



# NEWSLETTER No.3

## From the Director

Term 2 allows us some time to slow down and prepare for the upcoming Eisteddfod—hotly followed by AMEB Exams. I wish all those preparing for these events the best of luck and look forward to hearing some great results.

This term also sees us in the final preparations for the Showbands Canda/US Tour. What an experience this is sure to be! Personally I'm looking forward to all the performances and then some quality Disney time. And to be able to share all this with a great group of people will be another highlight.

Stay tuned for some exciting news regarding our String Program—full details in the next newsletter.

## Showband to Tour Canada and the US

In July this year the Upper Hunter Showband will undertake a 16 day tour of Canada and the United States. Whilst away the band will take part in the World Famous Calgary Stampede Parade and other performances as part of the Stampede.

After a week in Calgary the band will fly to Orlando, Florida where they will perform at Disney World and Universal Studios as well as visiting the NASA centre for lunch with an astronaut.



We wish the Upper Hunter Showband well as they represent our conservatorium and the broader Upper Hunter Community in this once in a lifetime event.

## ENSEMBLES CONCERT

On Sunday June 14th the ensembles of the Upper Hunter Conservatorium will come together to present their own concert. The Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Wind Quintet, Percussion Ensemble, Choir and Showband will perform an afternoon of exciting and entertaining music not to be missed.

**Muswellbrook South Public School**

**Sunday 28th June**

**2:00pm**

Musicianship and Theory Classes are available in all centres.

Call the Office to enquire about grades and classes in your area.

## Orchestra and Ensembles Concert Report

On Sunday March 29th the Upper Hunter Conservatorium Orchestra and Ensembles presented their first concert for 2009. An appreciative audience was treated to a delightful afternoon of music making with all ensembles reaching a high standard of performance. The conservatorium Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Wind Quintet and Percussion Ensemble all performed along with the Orchestra.

The Orchestra performed music by Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms and Dvorak, including some favourites of the orchestral repertoire.

This concert also marked the first performance for many of the ensemble members. Congratulations to all those who were performing for their first time and we look forward to hearing you all in many more concerts to come.

From the archive: Jazz Band playing at the UHCM Open Day, 2004



## MTA Workshops

The Upper Hunter Conservatorium is fortunate to host the Music Teachers Association workshop's for Piano and Violin students. On Sunday June 14 Helen Smith will work with piano students while Peta Dries will work with violin students.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to have input from two of Newcastle's most experienced teachers. To register contact Jennifer Kershaw at the conservatorium or

## Term 2 Concerts

Dates for the end of Term 2 student concerts are included on the last page of this newsletter. These concerts are a great opportunity for students to perform in a friendly environment and benefit from the experience of seeing others perform. Concerts are held in all areas across the Upper Hunter. To register contact the office or your teacher.

## Staff Profile—Rebecca Roberts

*Qualifications: Bachelor of Music (Honours) and Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary)*

Rebecca studied Music at the University of Western Sydney (UWS), doing an Honours degree in Musicology. She also received her teaching qualification from UWS before teaching at a number of schools in Western Sydney.

Rebecca joined the Conservatorium in 2007 and teaches piano and pre-music classes. Although classically trained, her favourite musical style involves big hair and big guitars. She believes that learning is a life-long process and it is never too late to start having music lessons.

The Conservatorium would like to wish all students entered in the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod the best of luck as they prepare for their upcoming performances.



Much like student concerts, the Eisteddfod is a great way for students to gather experience in performance and to gauge their own improvement over the years.

Do you need music for a function or party? The conservatorium can tailor a package to suit your needs for weddings, parties or any other function.

Music is available in a wide variety of genres and styles.



To discuss your individual needs please contact the conservatorium office.

Performers are subject to availability.

## Term 2 Events

Date	Time	Venue	Event
22nd-24th May	Various Times	Muswellbrook South PS	Eisteddfod - Instrumental Division
29th-31st May	Various Times	Muswellbrook South PS	Eisteddfod - Piano Division
Sun 14th June	Morning	Con	MTA Piano Masterclass
Sun 14th June	Afternoon	Con	MTA Violin Masterclass
Sun 28th June	2:00	Muswellbrook South PS	UHCM Ensembles Concert

## Term 2 Student Concerts

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Teachers Involved
Wednesday	10th June	7:00	Club Singleton	All Singleton Students
Wednesday	17th June	7:00	Conservatorium	Catherine Sheng, Adam Wills, Larni Christie
Monday	22nd June	6:00+7:30	Conservatorium	Jennifer Kershaw, Rebecca Roberts
Tuesday	23rd June	7:00	Conservatorium	Robert Thompson, Lynne Llewelyn, Jennifer Kershaw, Gillian Miles, Larni Christie
Wednesday	24th June	7:00	Merriwa School of Arts	All Merriwa Students
Thursday	25th June	7:00	Conservatorium	Josh Vadas, David Harvey, Nathan Chapple
Monday	29th June	7:00	St Joseph's Denman	All Denman Students
Tuesday	30th June	6:00+7:30	Scone High School	TBC
Wednesday	1st July	6:00+7:30	Scone High School	TBC
Tuesday	7th July	7:00	Conservatorium	Jill Carter, Larni Christie

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