



From the Director

As we come to the end of 2009 I would like to thank you all for the great year of music making. It's great to see so many people involved in music and performing.

I would like to thank all the conservatorium staff who truly are a talented and committed group of people. The amount of time and care that goes into music education is something that can only be witnessed first-hand.

And finally I wish everyone a safe and happy holidays and look forward to an even better 2010.

END OF YEAR

Teaching of Con lessons will cease on Friday 11th December 2009 with the Conservatorium office closing on Friday 18 December 2009 & reopening on Monday 11th January 2010.

Handel's MESSIAH

To end 2009 the Upper Hunter Conservatorium Choir and Orchestra will be presenting a performance of Handel's *Messiah*. The performance will be held on Saturday December 5th.

We are pleased to welcome back Javier Vilarino who you will remember from our 2007 performance of *Messiah*. Local vocalist Susan Davis will also be joining the orchestra and choir to perform.

Be sure not to miss this wonderful concert that will be held at Muswellbrook High School.

Tickets are available from the Conservatorium Office.

Adults: \$15

Concession: \$10

Handel's *Messiah*

Saturday 5th December, 7:00pm

Muswellbrook High School



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Conservatorium would like to congratulate all students who auditioned for 2010 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 2010:

Cassandra Byers	Piano
Ben Cargill	Violin
Beau Gibson	Guitar
Isabella Hardy	Voice
Sam Hill	Saxophone
Frances Hopkins	Cello
Riley Hughes	Drama
Jonathon Logan	Saxophone
Alexander Musgrave	Piano
Emily Rayner	Trumpet
Susan Thring	Voice
Mikaela Tilse	Piano
Adam Watts	Drums

A special mention to Sam Hill who was awarded the inaugural Scone ADFAS Scholarship—supported by the committee and members of the Scone ADFAS

2010 Celebration of Strings

Around 50 of the conservatorium’s string players came together on Sunday November 15 to spend the afternoon working and performing together. For many of them this was their first taste of performing in a large ensemble.

All participants took part in an hour long workshop with the conservatoriums Head of String, Mrs Jennifer Kershaw before performing in a public concert with solos small ensembles and a massed string ensemble.

Congratulations to all students who performed, and especially to those who had the experience of ensemble playing for the first time. We hope it’s not your last!



Congratulations to the Scone High School Band who were recently awarded a ‘Highly Commended’ at the Lake Macquarie BandFest. The band represented their school and the conservatorium in an outstanding fashion. They are already looking forward to returning next year and performing again.

STUDENT REPORTS

Student Reports for 2009 are enclosed with this newsletter. If your Student Report is not enclosed or if an error occurs in the spelling of names please contact the office.



Student Concerts

Student concerts for Term 4 have now commenced. To register to perform in any of these concerts please speak with you teacher, or call the conservatorium office.

Student concerts are a great way of gathering performance experience and confidence.

For those students in Singleton, this years concert will be held at Singleton Public School, Hunter Street Singleton.

Music Craft and Theory Classes are available in all centres.

Classes are essential to the musical development of all students.

So if your student report recommends theory or music craft please call the Office to enquire about grades and classes in your area.

CHANGES TO YOUR ENROLMENT FOR 2010

If you intend to make any changes to your music lessons with the Conservatorium in 2010 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 2010.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Instrument: _____

Teacher: _____
(if applicable)

Lesson Change requirement or New Waiting List enquiry: _____

TERM 4 STUDENT CONCERTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	TEACHERS INVOLVED
Tuesday	17th November	6:00 & 7:30pm	Con Hall	Robert Thompson, Lynne Llewelyn, Gillian Miles, Larni Christie, Janelle French
Wednesday	18th November	7:00pm	Con Hall	Catherine Sheng, Adam Wills, Larni Christie
Thursday	19th November	7:00pm	Con Hall	Josh Vadas, David Harvey
Monday	23rd November	7:00pm	St Joseph's Denman	All Denman Students
Tuesday	24th November	6:00 & 7:30pm	Scone High School	TBC
Wednesday	25th November	6:00& 7:30pm	Scone High School	TBC
Monday	30th November	6:30 & 7:30pm	Con Hall	Jennifer Kershaw , Rebecca Roberts & Jill Carter
Wednesday	2nd December	7:00pm	Merriwa School of Arts	All Merriwa Students
Wednesday	9th December	7:00pm	Singleton Public School	All Singleton Students

TERM 4 EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT
Saturday	28th November		Gosford	UHSB Gosford Christmas Parade
Sunday	5th December	7:00pm	Muswellbrook High School MPC	Messiah Concert
Friday	18th December			Conservatorium office closes

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