



Our membership

Symphonia Jubilate (SJ) draws its membership from Public School NSW students who live in inner-western Sydney and the wider Sydney area. Membership also includes invited community musicians who mentor the young musicians to help them achieve higher standards of musicianship and performance.

Local school principals from ten affiliated schools support the orchestra by donating an affiliation fee for each student, attending the monthly Saturday rehearsals as supervisors and publicising the orchestra within their schools.

Tutors, parents, principals and teachers of SJ's affiliated schools volunteer their time and support at the SJ monthly Saturday afternoon rehearsals held at Marie Bashir Public School hall.

The orchestra is non-profit, volunteer-based and no audition process is necessary for students.



In 2016, the local schools who were affiliated with Symphonia Jubilate were Burwood Public School, Concord West Public School, Homebush West Public School, Marie Bashir Public School, Mortlake Public School, Strathfield South Public School, Concord High, Homebush Boys High, Strathfield Girls High and Strathfield South High Schools.

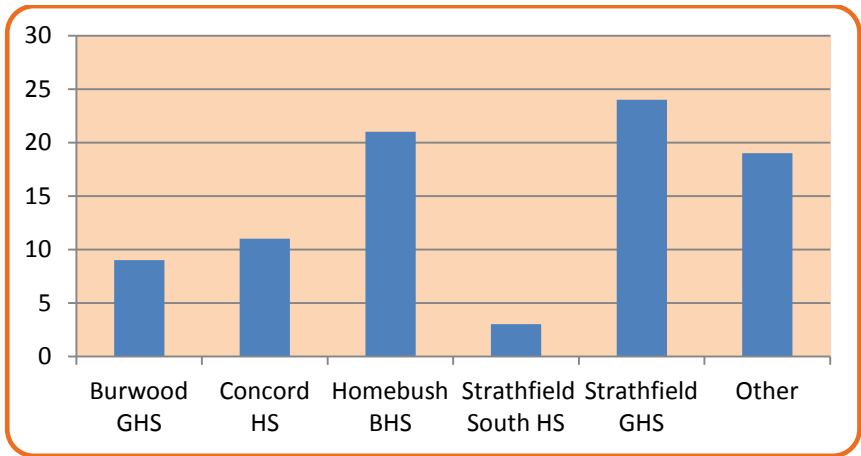
This year, over 160 students were enrolled in one of Symphonia Jubilate's three orchestras:

- **Symphonia Jubilate Primo** (for secondary school students);
- **Symphonia Jubilate Secondo** (for primary school students); and
- **Symphonia Jubilate Pizzicato** (for young primary school students who have just begun to learn a stringed instrument.)

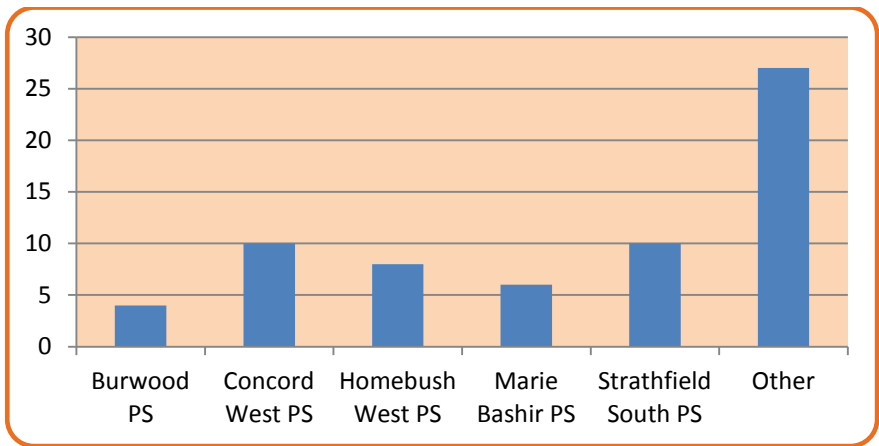
An SJ string ensemble comprising advanced string players was also continued in 2016. The ensemble performed at various venues throughout the year for small community functions and Department of Education functions.

