

NEWSLETTER No. 1



From the Director

2011 is shaping up to be another bumper year for the Con.

Fresh from our tour of Italy and France things are definitely starting to heat up.

The UHCM provides residents of the Upper Hunter and its students many fantastic opportunities. From our core business of providing individual lessons through the ensembles we offer through to our public concerts and Visiting Artists Series there is sure to be something for everyone. So spread the word and encourage people to attend a concert or take up an instrument.

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Included with this newsletter is your invoice for Term 1.

Please note that the due date is Friday February 18.

The Conservatorium appreciates the prompt payment of all accounts.

UPPER HUNTER SHOW BAND RETURNS HOME FROM EUROPE

The Upper Hunter Show Band has returned home from a whirlwind tour of Europe, taking in performances and sightseeing in Italy and France.

Whilst overseas the band gave 5 performances throughout Rome, Tuscany and Paris. The highlight performance was the Rome Peace Parade on New Years Day. The Show Band led the parade that finished in St. Peters Square where the Show Band was amongst the 50 000 people who witnessed the Pope's New Year Blessing. This blessing also included a special thank you to the Show Band. Following the Pope's Blessing the band entertained the crowds with their performance and movements, even performing on the steps of St. Peters Basilica.

Performances were also given in Bagnoregio, Pisa (passing by the famous leaning tower), San Gimignano and a final performance at Paris Disney. The Disney performance marked the bands third Disney parks performance.

All performances were well received by Italian and French audiences with several of the performances including a police escort and one mayoral reception. Of course it wasn't all work, with members of the tour taking in some incredible sights along the way. Some sights seen were: a one day tour of Kuala Lumpur, Rome and it's ancient buildings such as The Pantheon, The Colosseum, The Vatican Museum, including the Sistine Chapel, St Peters Basilica, The Leaning Tower of Pisa, Civita di Bagnoregio, Florence and Michelangelo's David and finally Paris and all it has to offer, including the Eiffel Tower.

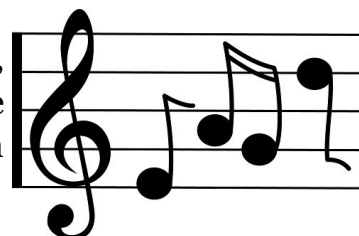
All members of the group had a memorable and experience and will remember the trip for years to come.

The Conservatorium would like to thank Major Sponsors Sax and Woodwind and Yamaha Australia as well as Hunter Mutual, Bengalla Mining, Rotary Club of Muswellbrook, Muswellbrook Shire Council, Scone Veterinary Hospital, Upper Hunter Shire Council and Dr Verma for their support.

ENSEMBLES AT THE CON

The Conservatorium's Ensembles Program offers a variety of different ensembles to choose from. The Ensembles of the Conservatorium represent the con and our community locally, nationally and even internationally.

The Conservatorium Orchestra will present 2 concerts in 2011, performing a large variety of music, including music from the 1700's right through to today. The Orchestra rehearses each Thursday at the Conservatorium building in Muswellbrook.



The Upper Hunter Show Band is a marching band consisting of students and staff of the Conservatorium. Fresh from a whirlwind tour of Europe the Show Band will performing at a variety of events in 2011.

The Conservatorium Choir is a highlight of the Conservatorium Vocal Program. Led by Jill Carter the choir performs a large variety of repertoire and will take part in several performances during 2011.



Formed in 2010 the Upper Hunter Concert Band rehearses in Scone on Tuesday afternoons. Performing music for Concert Band and Big Band the group will perform several time throughout 2011.

For further information on any of the Conservatorium ensembles please contact the UHCM Office.

In 2011 the Upper Hunter Conservatorium is pleased to welcome several new teachers to its ranks.

Aaron Rothmund who grew up in Aberdeen and attended Scone High School will be teaching flute students in Singleton. Aaron is a graduate of the University of Newcastle, having completed the Bachelor of Music degree in 2010. Aaron has been a member of several orchestras in Newcastle and has performed with Newcastle Festival Opera on many occasions. In 2011 Aaron is studying for a Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree.

Katrina Constable joins us, replacing Catherine Sheng who is expecting a child in 2011. Katrina is a student at the University of Newcastle, studying for the Bachelor of Music degree. Katrina is also a previous student of the Upper Hunter Conservatorium, having spent her childhood in Merriwa. Katrina is also a regular performer with the UHCM Orchestra.

We wish them both well and look forward to having them a part of the Upper Hunter Conservatorium.

2011 Visiting Artists Series

Following on from the 2010 Series 2011 sees some outstanding performances headed for the Upper Hunter. Thanks to the Arts NSW Regional Conservatoriums Program, the Upper Hunter Conservatorium will be presenting a series of 5 concerts throughout 2011.

David Scheel—Muswellbrook—11th February
UHCM Brass Quintet—Muswellbrook—8th April
Newcastle Festival Opera—Singleton—28th May
Tavantinsuyu Ensemble—Muswellbrook—29th October
Broadway in Concert—Muswellbrook—19th November

For a special season tickets to all concerts for \$80 Adults or \$50 concession. Full information is available in the 2011 Visiting Artists Handbook available now.

The first concert of the year will see pianist/comedian David Scheel making a welcome return to the Upper Hunter.



David is a true Australian success story. Regarded as one of the finest solo musical comedy performers in the world and dubbed as the modern Victor Borge very early in his career, David turns classical music on its head,

He combines musical genius with comedy in his concerts, which offer his audience the opportunity to hear beautiful and technically brilliant piano music one moment, and laugh themselves silly at the end.

David's conversationalist send-ups of the ridiculous things in everyday life are always delivered in a huge range of voices and accents, and have led to frequent comparisons with Peter Ustinov and Robin Williams.

Tickets for this special concert are available now by contacting the Conservatorium Office.

David Scheel in Recital
Friday 11 February, 7:30pm
Muswellbrook South Public School Hall
Adults: \$20 Concession: \$10

TERM 1 EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT
Mon	31 Jan			Lessons Recommence
Tue	1 Feb	4:30	Scone High School	UH Concert Band Rehearsal
Thu	3 Feb		Con	Orchestra and Ensembles Rehearsals
Fri	11 Feb	7:30	Muswellbrook South PS	David Scheel in Recital
Sat	26 Feb		Muswellbrook	UHSB Performance
Fri	18 Mar			AMEB entries close
Wed-Fri	23-25		Scone	Kia Ora Youth Music Camp



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Muswellbrook South Public School Hall
Maitland Street, Muswellbrook

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
Adults \$20 Concession \$10

Booking enquiries:

Phone: 02 6541 4888 Email: uhcm@hunterlink.net.au

David Sheel is a true South Australian success story. Born at Stirling in the Adelaide Hills he studied at the University of Adelaide, gaining an Honours degree in languages and a concert diploma on the piano. Following 18 years in the United Kingdom, David returned to Australia and has developed an international touring schedule in the USA, Canada and South-East Asia.

In David's concerts classical music is turned on its head. At any time you may hear a popular folk song played in the styles of Mozart, Rachmaninoff, an iPod Mini (!) and a blues tune, or he may play a piece by Bach in the right hand and one by Andrew Lloyd Webber in the left, at the same time. A miniature concerto based on the 20 worst tunes ever written is another favourite. But in between times he will unwrap one of the classics, or one of his own highly lyrical compositions, and reveal his true quality as a pianist.



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