



Lane Cove Youth Orchestra

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ANNUAL REPORT

AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS IN 2011/2012

What a busy and successful year. We have:

- Increased membership to 48 players.
- Maintained our zippy website and kept a high profile at the Lane Cove monthly Art and Design Markets by presenting busking groups.
- Tested the acoustics of yet another new performance venue in Lane Cove – St Michael's Primary School's new hall.
- Worked and played hard at our annual workshop, this time on the tall ship *James Craig*. In addition we managed a full public performance at the conclusion!
- And of course we have continued to develop the musical and social experiences of all our young players through weekly rehearsals and regular performances expanding our network of friends and supporters by regularly collaborating with other groups.

Following is a summary of major events.

Term Two 2011

4-5 June - Our workshop at the YMCA Lodge at Newington Armory was again much fun. Those who arrived on the Saturday for the sleepover will agree that we had a great time hiking to the amazing Brick Pit Ring then later exploring old buildings and armament storage bunkers and learning some fascinating historical facts about the Armory - previously the Royal Australian Navy Armament Depot (RANAD). Later on Saturday evening Steven Hillinger directed a dynamic & most beneficial rehearsal. On the Sunday we were honoured to have our Patron, Colin Piper to conduct our group, plus we were privileged to have an energetic group of top tutors to run all our sectional tutorials. Thank you to YMCA Lodge staff, all tutors and parents who assisted at camp.

6 June - Annual General Meeting. Thanks to all parents who attended and a special thank you to our hard working committee members who were all successfully re-elected: President: Lyndall McNally | Secretary: Shirley Stidston | Treasurer: Karen Bones | Assistant Treasurer: Heidi Richards | Ordinary Members: Christopher Read, Juliana Ellis

14 June - Sydney Eisteddfod. While we did not get a place in this highly competitive event we nevertheless received a very nice report from the adjudicator complimenting us on our performance and giving special mention to a few individuals - Cello solo from Sophie, trumpet solo from Gilbert and trombone solo from Rory.

27 June - Open Rehearsal with guest ensemble LCPS Orchestra with conductor Christine Pringle. We enjoyed a great night - LCPS played a couple of items, we enjoyed an opportunity to perform the Haydn plus our eisteddfod pieces, then together we hurtled through one of the favourites of the classical repertoire - the finale from the William Tell Overture. We welcomed this opportunity to give a gesture of thanks to LCPS which has supported us so well for nineteen years by providing a terrific venue for our rehearsals and performances.

Term Three 2011

We were privileged to have Michael Thrift as guest conductor for this term. Michael's support was

invaluable to us while Mark was so busy with his involvement in the hit musical 'Mary Poppins'. We were also thrilled to welcome Oliver Baker as our tutor. Oliver, a woodwind specialist, assisted each week during rehearsals.

Sounds to Share **With an Eastern Flair**: What an incredible concert. How lucky were we to have been able to perform with the Tawadros brothers! We thank Joseph and James for sharing their time and huge talent with us and we thank Michael for inspiring the event, introducing us to Joseph and James and for bringing the whole show to fruition.

Hiwa, from Motifex recording studio in Lane Cove, did a fantastic job with the audio engineering ensuring just the right levels of sound between orchestra and soloists. Thanks so much Hiwa. Matt Longden captured the event with a lovely set of photographs.

We thoroughly enjoyed using the new hall at St Michael's Primary School - we thank Principal Steve Conlon for his assistance.

