

Macquarie Conservatorium Newsletter, Term 1, 2011

On behalf of the Board and Staff of Macquarie Conservatorium, I would like to welcome you to the New Year! I trust that you all had a pleasant and relaxing festive season and that 2011 will be a positive and productive year. Kathy Pingel, Director

Staffing Update

Macquarie Conservatorium is delighted to welcome to its team of dedicated staff, Katherine Wilson (woodwind), James Laundon (woodwind) and Shannon Lotz (piano) (see staff profiles below).

Katherine Wilson graduated with a Bachelor of Music (Education) from the Sydney Conservatorium in 2005, majoring in clarinet and, subsequently, with a Diploma of Education from the University of Armidale in 2010. Katherine has extensive experience as a woodwind teacher and conductor as well as experience in teaching brass and string instruments, having worked as a private music teacher in Gilgandra, Warren, Coonabarabran and Trangie. Katherine is based in Gilgandra but will be teaching in Dubbo several days a week.



James Laundon graduated with a Bachelor of Music (with distinction) from the University of Southern Queensland in 2010, majoring in saxophone. He gained his AMusA in saxophone in 2006. An experienced conductor, James has conducted Primary, Secondary and Tertiary level ensembles and has several years of experience teaching woodwind instruments and theory at several private schools in Toowoomba and surrounds and in his home studio. James relocated from Toowoomba, Queensland, in order to take up the position of Woodwind Teacher at Macquarie Conservatorium.



Shannon Lotz completed a Bachelor of Music (graduating with distinction) at the University of Southern Queensland in 2010 majoring in piano. In addition to gaining her AMusA in piano, Shannon has completed her 8th Grade Trombone exam. Shannon has taught piano, brass and theory at various private schools in Toowoomba and surrounds and in her home studio and is also an accomplished accompanist. Shannon relocated from Toowoomba,

Queensland, in order to take up the position of Piano Teacher and Accompanist at Macquarie Conservatorium. Shannon will also be delivering tuition in Music Craft.

Former staff member **Justin Screen** has relocated from Dubbo to commence work with another organisation and, on behalf of the Conservatorium community, we thank Justin for the valuable contribution he made to the Conservatorium.

Congratulations goes to string specialist and Head of Music, Dubbo Christian School, **Alice Aitcheson (nee Gardiner)** on her recent nuptials and also to french horn specialist and Music Teacher, Dubbo College South Campus, **Alice Maher (nee Whitehead)** on her nuptials in October 2010.

Congratulations also goes to **Amanda Barton** and family on the arrival of Jett on 7 February. Amanda anticipates returning to teaching at the beginning of Term 2.

NEW OFFERINGS AT MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM

From Term 2, Macquarie Conservatorium will be offering the following:

AMEB Music Craft Tuition
AMEB Musicianship Tuition
Youth Big Band (pending sufficient numbers)

**Please return enclosed form
to register interest in these offerings.**

*You are cordially invited to attend the
2011 Macquarie Conservatorium
Concert Series presented in association
with Musica Viva CountryWide.*

*We are delighted to announce a special
reduced ticket price of \$5 per concert for
Macquarie Conservatorium students.*

*Please see enclosed brochure for details.
We look forward to welcoming you to
these concerts.*

You are invited to attend a public workshop presented by



Synergy Percussion

10:30am—12:30pm Saturday 26 February
Macquarie Conservatorium Concert Hall

The workshop will include aspects such as hand drumming, drum circle, introduction to keyboard percussion and composing for percussion as well as the opportunity for selected students to workshop a piece with members of Synergy Percussion.

Adults \$15, Concession \$10, Macquarie Conservatorium Student \$5

Bookings are essential and are due by 24 February. Booking forms are available from the office.

FREE VOCAL SKILLS WORKSHOP WITH MICHELLE LEONARD MONDAY 28 MARCH MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM CONCERT HALL

Instrumentalists and vocalists in Year 3 to Year 10 are invited to attend a free Vocal Skills Workshop presented by Artistic Director of Moorambilla Voices and Leichhardt Espresso Choir, Michelle Leonard on Monday 28 March.

8:30-9:30am Primary Girls
9:30-10:30am Primary Boys
11:00-11:45am Students from Year 7 to 10

Selected students may be short listed to take part in the annual program of regional residency camps and performances in Baradine and Coonamble in August and September.

For further information, please contact Macquarie Conservatorium on 6884 6686 or email administrator@macquarieconservatorium.com.au

CIMF ANU Chamber Orchestra Regional Outreach Tour String Workshop / Rehearsal & Public Concert

The Canberra International Music Festival and Australian National University Chamber Orchestra will be touring to Dubbo on **Sunday 20 March** to present a **free string workshop / rehearsal from 1:00pm** followed by a **public concert at 3:30pm** featuring works by JS Bach, Steve Reich, Graeme Koehne, Terry Riley and Eric Korngold together with a student string orchestra work.

Bookings are essential for the workshop and are due by 11 March. Booking forms are available from the office.

Concert tickets are available from the office between 10am-3pm weekdays and at the door.

TERM 1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Please consult website for full events calendar for 2011

- 31 Jan:** Term 1 commences
- 18 Feb:** NSW AMEB May Written Exam Entries Close
- 25 Feb:** 7:30pm, Synergy Percussion Concert, Macquarie Conservatorium Concert Hall
- 26 Feb:** 10:30am-12:30pm, Synergy Percussion Workshop, Macquarie Conservatorium Concert Hall
- 18 Mar:** NSW AMEB Country Practical Series Exam Entries Close
- 20 Mar:** 1:00pm, CIMF ANU Chamber Orchestra Free String Workshop / Rehearsal
- 20 Mar:** 3:30pm, CIMF ANU Chamber Orchestra Concert
- 23 Mar:** City of Dubbo Eisteddfod Entries Close
- 28 Mar:** Free Vocal Skills Workshop presented by Michelle Leonard
- 1 Apr:** 7:30pm, Michael Kieran Harvey Concert, Macquarie Conservatorium Concert Hall
- 8 Apr:** Last day of Term 1
- 27 Apr:** Term 2 commences

2011 Term Dates:

Term 1: 31 January—8 April (10 Week Term)

Term 2: 27 April—1 July (10 Week Term)

Term 3: 18 July—23 September (10 Week Term)

Term 4: 10 October—16 December (10 Week Term)