



NEWSLETTER No.6

From the Director

Firstly I must give a big congratulations to all students who have recently undertaken AMEB exams. There were some excellent results for all students. It is very pleasing to see such a large number of students undertaking exams.

There are some outstanding concerts and events coming up towards the end of this term and the holiday break. As usual I would encourage all students and parents to take advantage of this and attend some or all of them.

Finally, good luck to our HSC students as they prepare for the HSC music exam.

2010 UHCM Orchestra Camp

Applications are soon closing for the 2010 Orchestra Camp. This years camp will be held at St James' Primary School in Muswellbrook.

The camp will be led by Robert Harris, who is returning to us after his successful visit three years ago.

This year for the first time we are including 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 regular tutors, including Trevor Mee, Steven Lavis, David Cooper and David Tracy. This year we also welcome Tanya Mee to tutor violins and Julia Cain to tutor flutes.

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

UHCM Orchestra Camp

Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th September

St James' Muswellbrook

CALLING ALL DANCERS!!

As you may be aware the Upper Hunter Show Band will be touring Europe during the 2011 Summer Holidays.

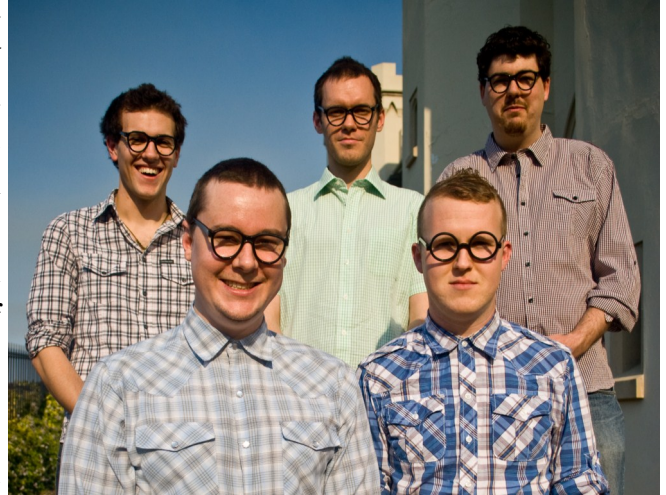
We are seeking dancers and gymnasts to make up the Drill Squad. The Drill squad uses flags and other props to add Colour and Movement to the Marching Band. This is a fantastic opportunity to tour Europe at a great price and have a great time.

Contact the office for further details.



The Dilworths

The Dilworths are the brainchild of emerging Sydney trumpeter/composer Eamon Dilworth and began as an improvisational vehicle for Eamon's compositions. They have since evolved into one of Australia's freshest young groups finding the perfect balance of modern jazz influences, lending from American and European traditions while embracing the raw earthiness of their Australian roots. The band having performed individually everywhere from Carnegie Hall to the Sydney Opera House and launched their debut album on Jazzgroove Records in December 2009 with special guest Judy Bailey performing set of solo piano



The Conservatorium welcomes The Dilworths as part of our Visiting Artists series to lead a jazz music workshop and concert on Thursday September 30th. The night time concert will include performances by students attending the day time workshop.

Upper Hunter Conservatorium Orchestra

The next concert in the Upper Hunter Conservatorium Orchestra's 2010 series will be held on Sunday 5th September, commencing at 2pm.



The Orchestra will perform Mozart's famous *Symphony No. 40, Mars* from The Planets by Gustav Holst, The 1st Movement from Dvorak's *New World Symphony* and Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain*, made famous by Disney's *Fantasia*.

The Concert will also include performances by conservatorium HSC students as they prepare for upcoming exams.

UHCM Orchestra Concert

Sunday 5th September

Muswellbrook South Public School

2:00pm



2010 Celebration Of Strings

The 2010 Celebration of Strings concert will be held on Sunday 19th September at 3pm at Muswellbrook South Public School. The concert will be preceded by a full rehearsal of the massed string orchestra at 2.00pm for all orchestral string students. Please check with your teacher for copies of the music.



This year's concert will feature performances of "Irish Party in Third Class" from the movie *Titanic* and Sheila Nelson's "Fiesta" by the massed string orchestra, in addition to performances by the Junior and Senior String ensembles, chamber music and solo performances.

Celebration of Strings

Sunday 19th September, 3:00pm

Muswellbrook South Public School

Bobby the Musical

The Conservatorium is proud to welcome back Mark Walton and his Power of Music Program to present *Bobby the Musical*

This is Mark and Jo' Walton's third visit to the Upper Hunter Conservatorium following performances of *The Power of Music* and *Leonard and the Lottery Ticket*.



