

Doctors Orchestra in concert

Otago medical alumni and students played to a sell-out audience and standing ovations in Nelson during the inaugural New Zealand Doctors Orchestra concert last month.

The 65 member orchestra enthusiastically performed Lilburn's Aotearoa overture, Schumann's piano concerto, Puccini arias and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5 under the baton of conductor Mark Hodgkinson.

Two soloists starred; Nelson surgeon Adrian Secker and Christchurch physiotherapist and soprano Tara Martin (pictured).

The weekend was a highlight for the coordinators, double-bassist Professor Tim Wilkinson and his wife, violinist Lynette Murdoch, and their trumpet playing son Tom, currently a fourth year medical student at UOW.

The NZDO is modeled on similar orchestras in Australia and Europe, with all takings donated to charity, in this case the Nelson Hospice.



Christchurch physiotherapist and soprano, Tara Martin, sings Puccini arias at the sell-out NZ Doctors Orchestra concert at the Nelson School of Music.