



Newsletter

Term 4

December 2023



This weekend - don't miss it!

Carols by Candlelight
7-9pm Sunday 10th December 2023
Bathurst Adventure Playground
(Durham & Hope Street)
Free for the whole community!

***Term 4 news from
the Executive Director***



Hello to the Mitchell Conservatorium Community. I cannot believe we are at the end of 2023 already, and what a year it has been! We have had a significant increase in participation rates for both lessons and ensembles which is fabulous to see. Congratulations to our string orchestras, vocal ensembles, jazz bands, rock groups, and soloists who have been out there creating fabulous music in our community. If you have ever thought about learning an instrument but never got around to it, why not come in and talk to us?

Music is the universal language of our world which promotes understanding, peace, harmony and positive communications. If we all played music, maybe our troubled world would be a little happier!

I wish you all the best for however you celebrate and give thanks at this time of year!

Term 1 2024 dates:

Monday 29th January to Saturday 13th April 2024

(Please note: this is an 11-week term)

Easter 29th March to 1 April 2024

What a great afternoon's music! Our 2023 Scholarship Winners' Concert on Saturday 4th November 2023

Congratulations to our 2023 scholarship holders and their teachers. The recent scholarship concert gave them an opportunity to shine and demonstrate their progress, and to enjoy making music. Each student showed how much pride they have in their musicality and demonstrated professionalism beyond their years.



(l to r) Benjamin Lloyd, James Lloyd, Gianna Kendrick, Paris Masters, Kristin Kendrick, Augustine Cox, Theodore Gowans, Annabelle Jones, Wiley Wynne, Victoria Hetherington, Charles Croaker, Caitlyn Thew. (Absent: Harrex Upston, Harry White, Bprem Zakaria, Annika Classnitz, Audrey Papadatos) (Photograph: Kait Milgate)

Spooky fun at Spooky Movie Night



Were you one of those who dared to be scared? Our very own Michelle Griffin entertained all at an evening of 1920s Spooky Movie Classics at Keystone on 19th October. Michelle's piano playing fitted the action on the screen perfectly ... or was that action on the *scream*?

Forbes to the fore ...



Mitchell Conservatorium Executive Director Andrew Smith and Office Manager Vivienne Galvin visited our Forbes campus on 26th September and had a catch up with local staff Hannah Nixon and James Whalan. Great to see their smiling faces! ... and to see what good things are happening in Forbes. If you live nearby, now is the time to inquire about the wonderful array of musical opportunities waiting for you!

Under Phil Braithwaite's experienced eye and with the skills of Jason Crane & Trevor Baker of T & J Baker Painting Services, Lithgow campus has undergone a renovation which has brightened the entire studio. Congratulations and thank you to all - what a great place and a great space to learn music.

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Community & Joy through music

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...and Lithgow gets a facelift



Concerto & Aria Showcase

Despite intermittent rain and some impressive thunder, about 60 music lovers came along to All Saints' Cathedral on Sunday 26th November to hear the Mitchell Conservatorium's Concerto & Aria Showcase. Featuring the Bathurst Chamber Orchestra and its conductor David Hood, the program showcased the instrumental and vocal skills of five MitCon students: Sophie Lindsay (violin), Bprem Zakaria (baritone), Josephine Smith (trumpet), Janelle Lindsay (mezzo-soprano) and Robert Saville (piano), performing arias and concerto movements from works by Bach, Bellini, Mozart, Gluck and Telemann.



Concerto & Aria Soloists



Sophie Lindsay, Nicholas Newell
& David Hood



Robert Saville

Also featured was MitCon violin and viola teacher and orchestra concertmaster Nicholas Newell in a moving and spirited rendition of Telemann's justly famous viola concerto. Nicholas was later joined by associate concertmaster Bruce McGarity as the *sol*i violinists in Handel's Concerto Grosso in G major. The orchestra also played the Andante movement from Elgar's Serenade for Strings, and finished the concert with a face-paced and exciting performance of Haydn's Symphony No 44 in E minor.



Bprem Zakaria



Janelle Lindsay



Josephine Smith

Baby & Early Childhood Music Classes

Mitchell Conservatorium's Early Music Childhood classes under the wonderful Elissa Jones have been going great guns this year. Classes run on Wednesdays and Fridays and cater for children aged 0 to 5 and their families. 2024 promises to be another great year! Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for enrolment details, or phone the office on 6331 6622 for more details.



End of term arrangements

The Conservatorium office will be open on Monday 18th December, and closing from Tuesday 19th December.

The office will reopen on Monday 22nd January 2024.

Unless you advise the office otherwise it is assumed lessons will continue next year. You will automatically be re-enrolled.



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Mitchell Conservatorium acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the many lands where we work and live. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal people, the ongoing cultures and connections with the lands and water of the country. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge contributions of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians to the inclusion and empowerment of all people in a country we live in and share together.