Rehearsals are under way for *Bobby* and by all accounts all students involved are having a fantastic learning experience and a fun time while doing it. This show is a full-scale musical production involving actors, singers and instrumentalists from across the Upper Hunter region. Both performances will commence at 6:30pm.

6:30pm

**Friday 3rd and
Saturday 4th September**

Singleton Civic Centre

2010 UHCM SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now open for 2011 Scholarships and Bursaries. Auditions for scholarships will be held on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st October at the Conservatorium building in Muswellbrook and at the Grail Building in Singleton if needed.

To receive your application form for a scholarship please contact the office or your teacher.

Scholarships are available in all instrument, voice and drama areas and will pay half the tuition costs for a 20 or 30 minute lesson for 2011.

Thanks to generous support from the Scone chapter of the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society we are pleased to offer the Scone ADFAS Scholarship that will be awarded to an applicant with a high level of performance.

Chamber Music Concert

As a part of this years Orchestra Camp our conductor Robert Harris will be performing in an evening concert at the Conservatorium. Robert will be joined by mezzo-soprano Christina Wilson and pianist Alan Hicks to present music for voice, viola and piano.

Christina Wilson and Alan Hicks are both based at the Australian National University in Canberra and are both seasoned performers having studied and performed all over the world.

Before the concert Alan and Christina will be presenting a workshop for vocalists to be held at the Conservatorium. The workshop will allow singers the opportunity to advance their vocal technique and work with one of Australia's leading accompanist.

Further information on the workshops is available from your teacher or by contacting the Conservatorium office.

Chamber Music Concert and Workshop

Sunday 26th September

Workshop: 2pm Concert: 5:00pm

Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music Hall

2010 AMEB Results

Congratulations to the following students who have undertaken AMEB so far this year. There have been outstanding results showing that the work in preparing for exams does pay off. More results will be published in the next newsletter.

Student	Inst	Result	Student	Inst	Result
Sara Simpson	Clarinet	B+	Caitlin Brown	Piano	A
Natalya Catzikiris	Clarinet	B+	Rose Bowcock	Piano	B+
Charlotte Lambert	Clarinet	B	Tahlia McGuirk	Piano	B
Carissa Dumbrell	Clarinet	A	Tahlia Kraefft	Piano	C
Jackie Lockhart	Flute	B+	Thomas Smith	Piano	C+
Lucy Kemp	Flute	A	Amelia Douglass	Piano	C+
Ebony Taylor	Flute	A	Alisha Brown	Piano	B
Laura Guilfoyle	Flute	C	Cleo Riddy	Piano	B
Ebony Hawkins	Flute	A	Laura Joseph	Piano	C
Kate Byrne	Flute	B+	Julian Davis	Piano	C
Sophie Dawson	Flute	A	Hannah Hill	Piano	B+
Nicholas Logan	Flute	B	Olivia van den Heuvel	Piano	B
Phoebe Marcheff	Flute	A	Christopher Greentree	Piano	B
Courtney Gibbons	Piano	B+	Rachel Henderson	Piano	C
Cassidy Watts	Piano	B	Jonathon Logan	Sax	A
George Rodgers	Piano	C+	Hamish Bell	Sax	B
Mikaela Tilse	Piano	A	Sukli Barrell	Sax	A
Emily Towler	Piano	B	Thomas McGrath	Sax	B
Eleanor Tilse	Piano	B	Samuel Hill	Tenor Sax	B+
Millie Ross	Piano	B+	Emily Rayner	Trumpet	C+
Dominica Leaver	Piano	B	Lachlan White	Trumpet	A
Danielle Haworth	Piano	C+	Christopher Field	Trombone	C+
Isaac Smith	Piano	B	Madelin Ortiger	Violin	B+
Laura Bird	Piano	B	Amber Collard	Violin	B+
Taliesin Morgan	Piano	B+	Daniel Flinn	Violin	A
Vanessa Washaya	Piano	C	Mackenzie Barker	Violin	B+
Chloe Hinde	Piano	B	Ben Cargill	Violin	B+
Sadie Archibald	Piano	C+	Amanda Thring	Violin	B
Rosie Brokate	Piano	B	Laura McKay	Violin	B
Yashika Upadhyaya	Piano	B+	Cassandra Byers	Violin	A
Emily Eather	Piano	C	Sukli Barrell	Violoncello	B+
Kirsten Smith	Piano	B	Alex Rolfe	Voice	B
Mele Halaifonua	Piano	C	Alisha Brown	Voice	A
Sophie Robertson	Piano	B+			
Travis Tuckwell	Piano	B			
Thomas Smith	Piano	C+			

Nick Parnell in Concert

The Conservatorium is pleased to welcome back percussion sensation Nick Parnell to present workshops and a concert for students and members of the Upper Hunter community

Award-winning percussionist Nick Parnell is one man with 50 instruments in a high energy performance of festive Brazilian rhythms, ethnic drums, soaring Bach and Gershwin melodies.