The breadth of these ensembles and orchestras provides a differentiated music education program that would normally not be available within individual schools. The SJ program extends beyond school programs and is open to any public school student.

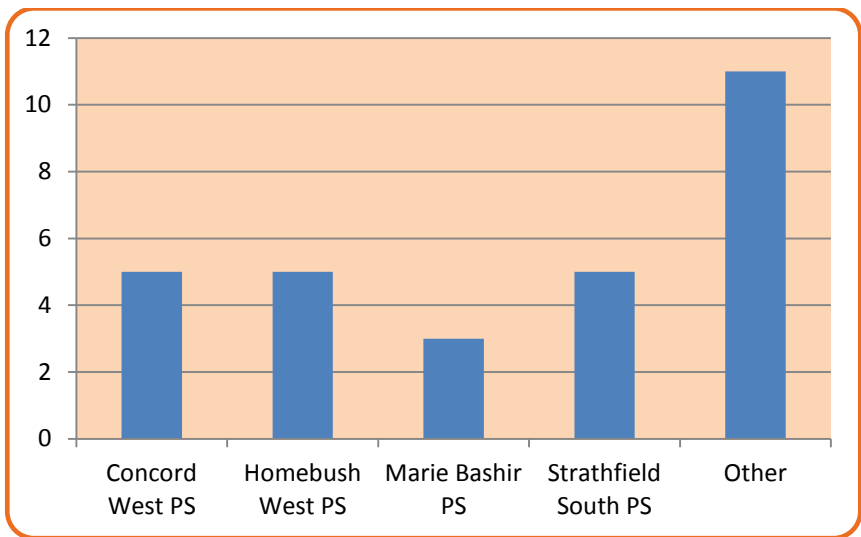
Schools involved in Symphonia Jubilate Primo orchestra



Schools involved in Symphonia Jubilate Secondo orchestra



Schools involved in Symphonia Jubilate Pizzicato orchestra



Symphonia Jubilate Orchestras 2016

This was Symphonia Jubilate's fourth year. It was a year of growth and change for the orchestra. SJ Primo and SJ Secondo continued to grow in size and in musicianship, under the guidance of founding conductors Luke Wallace and Tracy Burjan.

The SJ Stage Band was disbanded to make way for SJ Pizzicato, a string orchestra of young aspiring musicians who are in Years 2 —6. This year, SJ Pizzicato was conducted by Jemma Losada, (pictured).



Symphonia Jubilate employed an additional conductor, Daniel Murphy, to conduct both SJ Primo and SJ Secondo orchestras in partnership with conductors, Luke Wallace and Tracy Burjan.

The addition of Daniel and Jemma has proven to be highly successful. Students are exposed to a range of conducting styles, personalities and talents.

Luke and Tracy now have the opportunity to observe all orchestras on rehearsal days and can provide additional assistance to our trainee conductors, Su Hee Cho and Mathew Owen.



Daniel Murphy conducting SJ Primo.

Our Patrons

Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, (below left), continued to be a wonderful patron of SJ, attending our mid-year concert and one of SJ's rehearsals. Dame Marie was an inspiration to our young students, bringing her violin to the rehearsal and rehearsing with SJ Primo orchestra. At both the rehearsal and the concert, she spoke to students about the value of music to their wellbeing and education.

In a letter to SJ, Dame Marie wrote:

It was a profoundly moving experience to join you all in the beautiful hall ...for the splendid concert of Symphonia Jubilate. My appreciation to all our young performers. It was not only the excellence of these young musicians but their diverse multicultural background and powerful symbolism of harmony which were so impressive.

Lyn Williams OAM, founder and director of Sydney Children's Choir and the national children's choir, Gondwana Voices, became a patron of Symphonia Jubilate this year.

