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Greetings from David

Hello everyone! Another year has gone, and it's great to have another opportunity to renew contact with my past clients. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and prosperous 2012. I have seen a few of you over the past few months in some unlikely places, but when this happens it is good to renew old acquaintances.

I trust you are all well, and that 2012 will be a good year for you.



2011 Classic Concerts Cruise

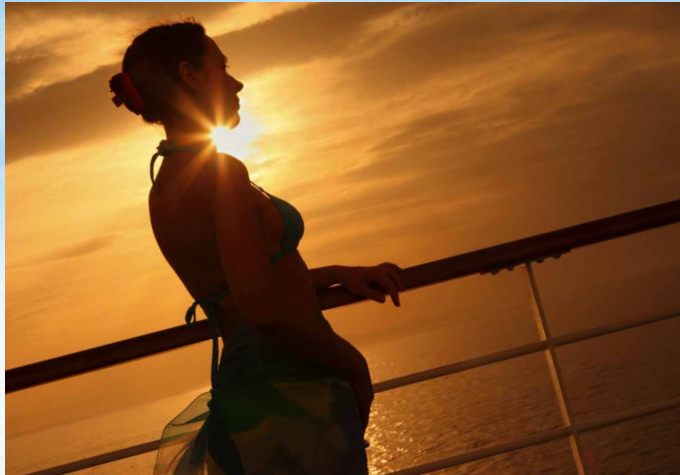
Our 2011 Classic Concerts Cruise departed on 02 November 2011, and operated during a 14-night itinerary to New Zealand aboard SUN PRINCESS. Our entertainers performed a wide range of popular classics, plus a number of lesser-known works, mainly in the Princess Theatre or the Shooting Stars nightclub. Due to crew safety drills and the dispatch of shore excursions, there were a couple of occasions where the theatre was not available and the Vista Lounge was offered to us instead, as it has a grand piano for evening entertainment.

This is a particularly attractive room, and was excellent for our purpose. Of the well-known works performed Saint Saens' The Swan from Carnival of the Animals and Beethoven's Sonata No 14, the Moonlight Sonata, were enjoyed by all.

In addition to our musical presentations, we were delighted to present a screening of the ABC-commissioned documentary "The Curse of the Gothic Symphony". This traces the last five years of the 28-year effort to stage the Gothic Symphony in Brisbane. It had been screened previously on only two occasions – The Melbourne International Film Festival and the Brisbane International Film Festival. It will be broadcast nationally on ABC-TV in March 2012. It was an honour to present the first international screening of this film, and we thank the Australian Broadcasting Corporation for granting their permission.

The Gothic Symphony, by British composer Havergal Brian, is the largest classical work ever written. It had been performed only four times, only in the UK, since its completion in 1927 prior to its performance in Brisbane. The hundreds of musicians and choristers required makes it extremely difficult to rehearse and present (quite apart from the cost factor). 4MBS General Manager Gary Thorpe OAM is to be applauded for his tenacity in achieving this presentation. It has certainly put Brisbane on the world map of classical music.

Our 2012 Classic Concerts Cruise is scheduled to depart from Brisbane in SUN PRINCESS on 07 November. It is of eleven nights' duration, calling at Pacific ports. Even at this early stage we are unable to secure outside twin cabins in our allocation, so we have added more balcony cabins to our inventory. This will be the 17th year of the Classic Concerts Cruise, and as far as we are aware, there is still no comparable cruise staged by a retail travel agency anywhere in the world. For more information or to make a booking, please phone Corie on 1800 427 847.



We are planning our next DRAMA ON THE HIGH SEAS cruise, and hope to have information available in the next few months. Our producer, Tama Matheson, is an extremely busy person in his main role as produce with the Australian Opera Company in Sydney. Tama also assists with other productions by 4MBS such as the Shakespeare Festival, but as these projects are usually of a short duration, this is usually manageable.

A seven or ten-night cruise is a little more difficult to fit into his calendar which is planned a year or more ahead. Having undertaken one cruise, he is keen to be part of another one when a break in his commitments coincides with a sailing which suits our needs. Like the Classic Concerts Cruise, our Drama cruise is exclusive to The Cruise Specialists, and operates as a fund-raiser for 4MBS Classic FM.

We will let you know when further information becomes available.



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