Sunday 18th September 2011: Cameraygal Festival event 2011 - **With an Eastern Flair**

Conductor, Michael Thrift

Program:

Themes from Scheherazade Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
..... arr Meyer

Procession of the Sardar Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov
..... arr Isaac

Turkish March from the 'Ruins of Athens' Ludwig van Beethoven
..... arr Goldsmith

Stranger Joseph Tawadros

Forbidden Fruit Joseph Tawadros

Oud: Joseph Tawadros, *Req'*: James Tawadros

Rose Joseph Tawadros
..... Orchestrated by Richard Tognetti, adapted by Michael Thrift

Oasis Joseph Tawadros
..... Orchestrated by Richard Tognetti, adapted by Michael Thrift

Bacchanale from 'Samson and Delilah' Camille Saint-Saëns
..... arr Isaac

Term Four 2011

The term's highlight was of course our fabulous Christmas Concert on Monday 12th December. We performed the 4th movement of *Haydn's Symphony 104*, some festive favourites and a great set of sing-along carols. In addition to classical and festive items we were proud to present our very own jazz trio with Jack on piano, Rob on drums and guest artist James Heazlewood Dale on bass. The trio entertained us with their smooth, unique renditions of *Corcovado*, *Alice In Wonderland*, *Stella by Starlight* and the soothing & ever-popular *Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire*. To shake us right out of our comfort zone, we were then given a very different treat - *Stinkin' Garbage*, a rousing percussion piece written by Ed Argenziano and enthusiastically performed by the Shore Percussion Ensemble, not on drums but on nine upturned metal garbage bins! Thank you to all our guests for your generosity and great skill.

We were delighted to be invited by Waterbrook Greenwich to present a small ensemble to play Christmas carols on the eve of their Christmas dinner - 13th December. Led by guest conductor, Michael Thrift, the group gave an excellent performance at this lovely venue. We were thrilled to be included in such an elegant & festive event - thank you Waterbrook.

Of course the year would not be complete without our own Xmas party. Thanks to all those who were able to attend on Monday 19th December - we had a terrific time despite the wet weather with plenty of sausages to sizzle, movies to watch and friends to talk to.

Christmas Concert - Monday 12th December 2011

Conductor: Mark Brown

Program:

Christmas at the Movies arr Bob Krogstad
Symphony No 104 ("London") D Major Joseph Haydn
4th Movement : Allegro spiritoso.....
Corcovado (Quiet Nights)..... Antonio Carlos Jobim
Alice in Wonderland Sammy Fain and Bob Hilliard
Stella By Starlight..... Victor Young
The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting) Mel Torme and Bob Wells

Piano, Jack Zeng : *Bass*, James Hazelwood-Dale : *Drums*, Rob Neville

Stinkin' Garbage..... Ed Argenziano

Shore School Percussion Ensemble, Directors : Naomi Riddle, Sally Glover

Players : Nick Brasher, Oliver Brighton, Nick Healy, Matthew Scott, Miles Ryan, Oliver Woodrow

Sleigh Ride..... Leroy Anderson

Selected Christmas carols Arranged David Good

Santa Clause is Coming to Town Fred Coots
.....arr by Bob Cerulli

Winter Wonderland..... Felix Bernard
.....arr Paul Lavender, James Curnow

Now for our achievements thus far in 2012:

Term One 2012

We were most excited to have further contact from Bremer State HS (for whom we held a benefit concert in April 2011 after the Qld floods) – they announced that they are touring to Sydney & Canberra in June and have put aside a date for a joint performance with us – 19th June 2012!

Term One Concert - 2nd April 2012. What a great concert! And such a privilege to work with Kevin Man and his youth class from TAIKOZ. We thank these wonderful guests for their energy, enthusiasm and great talent - I will always remember those driving rhythms and bright keen faces! Special thanks to Morgan and Claudia for their rousing opening duet, to Kevin for his lovely solo and fascinating background on the shakuhachi and Kerryn Joyce for her surprise visit and vibrant solo on bamboo flute. Our joint finale was a masterpiece - a simple tune made interesting and colourful by the collaboration of two enthusiastic and energetic groups.

We thank photographer Will Davis www.davisuals.com.au who captured the event with some wonderful photos.