Lyn, (below right), has been a strong supporter of SJ since 2013, attending all concerts. The SJ committee was delighted when she agreed to be patron. Lyn has since given Symphonia Jubilate conductors invaluable advice and contacts.



SJ's Repertoire

Symphonia Jubilate performed the following pieces of music in 2016.

SJ Primo

The Moldau Smetana
5th Symphony 4th Movement Tchaikovsky
7th Symphony 2nd Movement Beethoven
Dance of the Gypsies Saint Saens
The Great Locomotive Chase Paul Smith
Tragic Overture Johann Brahms
Flying by the Seat of your Pants Tracy Burjan
Jamaican Rhumba Arthur Benjamin

SJ Secondo

Symphony No 1 4th Movement Brahms
Magic Flute Overture W.A Mozart
Thunder and Lightning Polka J. Strauss
Sorcerer's Apprentice Paul Dukas
Dance of the Clowns Mendelssohn
Barber of Seville Rossini
Mary Poppins Medley Sherman and Sherman



SJ Pizzicato

Andante Haydn
Episode K216 W.A Mozart
Minuet G.F. Handel. Arranged by Dackow Minuet
Monsters University
Bells of Notre Dame
Whistle While You Work

SJ String ensemble

The Code Alan Lee Silva
Viola Concerto in C Minor Movements 2 and 3 JC Bach/Henri Casadeus
Concerto Grosso Hans Scheepers
The Messiah G.F. Handel



2016 Concerts and Performances

Our "Great Composers Concert" June

SJ's June concert was entitled "The Great Composers Concert". Our orchestras performed some beautiful works of the "greats", Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart, Handel, Haydn, Tchaikovsky, Smetana and Strauss.

Friends of SJ chorale, accompanied by the SJ string ensemble, performed a selection of songs from the Messiah. Guest soloists were Jenny Duck-Chong and Nicole Thomson. Guest conductor was Steve Bartlett, (pictured below). They had all originally been part of the "The Messiah" performance at Epping Baptist Church in April. The "Great Composers Concert" was an opportunity to share this performance with our SJ community.



Although our concert's program of music was very challenging, our orchestras met this challenge admirably. Many people in the audience commented how the "bar was being raised".



Our concert raised \$2000 for the Victory Kindergarten in Jakarta, a worthwhile project that strives to educate extremely poor children who otherwise could not attend school.

The kindergarten project was brought to our attention by an SJ parent, Mariana Purnama, (pictured right receiving the cheque). Mariana and her friends cooked beautiful Thai curries for our concert and, assisted by the SJ fundraising committee, were successful in reaching our target of \$2000 for the kindergarten.



Recital Night

The SJ committee organised a recital night on 10th August for our SJ secondary students as an opportunity to sharpen their performance skills and musicianship before their HSC assessments. Jessica Ngan, (pictured below), Angeleena John, Keshavi Jeyaseelan, Matthew Purnama, Charlotte Tam, Grace Liang, Anthie Papanikolaou, Rachel Yeung, Samuel Mansfield and Chris Standard gave solo performances. Andrew Wang, a previous SJ student and mentor violinist, was invited to showcase a high standard of musicianship. The SJ string ensemble also performed.



We received the following comment from two members of the audience, Mohan & Jessica Gnanadickam:

I am writing simply to let you know we had the most marvellous evening yesterday. My wife Jessica and I attended the SJ Recital Night and were delighted and fascinated to be able to witness and enjoy the fabulous talent on display. The choice of solos pieces and the performances on the various instruments were indeed most enjoyable. The finale of the two works performed by the orchestra along with the soloists, was definitely worth waiting for.

Inner West Band Festival

SJ Primo, SJ Secondo and SJ Pizzicato performed in the Inner West Band Festival on Sunday 24th July 2016 at the Ermyn Krippner Auditorium, Burwood Girls High School. It was a valuable experience for our students, who had the opportunity to see other orchestras and bands perform.

