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Councillor Bob La Castra

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Interesting Facts

The GCYO is on the federal government register of cultural organisations. This means all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Office Hours
Tuesday to Thursday
9.00am - 2.00pm



2 Special Events



Chamber & Senior Chamber Orchestras

in concert together with

Queensland Youth Orchestra's Junior String Ensemble

14th June 2008, 5pm at the
Youth Orchestra Centre

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear

Queensland's very best young musicians

The QYOJSE comprises 76 members and is conducted by the renowned Chen Yang.
Together with GCYO's own Chamber and Senior Chamber Orchestras

led by

Bruce Davidson and Ben Singh

everyone will be treated to a concert performed
by around 120 musicians

Be part of this magical experience!

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'Classics at the Movies'

22nd June, 2pm at the
Gold Coast Arts Centre

featuring

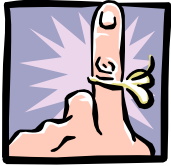
Wind Ensemble & Youth Symphony

Tickets available from
GCAC Box Office
5588 4000

Adults \$15.00
Concessions, Children & Students \$10.00
Under 5's FREE

**A feast of favourites from the big screen
performed by two of our senior groups**






Forthcoming Events

DATE

WHAT & WHERE

- May 31 Little Big Band and Concert Band perform at the Wintersun Festival. Chris Cunningham Park, Tweed Heads commencing at 2.15pm.
- June 7 Cracker Night—Big Band perform at Surfers Paradise beach at 7.45pm
- June 14 Wind Ensemble competes at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod at 6pm — Eagleby Community Hall, Fryar Rd
- June 14 Tutorial Workshop—Chamber Orchestra & Senior Chamber Orchestra together with QYO's Jnr String Ensemble at the YOC. 2.00pm to 6.00pm with the Concert commencing at 5pm.
- June 22 'Classics at the Movies'—Wind Ensemble & Youth Symphony will feature in the 2nd performance of this year's Concert Series at the GCAC commencing at 2pm.
- June 24 Senior Chamber Orchestra and Big Band perform at the Queensland Education Music Camp, Tallebudgera commencing at 7pm.
- June 30  **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.** There will be **NO** rehearsals.
- July 20 Kokoda Challenge—Big Band, Little Big Band & Concert Band perform at the Nerang Velodrome
- July 26 "Spotlight for Bands" workshop including Wind Ensemble, Concert Band & Little Big Band.
- July 27 "Spotlight for Strings" workshop including String Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Senior Chamber Orchestra.

MUSICIANS WANTED

French Horn

Tuba

If you have at least AMEB grade 3 and are interested in playing with the GCYO we have positions for these instruments.

GCYO has a Tuba available.

For further information please email Bruce Davidson,
Music Director

rufus_music@iprimus.com.au

TRIVIA TIME.....

The French Horn consists of about 12 feet of tubing

The Tuba has about 16 feet of tubing

Composer Straus's father was a horn player

French Horn is the leader of the brass section

The French Horn actually began in Germany

The range of the French Horn is from G two octaves below middle C, to F one octave above middle C.

Movie themes often feature Tuba and French Horns - think Star Wars, Jaws, ET, Saving Private Ryan



General News



Dear All,

Every time I get the opportunity to attend groups performances and rehearsals I am encouraged to see how much commitment is shown by members and the support given to them by their parents.

The concert held on the 17th with the String Orchestra and Concert Band was testament to this. I would encourage all parents if at any time you are able to help for rehearsals of performances don't be shy, speak to the Group Administrators as they will always appreciate any help offered.

We are starting to have sausage sizzles on Friday nights and Sat Mornings as a way of fundraising, this has been possible by the kind donation of a BBQ by Jeff and Chrissie Phillips – Pristine Smash Repairs. If there are any parents who usually stay at rehearsals your help would be greatly appreciated.

Mareike Wszola

PRESIDENT

Interview With a Horn Player

An Editor's snapshot

Meet **Renee Dent**, musician, teacher, tutor, conductor.

Read on to learn the story of how Renee and an orphan French Horn found each other!



Ed: Renee, what is it that you like about the French Horn?

Renee: I just like its sound and tone, and that composers write such fantastic pieces for the horn, and they are really great to play.

Ed: Why the French Horn, how did you come to choose that instrument?

Renee: I am actually a clarinet player, and I did my music degree on clarinet, but when I was appointed to my first school I found a French Horn just sitting gathering dust. I really wanted to get the students interested in it, but I thought if I was going to encourage them to take it up, I'd better learn to play it myself first. So, I did!

Ed: How did you first hear about GCYO?

Renee: Through friends involved with teaching and conducting. I was asked if I would help out with conducting Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. Now I also fill in on French Horn.

Ed: What is your favourite piece for French Horn?

Renee: The Theme from Robin Hood — the movie starring Kevin Costner. It's a really fantastic piece to play!

Ed: Okay Renee, let's get personal - what are your other interests?

Renee: I play netball, I have 2 dogs, and I love to read and cook.

Ed: What was the last movie you saw?

Renee: Maid of Honour

Ed: Favourite current music?

Renee: I'm a Missy Higgins fan

Ed: Favourite food?

Renee: The salmon my Dad cooks on the barbeque. It's awesome.

Ed: How would your friends describe you?

Renee: Caring & helpful, organised, a little crazy!

Ed: What advice would you give to young horn players?

