



### *From the Director*

2011 has really begun at a brisk *allegro* (sorry bad musical pun).

We've already seen the first of our Visiting Artists Concerts and getting ready for the second. A good sized audience was in attendance for David Scheel and we are hoping for the same response for the next event.

As the Con continues to grow we continue to add programs and services. Now is the ideal time to enrol in groups, after the early rush. Places are available in Early Childhood Music, Choir and our Drama programs. Contact the office for further information.

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Thank you to all families who are up to date with Term 1 accounts. Prompt payment of accounts enables the conservatorium to deliver services and programs throughout the Upper Hunter Region.

## UHCM Brass Quintet in Concert

The Brass Quintet is one of the most flexible of all musical ensembles. Performing music from 17th century madrigals to modern jazz, and everything in between, the Brass Quintet consist of two trumpets, French horn, trombone and tuba.

For the second concert in the 2011 Visiting Artists Series the conservatorium has assembled a fine quintet with members of the UHCM teaching staff and invited guests.

The sublime acoustics of the Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre will provide a sensational backdrop for this special event.



**Adult: \$15**  
**Concession: \$10**

**Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre**  
**Friday April 8**  
**7:30pm**

Tickets available now at the UHCM office.

## Upper Hunter Conservatorium Choir

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.

A regular feature of the choir is participation in the Muswellbrook and UH Eisteddfod. Currently the choir is preparing for this event again in 2011.

In recent years the UHCM choir has joined with the Orchestra to present performances of *Messiah* in 2007 and 2009 and in 2010 performed in the world premiere performance of Russell Thornton's *Hydrology*.

The Choir is currently inviting all members of the Upper Hunter Community to join the choir and experience some good music making and good times.

## Staff Changes at the UHCM

UHCM piano teacher, Miss Sam Shearan, will be this week spending her last week with us at the Con. Sam will be heading off to full time employment in Sydney. We wish Sam well for the future and thank her for the time that she has spent in the Upper Hunter.

We are currently advertising for a teacher to work with students of Sam.

Current students will receive a notification letter early to inform them of new arrangements.

Don't forget that the Conservatorium also provides class and individual tuition in Theory and Music Craft.

These are an essential part of any musical education and are in fact a requirement of higher AMEB grades.

Contact the office with your enquiries.

## 2011 MTA Piano Masterclass

The Conservatorium is excited to present a masterclass for pianists with Gabriella Pusner.

Gabriella is one of Australia's most accomplished pianists and teachers and is a highly sought after accompanist.

**Muswellbrook Con**  
**Sunday May 22**

The Conservatorium is able to help with all instrument, reeds, music books and strings purchases. For assistance please talk with your teacher direct or contact the conservatorium office.



Purchasing a new instrument is often a large financial commitment, and with a flood of cheaper instruments available it often pays to seek guidance when making this purchase.

## **UHCM Orchestra and Ensembles**

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### **An Afternoon at the Movies**

The Conservatorium Orchestra and Ensembles presents it's first concert for 2011, showcasing highlights from the cinema screen. The Orchestra will join forces with the Junior Strings, Senior Strings, Percussion Ensemble, Wind Quintet and Clarinet Choir.

Featuring music from mega blockbusters such as *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Askaban* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Join us to relive some memories or just to have good afternoon of fine music.

**Muswellbrook South Public School**

**Sunday April 2**

**2:00pm**

#### **Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod**

The syllabus for the 2011 Muswellbrook and UH Eisteddfod is now available. As is usual there are plenty of fantastic opportunities for students of the con to enter events and receive terrific performance practice, and in some cases some prize money.

The syllabus is available for download from the Muswellbrook Shire Council Website: [www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au](http://www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au) or by talking to your conservatorium teacher.

There are sections available for all Con Students, from drama, through to vocal and then instrumental and piano.

Talk to your teacher and enter this fantastic event that serves the Upper Hunter so well..

#### **2011 Upper Hunter Shire and Kia-Ora Youth Music Camp**

Registrations are now open for the 2011 Kia Ora Camp. The camp, held in Scone, is open to all residents of the Upper Hunter Shire and students attending schools in the Upper Hunter Shire.

This year students have the opportunity to experience many different programs during the three day camp. These include Concert Band, Strings, Musical Theatre, Singing, Dance (Hip Hop and Contemporary) and African Drumming.

This year will also see the world premiere of a new composition written especially for the camp and based on the adventures of solo round the world sailor Jessica Watson.

## TERM 1 EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT
Fri	18 Mar			AMEB entries close
Wed-Fri	23-25 Mar		Scone	Kia Ora Youth Music Camp
Sun	3 Apr	2:00pm	Muswellbrook South	Orchestra and Ensembles Concert
Mon-Fri	4-8 Apr		Upper Hunter	Brass Quintet tour to schools
Fri	8 Apr	7:30pm	Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre	Brass Quintet in Concert
Mon	11 Apr			School Holidays Commence

## MEMBERSHIP OFFER

The UHCM is managed by an Honorary board, made up of members of the Upper hunter Community.

From time to time vacancies exist within this group. To register your interest in becoming a member of this group please complete the form below, or contact the UHCM office. Members are entitled to attend and vote at general meetings, as well as participate and assist in projects and activities of the conservatorium. Membership Fees are \$5.00 and all applications are subject to approval by the board of the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music Inc.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Areas in which you may be able to assist:  
(Please tick)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Concerts

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Catering

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Orchestra Committee

Return your completed Application Form to the  
Conservatorium Office

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please specify)



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