

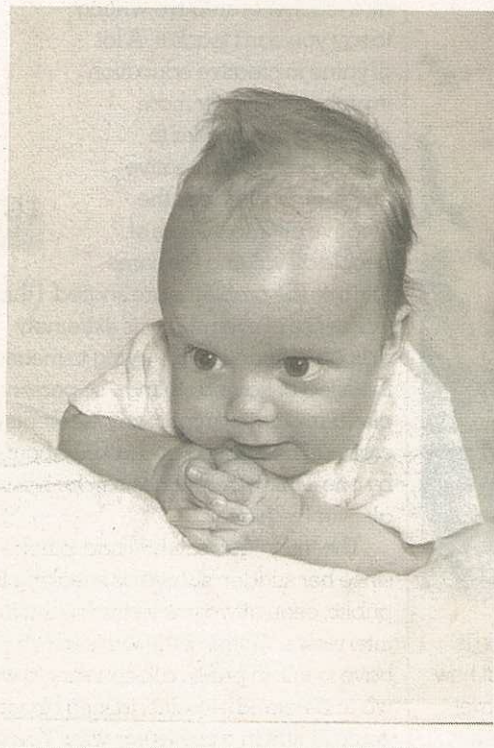


MARC TADDEI

The 50-year-old Orchestra Wellington music director opens his family album.

1963 OH, BABY

The only childhood photo I have is this baby photo. It was taken in Hoboken, New Jersey. This captures me in a period of relative equilibrium, before the horrors of toilet training, kindergarten and incessant scale and arpeggio practice. My hairline hasn't changed a bit.



2012 NEW YORK, NEW YORK

In December I had the great good fortune to work with the New York City Ballet on their annual production of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*. Having never conducted the complete ballet before, I was thrown in at the deep end, conducting my first performance without an orchestra rehearsal. Luckily, it went well and they have invited me back to conduct a season of Balanchine masterpieces next month, including Prokofiev's *The Prodigal Son*. My beautiful wife, Justine Cormack, joined me after the performances finished and we indulged our mutual love of fine food and wine – treating ourselves to 15 Michelin stars in a week. This photo was taken after a theatrical 12-course meal at the Michelin 3-star Eleven Madison Park. The restaurant is currently rated fifth on the S. Pellegrino best restaurants of the world list, although New Zealand's own Ben Shewry at Attica in Melbourne (No 21 on the list) cooked us a more perfect meal last April.



2010 TRACKING ON

This picture was taken at Sandfly Point after running the 54-kilometre Milford Track in a day. As you can see, I have a really fine sense of fashion, the striped polyprops a particularly fashion-forward touch. I ran the Milford for the first time in 1995 with my good friends, Bud Jones and Matthew Ross, the concertmaster of Orchestra Wellington. For a person who has not been particularly active, running this track both times gave me a real sense of accomplishment and my intention is to run this incomparable track a few more times until I can take it no longer. It certainly seemed longer in 2010 than it did in 1995.



2013 LIFE'S TWISTS & TURNS

This pictures me at a recent yoga class. While I am clearly not a natural, it certainly has become, along with the occasional run, a regular feature of my life. I've struggled with my weight over the years (my love of cooking, wine and restaurants does not help) and for me this discipline has had really positive effects on my well-being. I am sure that it has helped my conducting as well.

