

NEWSLETTER No.4



From the Director

All here at the Conservatorium pass on our sympathies to highly respected piano teacher Mrs Heila Snyman whose husband passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with Heila and her family.

This term saw the first concert of our 2010 Visiting Artists Series. The Conservatorium Hall was filled with people and with wonderful sounds of the piano played by Andrew Chubb.

I hope you will join us for the next concert in the series, the opera *Pepito* by Offenbach.

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TERM 2 STUDENT CONCERTS

Term 2 concerts are fast approaching. End of term concerts are a great opportunity for students to perform in a safe and friendly environment while benefiting from the experience of seeing others perform. Concerts dates are included on the last page of this newsletter. Concerts are held in all areas across the Upper Hunter.

This terms concerts will also feature the first performance of the Upper Hunter Concert Band, a new band that has been rehearsing in Scone for the past month.

Student concerts are generally less formal in nature, with parents, teacher, and other students providing a positive environment.

Concerts have a small admission fee of \$3 for Adults, \$2 for concession and \$5 per family.

To register to perform in one of the concerts please consult your teacher or call the office.

BANKING CHANGES

Due to the recent changes at Hunter Mutual the Upper Hunter Conservatorium's bank details have changed. The new details are:

Credit Union: Hunter Mutual

BSB: 932-000

Account No: 418830

Please remember to include your students surname as reference so that your payment can be processed promptly

VOCAL EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

Congratulations to Conservatorium students who performed in the recent Vocal section of the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod. All singers gave outstanding performances with some excellent results for Conservatorium Students. A special congratulations to the Conservatorium Choir and their conductor Jill Carter on receiving first place in the Community Choir section. A tribute to the great work that the choir has been doing in recent times.



Congratulations also to students who performed in the instrumental section this last weekend, and we give our best wishes to those performing in the Piano Section this coming weekend.

SHOW BAND TO TOUR EUROPE

On January 1 every year, tens of thousands gather in St. Peter's Square to celebrate and receive the Pope's New Years Day blessing.

As part of the Vatican's official holiday celebrations, the Rome New Years Parade passes historic Castel Sant' Angelo, proceeds down the grand Via della Conciliazione and culminates in St. Peter's Square. In keeping with the Italian tradition, enthusiastic spectators fall into step alongside the bands, showing their appreciation with whistles and waves. In St. Peter's Square, bands assemble in a reserved area for the Pope's blessing.

The Upper Hunter Conservatorium is pleased to invite you to partake in this wonderful experience and more as part of the Upper Hunter Show Band. The Show Band's European tour will mark the bands third overseas visit and, apart from the New Years Day parade will include visits to and performances at may different locations in Italy and France. And of course no visit to Paris would be complete without a trip up the Eiffel Tower or a performance at Euro Disney.

Deposits for this tour are due now. To secure your place please contact the conservatorium office.

HSC Music Workshops

Following from the success of previous years the Conservatorium will be hosting a workshop for students currently studying for the HSC exams. The day will cover performance and performance preparation as well as Aural and Compositions. The day is open to both Year 12 and Year 11 students.

For more information contact the conservatorium office.

MTA Workshops

The Upper Hunter Conservatorium will be hosting the Music Teachers Association NSW workshop for piano students on Sunday June 20. Ann O'Hearn, one of Newcastle's most experienced piano teachers and performers will be working with students of all levels.

To enroll in the workshop, contact your teacher or Jennifer Kershaw at the Conservatorium by June 5.

PEPITO, Comic Opera by Jacques Offenbach

The next concert in the 2010 Visiting Artists Series will be a presentation by BlueBottle Productions of the operette Pepito by Jacques Offenbach. This will mark the third visit to Muswellbrook by Scott Blick and BlueBottle Productions. This visit will also include some songs and arias by Offenbach before the commencement of Pepito.

Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre

Saturday 24th July

7:30pm for 8:00pm

**Adults \$20 Concession \$15,
includes Champagne and supper on arrival**

The Upper Hunter Show Band enthralling the audience
in the Scone Horse Festival Parade



TERM 2 EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT
Saturday	19th June	10-3pm	Muswellbrook Con	HSC Music Workshop
Sunday	20th June	Various	Muswellbrook Con	MTA Piano Workshop

Wednesday	9th June	7:00	Merriwa School of Arts	All Merriwa Students
Tuesday	15th June	7:00	Muswellbrook	Janelle French, Lynne Llewelyn, Gillian Miles, Alison Murphy Robert Thompson
Wednesday	16th June	6:00	Scone High School	Lynne Llewelyn, Charlotte McCauley Gillian Miles, Elizabeth Glenday, Jill Carter
Wednesday	16th June	7:30	Scone High School	Janelle French, Robert Thompson, Alison Murphy, Adam Wills
Thursday	17th June	6:00	Scone High School	David Harvey, Michael Fitzgerald, Josh Vadas, Heila Snyman
Thursday	17th June	7:30	Scone High School	Jenny Kershaw, Heila Snyman, Gillian Miles
Tuesday	22nd June	7:00	St Joseph's Denman	All Denman Students
Wednesday	23rd June	6:00	Muswellbrook	Jill Carter, Elizabeth Glenday Adam Wills
Wednesday	23rd June	7:30	Muswellbrook	Michael Fitzgerald, David Harvey Catherine Sheng
Thursday	24th June	7:00	Muswellbrook	Jenny Kershaw, Josh Vadas Charlotte McCauley
Monday	28th June	7:00	Singleton Grail	Singleton Students
Wednesday	30th June	7:00	Singleton Grail	Singleton Students



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