Anthony, who originally hails from Canada, arrived in Australia in November after living most of his life in Britain.

He is a graduate of the Royal College of Music in London and for several years was a classical trumpet soloist and in this guise was a recording artist.

But it was a career cut short because of a shoulder injury that required surgery.

"I lived and breathed music when I was living in the UK and when I came here and was asked (to be MMC president) I thought it was an exciting opportunity," he said.

He will be taking the reins with assistance from MMC musical director, peninsula

THE ESSENTIALS

WHAT: A Brahms Fest

WHEN: Tonight, 8pm

WHERE: Cardinal Cerretti Chapel, St Patrick's Estate, Darley Rd

COST: \$20, concession \$10

DETAILS: 9948 7738

music identity, flautist Bridget Bolliger.

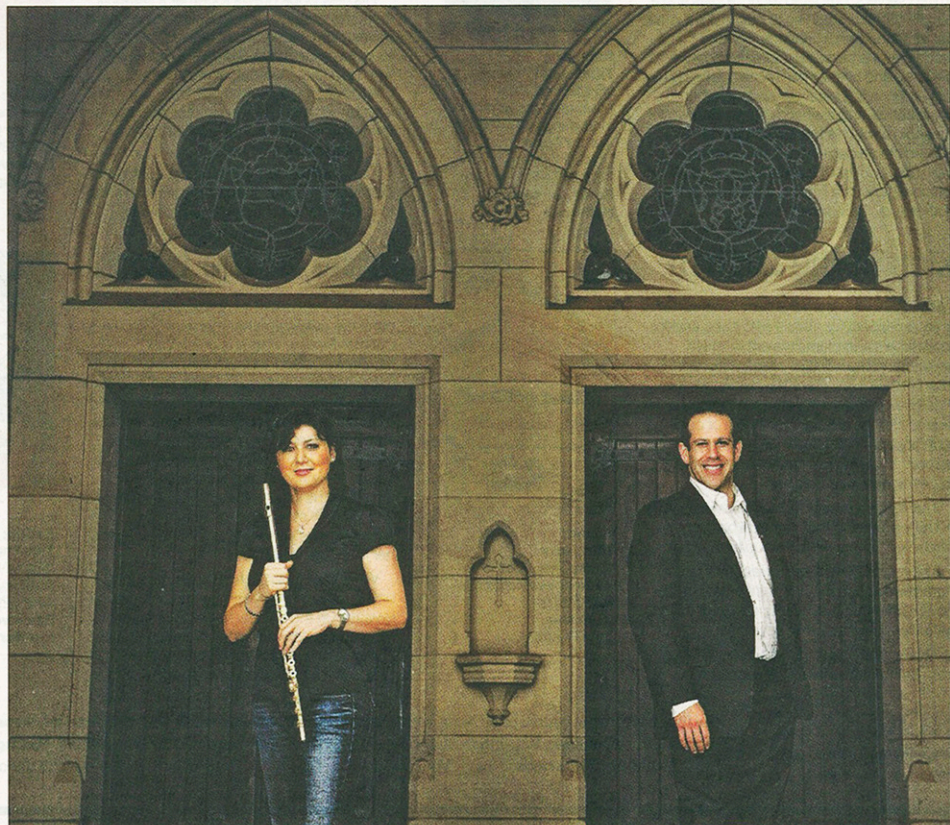
"Bridget will take care of the artists and the repertoire and I will look at ways to increase involvement in MMC," Aarons said.

"When I came to Australia I wanted to throw myself into the arts world.

"I believe this club is one of the oldest of its kind in Australia and that it has survived is testimony to the community and the people who've run it."

One of his first ideas for broadening the audience of the club is to get younger people through the doors.

"I want to involve local schoolchildren - expose them to music as much as possible."



Music Club's baton in the safe hands of flautist Bridget Bolliger and president Anthony Aarons. Picture: BRADEN FASTIER -FP438086