



# St Cecilia News

INTERNATIONAL EDITION



## Two Special Certificates of Merit for Patrick

Launceston classical guitarist, Patrick Chilvers, completed all St. Cecilia Classical Guitar and Theory of Music Examinations with Higher Distinction over a ten - year period. He has therefore been awarded two Special Certificates of Merit - both with Higher Distinction.



## Strengthening International Ties

Two Directors (Andrea Iovino and Matthews Tyson) sign the agreement between St. Cecilia Examinations International and Italy's BIMED. The agreement paves the way for both organisations to work jointly to provide music and performing arts examinations throughout Italy.

## Brother & Sister Awarded Licentiate Diploma

Hong Ji (Tiger) Yin & Hong Ye (Lucy) Yin successfully passed their Licentiate Performance Diplomas in Sydney in February 2017 and June 2016 respectively. Their teacher is Annah-Valerie Tean-Hyrst.



## Enquiries and Growth from all parts of the Globe

New to St. Cecilia Examinations is piano teacher Antonella Cristiano from Southern Italy. Antonella joins the growing list of teachers world-wide who are experiencing the benefits of our progressive and refreshing examination system

## Perfectly dressed for the Occasion

Riley Thoroughgood from Christchurch, New Zealand, was awarded Higher Distinction for Concert Certificate Seven during the December examinations last year. Riley's teacher is Leona Rains.



## New Examiners for Italy

Twenty-one newly-trained examiners from all regions of Italy attended the five-day intensive BIMED/St. Cecilia Examiner Training Course in Salerno in March this year. St. Cecilia's growing presence in Italy has necessitated another training course in Turin in July.

## Gold-leaf for Gold-star St. Cecilia Certificates.

St. Cecilia's new certificates will be awarded to successful students from 2017 onwards. Blue certificates are awarded for Grades Beginner to Five and beige certificates for Grades Six to Eight. The new certificates are in line with St. Cecilia's 21st Century approach to music assessment, performance and teaching throughout the world.







## Certificate of Music Teaching

**-unique to St. Cecilia**

Central Coast New South Wales musician, Arienne Yates proudly holds her professional Certificate of Music Teaching (CMT) awarded in December 2016. Arienne's teacher is Pu-Yu Wu who is a Director of Intuition Music, NSW.



## Another 100% for Dunedin!

Elia Kayashishita continues the tradition of high standards in Dunedin, New Zealand. Elia was awarded 100% for his Concert Certificate Six Pianoforte examination. His teacher is Eli Gray-Smith.

## 100% for Second Time

Francis Sly was awarded 100% for his Junior Grade Pianoforte examination in Auckland recently. A perfect match for his Beginner Grade 100% earlier in 2016. Francis takes lessons from North Shore teacher, Helen Kapma.



## Gold, Gold, Gold for this Gold Coast

**Family!**

Music is a priority in this Gold Coast family. L-R: Ella Mahoney - Grade 1 Modern Piano 92%; teacher Christina Kay; Brianna Mahoney - Preliminary Pianoforte 100%; Lisa Mahoney (seated) - Grade 1 Pianoforte 98%.



## Something to Really Drum about...

Oracle Taukatelata (Auckland Music Academy) was awarded 94% Higher Distinction for Grade Two Drum Kit in the December 2016 series of examinations. Over 100 students entered for the St. Cecilia Drum Kit Examinations in 2016.

## Off to a Brilliant start

Six-year old Meera Sreeraj from Invercargill, New Zealand received 100% for both her Beginner Grade Theory and Beginner Grade Piano examinations with St Cecilia in 2016. Meera's teacher, Anna Cannon, says she is already composing music and has confidently performed at the Hidden Treasures Concert and the Invercargill Variety Concert.



## Pulling out all stops in Albury

Organist James Flores (Albury, NSW) achieved his Licentiate Performer's Diploma with Honours during the March 2017 series examinations. James also holds the Dip.SCSM (Church Music) as well as the Licentiate Diploma with the Australian Society of Musicology and Composition.



## Colourful Costumes in Esk...

Esk (Qld) teacher Alexis Fitzgerald with her Higher Distinction Concert Certificate Five singing student, Nola Niemeyer. Alexis prepares her singing and piano students for the St. Cecilia examinations and ensures they all contribute to the thriving music performance scene in the district. Nola's music hall theme formed the basis for her exam.