Term One Concert - 2nd April 2012

Conductor Mark Brown

Program:

Hi-Ryu..... Kevin Man

Morgan Marshall and Claudia Wherry (taiko)

The Moldau	B. Smetana arr Meyer
Kabalevsky Suite: Escapade, Rondo, Song of the Cavalry	D. Kabalevskyarr Hull
Sibelius Second Symphony: 4th Movement	J. Sibelius arr Leidig
Yataibayashi	Traditional
Common Ground	Kevin Man

TaikOz Youth Class

*Sam Bentley, Edwin Henrich, Aiden Sugano, Morgan Marshall, Cerys O'Hara,
Kyle Pereira, Hugo Perron, Lachlan Rickards-Tang, May Lee Rickards-Tang,
Saskia Shearer, Olivia Webster, Claudia Wherry, Maira Wilkie*

Tamuke..... Traditional

Kevin Man (shakuhachi)

Taiko..... William Windham

Featuring LCYO plus TaikOz Youth Class

9th May 2012 - Lane Cove Citizenship Awards.

How proud are we that our nominee – **Rob Neville** – was the recipient of the ‘Young Achiever’ award. Following is the text of our proposal to Lane Cove Council:

We first met Rob at age 15 when he gave a solo performance of ‘Backyard Blues’ on clarinet in Lane Cove Youth Orchestra’s first Shell sponsored concert in March 2004. Rob joined our group soon after. For eight years Rob was a most loyal and dependable member of LCYO attending all rehearsals, concerts, eisteddfods and special events. On occasions Rob has also acted as an ambassador for our group giving special performances when requested by sponsors. In December 2011 Rob announced his retirement from LCYO at the conclusion of a concert in which he starred not only as clarinettist but also as drummer in a jazz trio. Not only did Rob play a leading role in the group as a talented musician he was also a supportive friend giving moral and practical support in times of musical or personal crisis. Rob helped transport, set up and bump out equipment. Rob was always first to be spokesman for the group, acknowledging and thanking committee members and organisers.

Rob now works as a carpenter, gives individual lessons to music students and is active in his church as musician, music co-ordinator and mentor to younger musicians.

Over his eight year membership of our group Rob truly proved to be a ‘young achiever’ and leader - both musically and socially. On top of this in all aspects of his life Rob shows his dedication to helping others.

Well done Rob – we all congratulate you. You play a vital role in our community.

19-20 May 2012: Our amazing sleepover and workshop on the James Craig. This event just one week ago was a resounding success. In addition to music tuition players were engaged in ‘maritime activities’ such as heaving cargo aboard using a crane and rope sling, learning basic seamanship and navigation, setting sails, tying knots etc. The weekend was capped off with a fantastic public concert in the beautiful, newly refurbished foyer of the maritime Heritage Centre on Wharf 7.

The incredibly generous and energetic Sydney Heritage Fleet staff organised the Saturday afternoon activities plus they kept watch overnight from the deck-house to ensure the safety of our players who were sleeping in hammocks below deck. They also provided plenty of food at meal times and volunteers brought in an amazing spread for the audience to enjoy at the final concert. To give us extra rooms for tutorials and the final concert the staff SHF kindly made available some office and foyer spaces on the wharf in the Maritime Heritage Centre. Our sincere thanks go to SHF.

If you would like to see a quick snapshot of our weekend and the first item played in our 'rescue concert' please [click here](#) or simply type **LCYO Pirate Dance** into the Google search engine.

Coming up in Terms Two and Three 2011:

- Monday 28th May 2012 7pm - *AGM*
- **Wednesday 13th June 2012 - Sydney Eisteddfod.** Original time slot around 3.00pm but on my request this was changed to last position in division D with an EST of 6.15pm with approximate performance time of 7pm. Venue – Salvation Army Congress Hall, 140 Elizabeth St, Goulburn St Car Park or HSBC Centre Car Park.
- **Tuesday 19th June 2012** - Joint Concert at LCPS with *Bremer State High School* from Ipswich.
- **Sunday, 19th August from 2pm to 5pm Lachlan House in Parramatta Park.** An outdoor (in a marquee) performance for Shell in support of the Pyjama Foundation. Shell is a national sponsor to the Pyjama Foundation and is hosting a 'high tea' to thank 120 volunteers called 'angels' who give their time reading to foster children to improve literacy and to give foster parents some respite during busy family times.
- **5.30pm Saturday 15th September 2012 - Our Cameraygal Festival event.** *A performance in Lane Cove Plaza*

