



### *From the Director*

Applications are now open for the 2011 UHCM Orchestra and Chamber Music Camp. This annual camp is a highlight of the UHCM calendar and something I look forward to every year. If you haven't received the information yet contact the Conservatorium Office, or download the brochure, which includes the application form, from our website.

We've come to the end of this year's AMEB exams. Congratulations to all students who undertook an exam; there were some outstanding results.

This time of year also brings about HSC Music exams. Good luck to all students in their performance exams. It maybe a cliché but the saying "Practice makes perfect" really does come to mind.

I'd like to welcome Rebecca Erskine to the UHCM. Rebecca will work as our part-time Community Relations Officer. I look forward to her time with us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Erskine'.



### **2011 Celebration of Strings**

The 2011 Celebration of Strings concert will be held on Saturday 27th August at 5:00pm at Scone High School. The concert will be preceded by a full rehearsal of the massed string orchestra at 4:00pm.

This year's concert will feature performances of traditional English folk tune "Nobody's Gigge" and Stephen Chin's "Hootenanny Hoedown" by the massed string orchestra, in addition to performances by the Junior and Senior String ensembles, a staff item, school groups and solo performances.

### **Celebration of Strings**

**Saturday 27th August, 5:00pm**

**Scone High School Hall**

**Entry: Gold coin donation**

### **Power of Music**

The Xstrata Coal Power of Music Concerts are fast approaching. This year's concerts will be held at Scone High School on the 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm, and 10<sup>th</sup> September at the Singleton Civic Centre, starting at 6:30pm respectively. The concerts will feature performances by the Upper Hunter Concert and Jazz Bands, the UHCM Strings, the Singleton Town Band, the Xstrata Coal Rising Stars and a drum group that has been put together especially for this event. The concerts will also feature performances of Benny the Beagle, a narrated story for band / orchestra that has been composed by Mark Walton and a drama performance directed by Michael Winchester.

Be sure to come along and support our young performers at this fantastic event!

## **2011 UHCM Orchestra & Chamber Music Camp**

Applications are now open for the 2011 Orchestra Camp. This year's camp will be held at St James' Primary School in Muswellbrook.

This year's camp will be led by Graham Sattler, who is Director of the Orange Regional Conservatorium.

This year sees the return of the Junior Strings and Junior Band sections. Junior Strings and Junior Band will cater for students with a playing standard of Preliminary to Second Grade. The Junior Band will be led Julia Nagy and Junior Strings by Peta Dries.

Campers will have the opportunity to work with our guest tutors, including Trevor Mee, Steven Lavis, David Cooper and Adam Manning. Some of your favourite UHCM teachers will be on hand too.

Registration forms are now available and if you haven't received one yet please contact the Conservatorium office on 6541 4888 to have one sent to you.

**Applications close Friday 26 August**

**UHCM Orchestra & Chamber Music Camp**

**Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th September**

**St James' Primary School, Muswellbrook**

## **Double Bass Workshop**

The Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music is pleased to present an opportunity for double bass students/players to develop their skills under the direction of experienced bass teacher and performer Ann Hosking Perrin.



The workshop is open to double bass players of all levels, and will consist of a one hour individual lesson and a group session. The workshop is also the ideal introduction for Bass Guitarists who may like to expand their horizons.

For further information contact the Conservatorium office or download an application form from the UHCM website.

**Saturday 10th September**

**UHCM Hall, Muswellbrook**

### **Expand your Musical Horizons**

The Conservatorium's Ensembles Program offers a wide variety of different ensembles to choose from. Each ensemble represents the UHCM and our community locally, nationally and even internationally.

The Conservatorium Orchestra is currently preparing a concert showcasing some of the greatest hits of the Classical Repertoire. The orchestra performs a large variety of music, including music from the 1700's right through to today. The Orchestra rehearses every 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 perform at a variety of events throughout 2011 and is gearing up towards its next international tour in 2014, which will include London and Madrid.

The Conservatorium Choir is a highlight of the Conservatorium Vocal Program. Led by Sue Davis, 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 times throughout 2011.

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

### **Baby News**

The UHCM would like to welcome the arrival of Lincoln Cooper and Theodore Thomas Wilson.

Baby Lincoln is the son of previous violin teacher Catherine Sheng and her husband cellist David Cooper, a regular at the UHCM Orchestra Camp.

Theodore is the first born son of Rose Wallin, who taught voice at the Conservatorium.

All mothers and babies are in good health and have made a good start to life.

We wish all of them well.



## Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

In association with the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the UHCM hosted the monthly members breakfast at the CUSA rooms on Tuesday 2 August.

Adam Wills and Bruce Macfarlane delivered a presentation about the UHCM and invited the local business community to support its student Scholarship Program.



The breakfast meeting gave the UHCM the opportunity to network with local business and industry representatives as well as showcase the talent of some of its current scholarship students, including Tim O'Brien, Indyana Taylor and Beau Gibson.

Brass teacher, Aaron Passfield, also spoke to members about his own experiences at the Conservatorium as a past scholarship student and performed an impressive trumpet solo.

Auditions for 2012 Scholarships are scheduled to take place in Term 4. For more information please speak with your teacher or contact the office.

## TERM 3 EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT
Saturday	27 August	5pm	Scone High School	Celebration of Strings Concert
Friday	9 September	7pm	Scone High School	Power of Music Concert
Saturday	10 September	10am - 3pm	UHCM	Double Bass Workshop
Saturday	10 September	7pm	Singleton Civic Centre	Power of Music Concert
Monday & Tuesday	26 & 27 September	All Day	St. James School	UHCM Orchestra and Chamber Music Camp
Saturday	29 October	7:30pm	UHCM	Tavantinsuyu Ensemble



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