Renee: Join a group! It makes you a much better player if you play with a group such as an orchestra. It encourages you to improve, and gives you goals, and it's great to be with other horn players!



A BIG THANKYOU TO RENEE DENT FOR THIS WONDERFUL INSIGHT!



Wind Ensemble

Conductor: Matthew Armstrong

Wind Ensemble has been very busy getting ready for the Beenleigh Eisteddfod and the 'Classics at the Movies' concert in June. We are looking forward to working with some section tutors in early June to iron out some 'lumpy bits' and to help us sound our best.

We have welcomed some new members who have filled the much needed spots like percussion, baritone sax & bassoon.

Aby & Sue



Little Big Band

Conductor: Matthew Armstrong



Members of LBB enjoying the gardens at the Gold Coast Arts Centre prior to their performance in the Paradise Room on 20 April.



Big Band

Conductor: Malcolm Wood

Quite a month rehearsing madly for upcoming performances. We have recruited another trumpeter as well as a bass player.

Big Band is exploring new aspects to their performances with vocals from the drummer while the bass player plays the drums.

Also Michael Till who plays trombone is playing a piece on electric guitar with the rest of the rhythm section. This variety of talents from the big band members has sparked more enthusiasm from the band on the whole and their commitment to the band has improved.

Marieke



Chamber Orchestra

Conductor: Bruce Davidson

Chamber has been practising pieces for the upcoming workshop and concert on June 14 with SCO and QYO's Junior String Ensemble, and they are sounding terrific.

The members have settled in with Bruce Davidson at the helm with reports of more enjoyable rehearsals.

Chrissie

ATTENTION ALL STRING MEMBERS

The GCYO is planning an Electric Strings workshop in the July school holidays for all string members.

It will be a fun filled day.

If you are interested, let your GA know as soon as possible. We need to numbers to make it happen.

STAGE MANAGER REQUIRED

for concerts at the
Gold Coast Arts Centre

The GCYO requires the services of someone who can handle the logistics of stage set-ups. We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to help out in this field.

If you can help please contact
Bruce Davidson by email on

rufus_music@iprimus.com.au



Senior Chamber Orchestra

Conductor: Ben Singh

We were well represented at the wedding of Emma & Tristan on 3rd May by our fabulous quartet consisting of Russell Tuschida, Teagan McCallum, Daniel Gee and Matthew Gee. They were accompanied by conductor Ben Singh to ensure an excellent standard was achieved from their first performance as an ensemble. Ben was extremely pleased with their performance. The Bride, Groom and Bride's parents were so impressed with our young musicians that they have sent a letter of praise to the GCYO (a copy is on display). The quartet members were also treated to gift vouchers as a thank you from the Bride's mother.

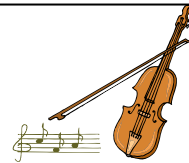
We have scheduled a workshop and concert with QYO's Junior String Ensemble and our very own Chamber Orchestra for the 14th of June. The SCO will also be performing at the Qld Education Music Camp on the evening of the 24th June.

Karen



Concert Band

Conductor: Jamie Ashe



String Orchestra

Conductor: Asher Yaniw

On the 17th May, Concert Band and String Orchestra presented a combined programme for the enjoyment of their families and friends at the YOC building. A big thank you to the conductors, Jamie Ash and Asher Yaniw for all their efforts in guiding the young musicians to producing such wonderful music on the day.

Congratulations to all members of both groups - you sounded great!. Special mention must also be made of those who performed solos and duets. You all deserve to feel proud of yourselves and yours efforts and how far you have come along this year.

I must also thank Natasha, String Orchestra's GA for all her efforts in bringing it together on the day. And thank you to Chrissie and her gang of sausage gurus for providing everyone with lunch. Much appreciated!

Concert Band performs again at Wintersun on 31 May at Chris Cunningham Park, Tweed Heads from 3.20pm following on from Little Big Band at 2.15pm. I'm looking forward to that performance.

Kim



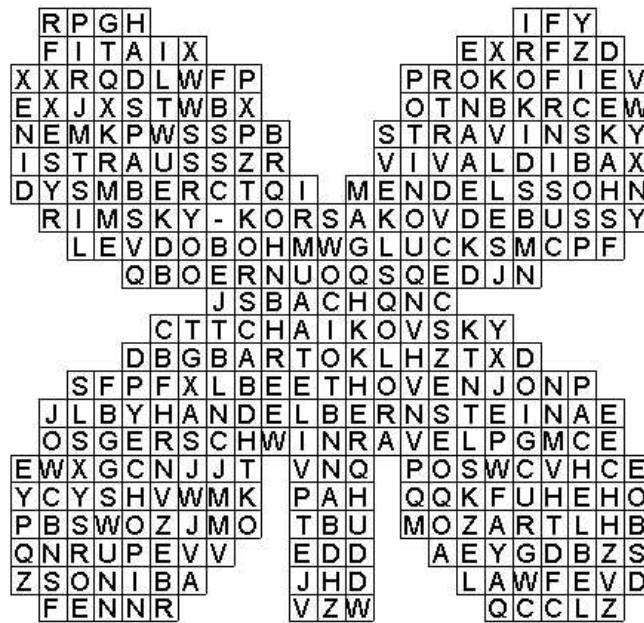
Fun & Games

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

Q: What is the difference between a fish and a piano?

A: You can't tuna fish!

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