Sponsorship:

- In April 2010 **Shell Gore Bay Terminal & Clyde Refinery** confirmed we were successful in our bid to be selected as one of their Social Investment partners for the next three year period. Shell confirmed a total benefit of \$45,000 for 2010-2013 being \$15,000 per year. The funding is primarily for provision of scholarships for successful eligible students but occasionally some funding can be used for special events.
- **Lane Cove Council** – we have been informed that we have been successful in our bid for funding for the 2012-2013 year. We requested \$6,100 and have been granted partial funding of \$4,300.
- **Lane Cove Rotary** – for a number of years Rotary has generously supported our workshop by providing funds to help pay for tutors. Again this year they are supporting us by providing \$2,000.
- In September 2011 **Hamilton & Co** again supported us with a generous donation of \$1,000 to assist with sheet music purchase. Our thanks to Jocelyn & Greg Gregory. It is such an honour that Jocelyn and Greg attend all of our events. Just recently, Sunday 20th May 2012, they came to our rescue during our 'pirate siege' in Darling Harbour and commented - *What a great concert it was on Sunday - the entire production was excellent!*
- Three generous patrons from the community have again pledged their support for 2012 - \$280 each.
- Russell and Yvonne kindly continue to maintain their **Optimo Software** service to us free of charge. This amazing software package has made substantial improvements to our library - **Optimo Software** gives a unique way to file and search on all sheet music, books, recordings and other resources, linking them together and incorporating them in to one database. Our sincere thanks go to Russell and Yvonne and to Juliana Ellis who is assisting with database entries and general maintenance of library files.

Tax Deductible Gift Recipient:

The Lane Cove Youth Orchestra Donations Account is eligible to receive tax deductible donations. We are endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Tax Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).

So any donations over \$2 made to 'LCYO Donations Fund' are tax deductible!

Promotion

Website:

www.lanecoveyouthorchestra.org.au Our website has been completely re-designed. This site is extremely elegant, simple to use, features plenty of photos taken by Will Davis www.davisuals.com.au and a few performance videos. Our sincere thanks go to Giselle Stidston for establishing and maintaining this site.

A-Frame Sign:

Moirs Bookshop on Burns Bay Road kindly displays our A-frame sign outside their lovely bookstore.

Busking in the Plaza:

As a major promotional tool we continue to provide small groups of players to busk in the Plaza at the monthly Lane Cove Alive Art & Design Markets. We take this opportunity to hand out promotional literature such as Shell Scholarship application forms, LCYO brochures, concert flyers. Huge thanks to Juliana Ellis who inspires the young groups and prepares and monitors the busking roster. We have observed that players who have taken advantage of this opportunity have benefitted greatly. They show increased confidence and have a more relaxed appearance in the public arena. Relaxed, happy confident buskers make more money!

In Conclusion:

We thank to all who have helped throughout the year to make the Lane Cove Youth Orchestra thrive and grow:

- Our parent helpers on the supper roster and others who have helped with events and equipment management.
- Our extremely hard working committee in particular Shirley Stidston (Secretary) and Karen Bones and Heidi Richards (Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer).
- Sponsors listed above
- The on-going generosity of other continuing supporters: - Lane Cove Public School, Baker's Delight Lane Cove, Moirs Bookshop & The Village Observer.
- Event and venue supporters - St Michael's Primary School, Sydney Heritage Fleet, Waterbrook Retirement Resort, Will Davis photography and Motifex Audio and Video Productions.
- And of course, as acknowledged in each term's description, we thank our wonderful team of tutors and conductors for sharing their extensive knowledge and giving expert musical direction.

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