

## Standing ovation for the New Zealand Doctors Orchestra

Doctors and medical students from all over New Zealand played to a sell-out audience and standing ovations during the hugely successful inaugural New Zealand Doctors Orchestra (NZDO) concert in Nelson.

The NZDO is coordinated by Christchurch-based MAS Members Professor **Tim Wilkinson**, a double-bassist, and his wife Dr **Lynette Murdoch**, a violinist – the pair's son Tom Wilkinson, a fourth-year medical student at the University of Otago Wellington, played trumpet.

The 65-member orchestra performed Lilburn's Aotearoa overture, Schumann's piano concerto, Puccini arias and Tchaikovsky's

Symphony No 5 under the baton of conductor Mark Hodgkinson. Among the evening's highlights were two soloists, Nelson surgeon **Adrian Secker** and Christchurch physiotherapist and soprano **Tara Martin**, also MAS Members.

The NZDO is modelled on similar orchestras in Australia and Europe, with all ticket sales donated to the Nelson Hospice. The event will run again from 21 to 23 June 2013 in Nelson and medical musicians are encouraged to sign up – more information is available at [http://nzdo.org.nz/NZDO/Information\\_for\\_players.html](http://nzdo.org.nz/NZDO/Information_for_players.html)

