



St Cecilia News

INTERNATIONAL EDITION



St. Cecilia welcomes Hobart International Academy

Celebrations all round for International Academy of Music (Hobart) whose professional teachers have qualified to register with St. Cecilia Examinations Intl. Principal, Lyndon Ellis, organised a series of meetings for the Academy's teachers during which St. Cecilia Director, Matthews Tyson, explained the benefits of being part of the expanding world-wide network.

Back L-R; Steph Perry, Sarah Shurley, Gerg Clarke, Lewis Elliott; Front L-R; Amanda Lee, Maddie Dyer, Lyndon Ellis, Jenny Clark



100% For Dunedin Singer

Examiners could not fault Jesse Hanan's Grade Seven singing examination in Dunedin, New Zealand recently. Technical strength combined with mature musicianship and artistry came together to provide the perfect performance. Jesse's teacher is Dunedin-based St. Cecilia teacher and examiner, Elizabeth Bouman.



Melbourne Students to the fore

The thriving string teaching programme at Melbourne's Oxley Christian College offers performance and examination opportunities for all its students.

Amongst the large contingent of students taking St. Cecilia examinations are Concert Certificate Five violinists James Kin and Ioan Bugheanu with Concert Certificate Six violist, Ruby Peacock.

Recital and Concert Certificate Successes in Perth, WA

Teachers Emily and Andrew Cheng are proud of their Recital Certificate piano students who achieved distinctions and higher distinctions in September last year.

L-R: Emily Cheng, Qian Tan, Adrian Luk, Zachary Ching, Isaac Ching, Faith Chiew, Mahsa Twosli, Andrew Cheng.



Further Accolades for Rockhampton Girls Grammar School

Over 100 students received certificates for their outstanding Instrumental and Vocal Ensemble Concert Examinations at RGGS in November. Bella Voce, the school's senior vocal ensemble scored 100% for Concert Certificate Seven with Distinctions being awarded for the Prep-3 Choir, Grades 4-6 Choir and mixed Multi Voce Choir. Featured in this photograph is the RGGS Instrumental Ensemble (Higher Distinction CC 4) with Director, Jessica Dawes.



Magnificent Music-Making in Malaysia

St. Cecilia is a major music examining board in Sabah, Malaysia where students and teachers at Oongisvoce Music Mansion prepare Concert Certificate, Grade, Performing Arts, Theory of Music and Vocal Ensemble examinations.

Featured above are L-R: Feonnah Bilu (Violin/Piano teacher); Fifiana Morie (Singing/Piano teacher); Evana Beautyza Joibi (HD, CPA Bronze); St. Cecilia Examiner, Dennis Kiddy; Helen Jimulis (HD, CPA Bronze); Carrey Oliver (Artistic Director, Oongisvoce Music Mansion); Elton Ciddy Yali (Principal, Oongisvoce Music Mansion); Feonnah Bilu (Teacher); Shawnia Welona Jerry (HD, CC4 Singing); Alexa Rivera Alphonsus Elou (HD, CC3 Singing); Examiner – Dennis Kiddy; Ameera Jnita Liew (HD, Preliminary Keyboard); Joel Joshua Sikuat (HD, CC2 Singing); Fifiana Morie (Teacher); BACK ROW: Carrey Oliver (artistic Director); Elton Ciddy Yali (Principal).



Adelaide, South Australia

Benjamin Jones with his teacher Samantha Deconno receiving his Beginner Grade Theory of Music 100% Higher Distinction certificate during the Christmas Concert in Adelaide. St. Cecilia Director, Matthews Tyson, was a guest-speaker at the recent Music Teachers' Association of South Australia Summer Conference at the University of Adelaide.



Melbourne Students Dressed for the Occasion

Examiner, Matthews Tyson, with Higher Distinction Preliminary Grade Piano student, Sidharth Kurup. Sidharth is a pupil of Melbourne-based St. Cecilia teacher and examiner, Patricia Morgan.

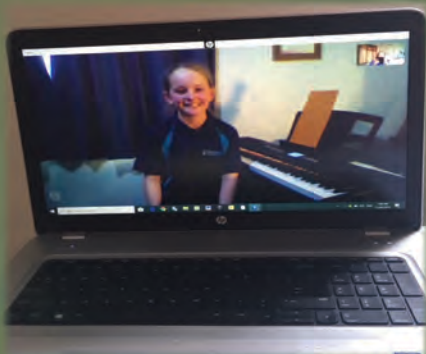
Brisbane (QLD) Student Successes

Brisbane pianist, Anwen Lloyd-Jones, was awarded 95% Higher Distinction in her recent St. Cecilia Concert Certificate Four performance examination. With Anwen is her teacher, Brisbane-based St. Cecilia examiner, Daniel McFarlane.



