



From the Director

As we begin the countdown to the end of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for a successful 2008.

It's been a busy year so I hope you all enjoy a restful and relaxing holidays.

The conservatorium now has a home online. Stop by www.uhcm.com.au to take a look at our new website. It comes complete with photos from events, copies of this newsletter, and any forms to help with enrollment at the conservatorium.

I'd also like to publically thank all the staff of the conservatorium. These dedicated professionals really are an enormous attribute to the Upper Hunter community.

Scholarship Auditions

The Conservatorium would like to congratulate all students who auditioned for 2009 scholarships. The standard was very high and some hard decisions were made. I encourage all students to audition for scholarships as it a valuable step in your musical education.

The following students were awarded scholarships for 2009:

Alisha Brown	Piano
Sarah Charley	Violin
Joell Cochrane	Trumpet
James Cook	Piano
Lucas Jones	Guitar
James Milwain	Euphonium
Sophie Milwain	Saxophone
Madeleine Phelps	Violin
Cleo Riddy	Piano
Hannah Rivers	Flute
Thomas Smth	Percussion
Georgia Taylor	Voice
Jacob Woodruff	Voice

Conservatorium Accounts

Accompanying this letter is your final statement for 2008. Please be aware that accounts for Term 4 are now overdue, and a late fine may be added to your account. Any concerns regarding accounts should be directed to the con office.

THE CONSERVATORIUM
WILL BE CLOSING ON FRIDAY
19TH DECEMBER 2008 AND
WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 5TH
JANUARY 2008.

Drama returns to the Con

In 2009 the conservatorium will offer a range of courses in performance for young people from Kinder through to Year 10.

1. Kinder—Year 2 The course covers a range of performance skills, including developing young children's imagination through movement and chant work. The children will work towards a final performance.

2. Primary Warm up your imagination in a fantasy world of crime. Practical and fun sessions that develop confidence and stage presence. Role play includes detectives, spies and secret agents.

3. Young Teens Class (Years 6, 7, 8) Combine voice, movement and characterisation skills to do stand up improvisational performances. Learn about yielding and making offers to other actors to develop a scene.

4. School Certificate Preparation (Years 9, 10) Develop skills to rehearse and perform monologues and duologues .

5. Singleton Drama Ensemble Calling for expressions of interest for young performers wishing to join an ensemble drama group.

6. Singleton Private Drama Individual character Development classes, particularly focusing on monologue performances.

Classes 1-4 will be Muswellbrook based while 5 and 6 will be operating from the Grail Building in Singleton.

The conservatorium is very fortunate to have secured the services of much respected local drama teacher Mrs Larni Christie. We look forward to drama recommencing in 2009.

For further information or to register your interest please contact the conservatorium office.



Upcoming Events

The next two Sundays will see two very exciting concerts presented by students of the Upper Hunter Conservatorium.

On Sunday 23rd November three of our ensembles; Wind Quintet, Percussion Ensemble and Choir will join forces to present an afternoon of fine music.

The newly formed choir will be giving its second public performance, and will delight you with their vocal display.

The concert will be held at Muswellbrook South Public School and will commence at 3:00pm. Tickets are available at the door.

On the following Sunday—30th November, the UHCM Orchestra will join forces with the Muswellbrook Shire Concert Band to present a joint concert. The concert will feature performances by both groups separately and then as a finale both groups will join together to present two works.

The Orchestra will present works by Shostakovich, Stravinsky, Dvorak and John Williams.

Sunday 30th November

3:00pm

Muswellbrook High School

Tickets are \$12 for adult and \$7 concession and are available at the door.

Entry includes afternoon tea.

Term 4 Student Concerts

Dates for Term 4 student concerts have been set, please see the table below for further information. These concerts are a great way for students to perform in a relaxed and caring environment. It is also a perfect opportunity for students to see others performing on their instruments. Please call the office or talk to your teacher about performing in one of these concerts.

Day/Date	Time	Location	Who
Monday 24/11	7:00	Denman	All
Wednesday 26/11	7:00	Merriwa	All
Monday 1/12	6:30 & 7:30	Muswellbrook	J Kershaw, R Roberts, G Miles
Wednesday 3/12	7:00	Singleton	All
Monday 8/12	7:00	Muswellbrook	A Wills, T Bradley
Wednesday 10/12	7:00	Muswellbrook	R Wallin, C Sheng



CHANGES TO YOUR ENROLMENT FOR 2009

If you intend to make any changes to your music lessons with the Conservatorium in 2009 or you are interested in taking any new instrument or ensemble classes, please complete the form below and return to the Conservatorium office. Changes to your lesson must be reported as soon as possible, so that teachers can make the necessary timetable adjustments before the start of 2009.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Instrument: _____

Teacher: _____

(If applicable)

Lesson Change requirement or New Waiting List enquiry: _____



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