His concert for the Conservatorium is part of a national tour which sees him performing in both regional and metro venues. He is joined on stage by visiting USA pianist Graeme Burgan.

Audience members will be entranced by tuned wine glasses, bamboo chimes, ethnic drums, woodblocks, piano and vibraphone, as they all get a serious work out. The highlight of the evening is Parnell's interpretation of Brazilian composer and percussionist Rosauero's 27

minute masterpiece *Brazilian Rhapsody*.

"*Brazilian Rhapsody* is a journey through the lush and endangered rainforests of Brazil. At times it meanders through evocative bird song and the sound of rustling grasses and then it thunders through tumultuous disturbances," says Nick Parnell. "It's a rarely performed work that leaves the listener alive with the rhythmic colour of this sensuous and passionate place."

Set alongside Rosauero's mammoth work is Nick Parnell's own composition, *Rhythms of Brazil*, full of its own rich flavours. Also in the program are musical favourites such as Satie's *Gymnopédie No. 1* and electrifying versions of music by J.S Bach.

Bach to Brazil appeals to both classical music aficionados and world music lovers. It alters traditional perceptions of percussion and introduces the oft misunderstood vibraphone to a whole new generation of music fans.

Nick will also present a workshop for students of the Conservatorium. Not just for students of percussion the workshop will cater to all musicians and give an insight into what it takes to be a successful musician.

Friday 8th October

Workshop: 3-5pm

Concert: 7:30pm

Muswellbrook South Public School

CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

Information for parents and students

1. Fees

All tuition fees are to be paid by the term in advance, unless other arrangements have been made. Students with overdue fees will incur a late fee and may have their lessons cancelled.

2. Payment of Fees

Fees may be paid in person at the Conservatorium office, Hunter Mutual, via the post or internet. Further information is available on the back of all invoices and statements. Conservatorium teaching staff may not accept fee payments.

3. Refund Policy

Lessons missed by the teacher will be made up or credited to your account. Teacher times are booked for each term, therefore lessons missed by students (**for any reason**) do not qualify for a refund or make-up lesson.

4. Discontinued Lessons

Both the teacher and office must be notified at a student's intention to withdraw from lessons. Withdrawals can only be made at half term or at the end of term. In consultation with the student's parent or guardian, Conservatorium teachers reserve the right to discontinue lessons where a student's behavior or attitude is deemed inappropriate.

5. Welfare of Students

The Conservatorium's responsibility for the child's welfare begins and ends at the door of the classroom or studio. Please make sure arrangements are made to collect students promptly.

6. Group Lessons

Fees for group lessons such as Early Childhood Music or one of the Conservatorium ensembles are payable by the full term only. No refunds can be given on group lessons or workshops unless these courses are cancelled by the Conservatorium.

7. Music Tuition Terms

The Conservatorium operates within a four term system which is the same as those of NSW public schools. No lessons are held on public holidays and during school holidays.

8. No Eating and Drinking

Please respect our policy of no eating, drinking or smoking in any rooms used for lessons or within the Conservatorium building. Smoking is not permitted within school or Conservatorium grounds.

TERM 3 EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT
Friday	3rd September	6:30	Singleton Civic Centre	Bobby—The Musical
Saturday	4th September	6:30	Singleton Civic Centre	Bobby—The Musical
Sunday	5th September	2:00	Muswellbrook South PS	UHCM Orchestra Concert
Sunday	12th September		Muswellbrook South PS	Eisteddfod Highlights Concert
Sunday	19th September	3:00	Muswellbrook South PS	Celebration of Strings Concert
Sunday	26th September	2:00	UHCM	Vocal Workshop
Sunday	26th September	5:00	UHCM	Chamber Music Concert
Mon + Tue	27/28 Sept		St James' Muswellbrook	2010 Orchestra and Chamber Music Camp
Thursday	30 September	11-4	Scone High School	Jazz Workshop
Thursday	30 September	7:30	Scone High School	Dilworths in Concert
Friday	8 October	7:30	Muswellbrook South Ps	Nick Parnell in Concert
Sunday	10 October		Newcastle Foreshore	Upper Hunter Show Band Mattara Parade
Sat + Sun	30/31 Oct	All Day	UHCM	2011 Scholarship Auditions



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