St. Cecilia Exams for Contemporary Guitar

Launceston guitarist Kaleb Reid, presented an exciting Preliminary Grade Contemporary Guitar examination during the December examinations. Kaleb was awarded 98% Higher Distinction. His teacher is Zac Pugh who is the author of the Contemporary Guitar syllabus and publications.



On-Line Examinations – First For NZ

In remote or more isolated communities where it is not always feasible for St. Cecilia to send an examiner, students may still undertake their examinations via Skype or other platforms. These "live" examinations follow exactly the same format as a regular examination. Preliminary Grade Keyboard student, Quinn Andersen from Waimate NZ, was awarded 93% Higher Distinction by the on-line examiner, Elizabeth Bouman. Quinn's teacher is Ruth Lochhead.



Harps in Hong Kong

The increasing popularity of Harp performance in Hong Kong resulted in 140 local harpists performing in all graded sections of the St. Cecilia Hong Kong International Competition last year. Over 1500 performers took part in the Competition. Teaching and Performing Diploma examinations take place in January and July each year in Hong Kong. Pictured on the left are Front Row L-R: St. Cecilia Examiners and Adjudicators, Matthews Tyson, Dennis Kiddy and Michael Stocks. Back Row: St. Cecilia Hong Kong Co-ordinators Sanky Ng and Bernard Chow.



Saxophones in Sydney

Jack Tyzack from Sydney was awarded 91% Higher Distinction for his Grade 2 Alto Saxophone examination. Jack is a pupil of Sydney teacher, Lachlan Campbell.



100% for Kingsley

Kingsley Daoming Lee was awarded 100% for his Grade 2 piano examination in Christchurch recently. Kingsley presented his programme entirely from memory. He is a student of Christchurch teacher, Leona Rains.



Gold for Gold Coast Sisters

Sisters Athena and Alethia Wang left no stone un-turned for their piano examinations in December. Athena (96% HD Grade 3) and Alethia (100% Preliminary) are students of Gold Coast Qld. St. Cecilia teacher and examiner, Christina Kay.



Confidence & Precision in Christchurch NZ

Lily Thoroughgood's Concert Certificate Seven performance in Christchurch earned her a 94% Higher Distinction result. The concert was presented with flair, confidence and precision. Her teacher is Leona Rains in Christchurch.



Conservatorium for Micah

Micah Kenzie has completed all St. Cecilia violin grade examinations and was recently successful in passing the St. Cecilia Associate Performance Diploma. The Launceston-based musician will be attending the Tasmanian Conservatorium of Music in 2020 as a full-time student. Micah's teacher is St. Cecilia teacher and examiner, Michael Stocks.



Three Diplomas for Irene

Launceston pianist Irene Teh, has completed the St. Cecilia Certificate of Music Teaching as well as both the Associate and Licentiate Diplomas in Piano Performance. Irene is a pupil of Launceston teacher, Stephen Elton.





Home Grown..... Our Tasmanian Students

Tasmania produces some of the finest musicians in Australia. For 45 years St. Cecilia Examinations has evolved to become the principal examining body in the State with over 500 students entering for examinations annually. A cross-section of outstanding students is featured above.

Clockwise L-R: Alex Millward (Distinction, Advanced Recital Certificate Piano, student of Samuel Braune); Alex Young (100% Gr. 5 Piano, student of Julia King); Charlotte Gould (Distinction Gr. 6 Violin, student of Michael Stocks); Sarah McCauley (HD Gr. 8 Piano, student of Julia King); Abel Lim (Distinction Gr. 3 Violin, student of Matthews Tyson); Elise Pinner (HD Beginner Piano, student of Michela Pinner); Kieran Hoare (HD Junior Piano, student of Angela Crothers); Xavier Nesbit (HD Gr. 6 Piano, student of Samuel Braune).



Bravo Italia!

St. Cecilia Examinations International now has a commanding presence in Italy. Students from all over the country take St. Cecilia Concert Certificate examinations in conjunction with Italy's education system BIMED. The students featured above are a representation of our students in Salerno in the south of Italy.

Clockwise, L-R: Gabriele Sibilis (100% Gr. 1 Saxophone, student of Luigi Cioffi); Nigro Aniello (100% Gr. 3 Piano, student of Maria Annunziata); Cuozzo Ciro (HD Junior Clarinet, student of Sabato Morretta); Cristian Di Giacomo (HD Beginner Saxophone, student of Luigi Cioffi); Violin students from Liceo Musicale Cava (all HD students of Paola Civale).