It was also an opportunity for one of our trainee conductors, Su Hee Cho, (pictured below with SJ Secondo) to conduct a performance.



Cantabile Concert

SJ Primo performed in the Cantabile Concert at the Opera House on Monday 29th August. The Cantabile Concert was organised by the Department of Education for students in the Ultimo Education District.

Our "Lights, Camera, Action" November Concert

For their final performances in 2016, SJ's orchestras performed music from movies, musicals and compositions that "told stories". It was a light-hearted program and a great way to end the year.

A visiting conductor from the UK, Kevin Field, coached SJ orchestras for this concert at a November rehearsal and was guest conductor for SJ Primo on the night of the concert.

Kevin, (pictured below), is the Associate Conductor of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra and has also guest-conducted with many leading orchestras, among them the Melbourne Symphony and the West Australian Symphony; the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Opera North and the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland, as well as the BBC Symphony in their first ever international Proms'. Kevin has also directed the Australian Chamber Orchestra, working alongside Richard Tognetti during their residencies in Malaysia.

Kevin's input into our concert was invaluable and was a great inspiration to our trainee conductors.



All three orchestras on stage for the finale.

Workshops

In addition to the special rehearsals with Dame Marie Bashir and conductor, Kevin Field, a string workshop was held with visiting Dutch violinist, Karen Segal, (pictured below), from the Amsterdam Sinfonietta.

Karen's workshops are always energised, positive and invaluable.



2016 Evaluation

In 2016, SJ aimed to:

- seek out young aspiring conductors within the orchestra and within the orchestra's ex-students who are now doing tertiary education.
- employ two additional conductors in 2016 to widen the scope of Symphonia Jubilate.
- provide workshops for guitar, percussion, woodwind and brass.
- continue to investigate ways to outreach with the SJ music program , with a view to performing on the Gold Coast and establishing further community links.

We achieved:

- the establishment of the SJ conductor's mentor program. The two successful conductor mentors for 2017 will be Su Hee Cho and Mathew Owen. Four young musicians going on to tertiary studies next year have offered to mentor SJ Pizzicato students. Rebecca Jing is being mentored as piano accompanist for "Friends of SJ Chorale".
- the employment of an additional two talented conductors. One conductor, Daniel Murphy, supported Luke Wallace and Tracy Burjan with the SJ Primo and SJ Secondo orchestras. The other conductor, Jemma Losada, initiated a beginners' string orchestra, SJ Pizzicato.
- workshops for strings and whole orchestra.

Testimonials from parents and students involved in SJ:

- *The orchestra has been one of the real highlights of Lincoln's high school years and an essential part of his personal and musical development. And we have loved watching the SJ performances. He will be back in 2017. Many thanks again for all your commitment and dedication to these young people and their love of music.* **Lance Dale (parent)**
- *The SJ team are doing a fantastic job in growing the children in their musicality and providing them a great avenue to perform. Our conductors are amazing as well as all those behind the scenes.* **Wendy (parent)**
- *THANK YOU SO MUCH for all the effort you have put into the orchestra while I was there. From practising in the very small cramped hall of Concord West Public School, to amazing memorable concerts at the Opera House, I have truly had one of the best musical experiences while with the orchestra. Thank you for helping with my very awkward transition from violin to viola. It was such a sweet and caring effort[Tracy and Luke have made, which further accentuated my confidence in playing the viola for music and for the orchestra. Once again, thank you for all your hard work to make the orchestra a joyful and enjoyable experience in the last four years.* **Megan (student)**
- *It's a wonderful thing that Tracy and the team are putting together for the community in that part of the city. I have been touring the country since the end of October and witnessed many a performance and institution, met with an assortment of public and private key stakeholders and nothing has come close to the message and relative quality of content from SJ's performance last weekend. It was my pleasure to work with the orchestra. My congratulations to all involved, especially to those that oil the works to make such events be part of weekly activities of young persons. In these difficult times there is nothing more important than the human fellowship derived from just such activities as presented by Symphonia Jubilate.* **Kevin Field (conductor Malaysian Symphony Orchestra).**

