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Melbourne Community Foundation
Hamer Family Fund
Suite 6, 19-35 Gertrude St
Fitzroy 3065



A receipt will be sent out promptly.

About the Hamer Family Fund

The Hamer Family Fund was established in 2004 as a sub-fund of the Melbourne Community Foundation to honour the lives and work of four siblings: Sir Rupert (Dick) Hamer, Alan Hamer, Alison Patrick and David Hamer. David Hamer died in 2002, Dick in 2004.

Reflecting some of the key interests of these four people, the objects of the fund are to support initiatives in

- the arts, especially the performing arts;
- innovation in care for the environment;
- talented youth;
- good government.



Dick Hamer



David Hamer



Alison Patrick



Alan Hamer

Our finances in brief

- MCF has approximately \$30m in its corpus and is the 'umbrella' for 105 other sub-funds like us.
- HFF fund has approximately \$234,000 so far.
- The net return on HFF funds over the past twelve months was just on 15%.
- HFF received over \$34,000 in new gifts during the past year.
- Grants of just over \$29,000 were made during 2006-7.



Focus on The Arts Civil Society

A major grant in 2007 was to the Australia Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra. APA is one of Australia's finest chamber groups. Concerts at BMW Edge, Federation Square are broadcast by both ABC and 3MBS. It also has a notable program of regional concerts and educational workshops. The Hamer Fund is proud to sponsor its opening concerts for the 2007 season. See www.australiaproarte.com

On 3rd October 2006 in the appropriately grand surroundings of the Victorian Parliament, Mr Harry Evans, Clerk of the Senate, delivered the David Hamer Oration. With a slightly provocative title that David would surely have appreciated, "Government Majority in the Senate: a Nail in the Coffin of Responsible Government?", Harry Evans spoke to a full house about the role of the parliamentary committee system. Lively question and answer followed before the bells summoned many back to the Chamber.

The Hamer Family Fund thanks the Australasian Study of Parliament Group for its hosting of the Oration. See www.aspg.org.au

Victorian College of the Arts

Through the enthusiastic support of Lady April Hamer, the Fund is financing two new scholarships at the VCA. The Sir Rupert Hamer Arts Scholarship (Repetiteur) will be awarded annually to a gifted student considering a future in the profession. It has a value of \$5,000 in 2007. A second Scholarship will be awarded to a talented post-graduate students practising in Dance or Production. This award is to the value of \$15,000 in 2007.

Visit www.vca.unimelb.edu.au



Photograph by Vito Vampatella

Melbourne Conversations & future leaders

We particularly recommend these occasions at BMW Edge in Federation Square. Running from 6.00 to 7.30 pm, with outstanding symposium leaders, they guarantee a stimulating end to the day.

On 27 June, the theme is good government and accountability. Although we are not contributing financially to the evening, thanks to the support of several other philanthropic organizations, we very much recommend it, especially since the Conversations target upper secondary and university students. For details, visit www.futureleaders.com.au

The Challenge: adding value

In March this year, the HFF Committee met to plan strategically for the future. We were assisted by Hayden Raysmith, formerly chairman of the Melbourne Community Foundation.

We worked on two main topics which will be our touchstones in the coming year:

- Ways of building the amount of money in the Fund
- Ensuring that we genuinely add value, as compared with donations that people might make directly to the arts, or to democratic causes, or to the environment.

The Hamer quartet takes off!

Four outstanding young artists whom we are thrilled to associate with are:

- Cameron Hall (violin)
- Rebecca Chan (violin)
- Stefanie Farrands (viola)
- Michael Dahlenberg (cello)

As the Hamer Quartet, they gave a most successful inaugural concert at the National Academy of Music in Emerald Hill on 20 March. The recital was taped by the ABC and as one reviewer said was remarkable for intoxicating warmth and high

intelligence. Melbourne can look forward to some exciting new music, as well as the established classics, from this enthusiastic addition to the city's musical scene.



Shirley & Digger Martin environmental initiative

Recently, we have been delighted to have members of the Martin Family notify us that, through the HFF, they are in the process of establishing an environmental initiative to honour Shirley and Digger Martin who were members of the same generation as Dick, David, Alison and Alan Hamer.

Peter Martin's architectural practice is well known for its environmental credentials – and in the next generation his daughters also follow 'green' pursuits. We look forward to announcing the first grants.

The Hamer tradition in Melbourne

In Melbourne, the name 'Hamer' is immediately associated in the general public mind with the arts and Southbank. Many people will also associate the family with a certain liberal, Deakinite tradition of public life. People in the academic, philanthropic and business worlds know of huge contributions that have been made by 'Hamers' and by members of other families linked to them by marriage and friendship. The contributions of the Swinburnes, the Patricks and the McPhersons are only three that might be mentioned.

The aim of our Fund is to perpetuate these good traditions and, so far as we can, to build on them.

How the fund is managed

The Hamer Family Fund is a sub-fund of the Melbourne Community Foundation. To find out more about MCF, go to www.communityfoundation.org.au or phone Andrea Rumph, Director, on (03) 9412 0412.

Fund-raising and recommendations about grants on behalf of the Hamer Family Fund are handled by our Committee. Our present Chair, Sarah Brenan, will be happy to provide more detail. (03) 9665 5024 or SarahB@allenandunwin.com

Got a good idea?

We are keen to hear from anyone who supports our goals and has energy, time and the ability to contribute to our work. One of the things our Fund can do is be smart in identifying possible grant recipients. We look for grants that are within our still limited means, but which will have multiplier or leverage effect. As always, networks and contacts help!

The Committee would love to hear from you if you have a good idea. Contact: Jonathan Hamer (03) 9643 4148 or jonathan.hamer@mallesons.com