Future Directions

- Symphonia Jubilate hopes to establish links with the Australian Chamber Orchestra, to enable our students to experience excellence in musical performance and to learn how musicians achieve such heights.
- We hope to employ Susan Sukkar, a talented executive from the DoE Arts Unit, as one of our conductors in 2017 and beyond.
- We intend to purchase a bassoon and two timpani in 2017.
- Symphonia Jubilate intends to strengthen community links with the Breakfast Point Rotary Club by providing concerts for the Breakfast Point community and with the wider community.

Financial summary

The host school for the financial management of the SJ orchestra is Homebush West Public School. The school holds the orchestra's funds in a trust account. Funds in and out of this account can be easily tracked and are bound by the strict accounting and auditing policies of the Department of Education (DoE).

Symphonia Jubilate 01/12/15 to 30/11/16	
INCOME	Amount
Balance brought forward	8211.00
Enrolment fees	19210.00
Concerts	2481.00
Shirt sales	2840.00
Fundraising	2351.00
Grants/donations	1120.00
School affiliation fees	4550.00
TOTAL	40763.00
EXPENDITURE	Amount
Conductors fees	8400.00
Music	2207.41
Uniforms/shirts	5616.60
Website	86.84
Workshops/tutors	1050.00
Concert expenses	1211.29
Charity donations	2000.00
Hall hire	500.00
Inner West Band Comp. entry	266.00
Medical/first aid	128.45
Instruments	5142.93
Lost cheque	686.36
TOTAL	27295.88
NETT 2016	13467.012
GST Credit	2899.00
Carried Forward	16366.12



Founding conductors, Tracy Burjan and Luke Wallace.

Please note, the income and expenditure shown in this report are from the 1st December 2015 to the 30th November 2016. (This is in accordance with the DoE financial management procedures).

A full copy of Homebush West PS's 2016 financial statement which includes Symphonia Jubilate's financial records, can be obtained by contacting the school.

Orchestra Committee 2016

The 2016 SJ committee comprises ten principals from affiliated primary and secondary schools, four conductors, a manager, a financial manager, and two parent representatives. Without this outstanding and dedicated committee, Symphonia Jubilate would not exist.

Special acknowledgement must go to John Kennedy, Principal of Homebush Boys, (pictured right), who is chairperson of the SJ committee. His efficient and inclusive leadership is much appreciated by all.

Symphonia Jubilate would like to thank Judy Holland, treasurer, who has donated her time for four years to SJ's financial management.

Symphonia Jubilate would like to thank the fundraising committee members, Trinity Mansfield and Margo Iredale who have raised a significant amount of money for SJ this year and provided great afternoon teas and concert snacks for the SJ students and wider community.



2016 Committee Members

Karen Mortimer	Principal, Strathfield South PS
Kim Self	Principal, Concord West PS
Carolyn Wallace-Whelan	Principal, Burwood PS
Jacqui Attard	Principal, Marie Bashir PS
Elizabeth Bransgrove	Principal, Mortlake PS
Roxanne Marinos	Co- Principal, Homebush West PS
Jacqueline Koob	Principal, Concord HS
Angela Lyriss	Principal Strathfield Girls HS
John Kennedy	Principal Homebush Boys HS
Simon Paterson	Principal Strathfield South HS
Estelle Southall	Principal Leadership, Principal Homebush West PS
Brian Gill	Principal Drummoyne PS
Tracy Burjan	Conductor
Luke Wallace	Conductor
Jemma Losada	Conductor
Daniel Murphy	Conductor
Trinity Mansfield	Fundraising committee
Margo Iredale	Fundraising committee
Judy Holland	Financial Manager
Margaret Coote	Manager Symphonia Jubilate