



# Symphonia Jubilate Annual Report 2017



***Celebrating five years of  
playing music together***

## Messages from our founding conductors and manager

Greetings friends of Symphonia Jubilate. About 5 years ago Luke and I were sitting on the bonnet of my car after the Inner West Band Festival. I suggested to him that it would be great to put all the schools in our area together and give these students the “full orchestral experience” as there were always parts missing, but I couldn’t do it without my talented colleague. Symphonia Jubilate was born and 5 years later here we are with over 180 students and 3 orchestras. However, it takes a community of wonderful people to keep this orchestra running, from Margaret Coote our trusty orchestra manager, a talented conducting team, our wonderful fund-raising committee, the affiliated schools and their supportive principals, many tutors and music teachers who give up their free time and of course, the many talented students who give up their Saturday afternoons to play great music with us. We are so grateful for the support that we receive. Happy Birthday SJ. I can’t believe we have made it this far.

### **Tracy Burjan (founding conductor of SJ)**

Five years ago, Tracy and I decided it would be a good idea to start a combined schools symphony orchestra, with the goal of giving students large-scale orchestral opportunities they were not able to experience within their own schools. We knew it would be a lot of fun, but never in our wildest dreams did we expect it would grow so quickly into the institution it is today.

The successes of SJ have been the result of many people’s hard work in our community, connected by the common goal of making music. The coming together of students, parents, teachers, principals and community musicians warms my heart every SJ concert. I love watching students I taught in primary school grow into musical young adults and I love it when some of these young adults continue to play with the orchestra into their senior high school years and beyond. I am excited to see how our SJ family will continue to grow into the future. Happy birthday SJ!

### **Luke Wallace (founding conductor of SJ)**

Five years ago, when Tracy asked me if I would like to manage a local youth orchestra, I jumped at the chance to be involved in what I saw as a great community project lead by two extremely talented musicians.

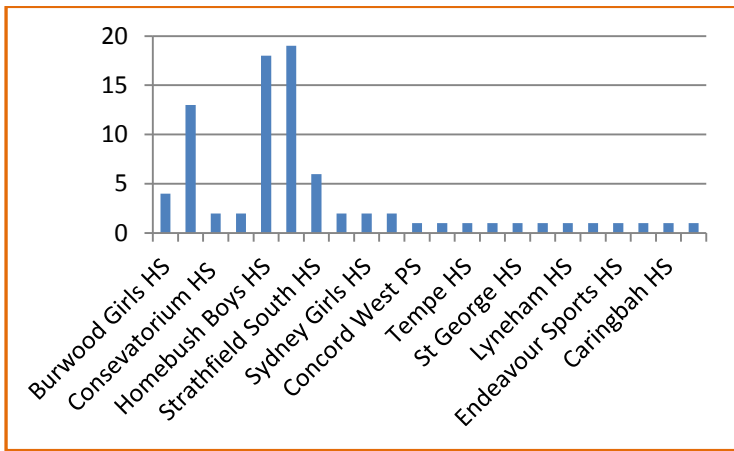
Symphonia Jubilate’s achievements have greatly surpassed my initial expectations. The breadth of musical talent in our students and teachers, the dedication of music tutors, parents and principals and the friendliness and support from the school community have been outstanding. I feel privileged to be part of the SJ community. Happy 5th birthday, SJ!

### **Margaret Coote (SJ Manager)**

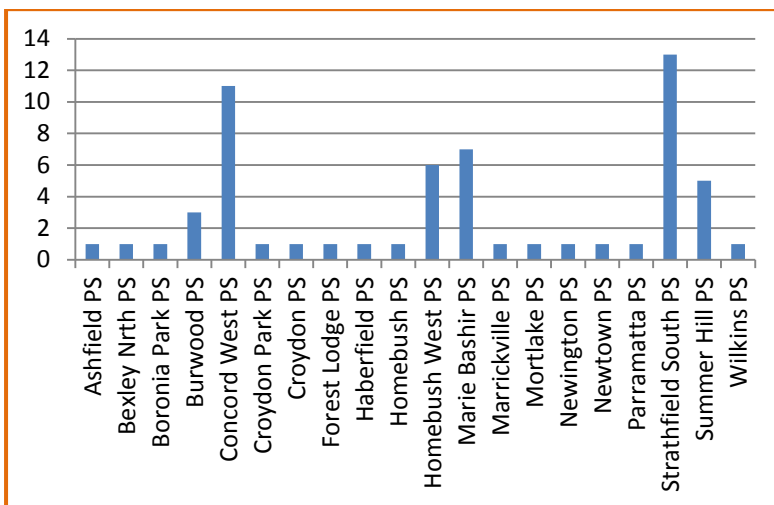
## Who is in SJ?

**SJ Primo** comprises high school students from the Strathfield/Burwood areas and other schools in the Ultimo district. We even have a violinist who travels all the way from Canberra to play with us.

We have noticed huge leaps of improvement in the sight-reading and musicality of the students since we started four years ago. We can now place music in front of the students at the last minute to accompany different items.

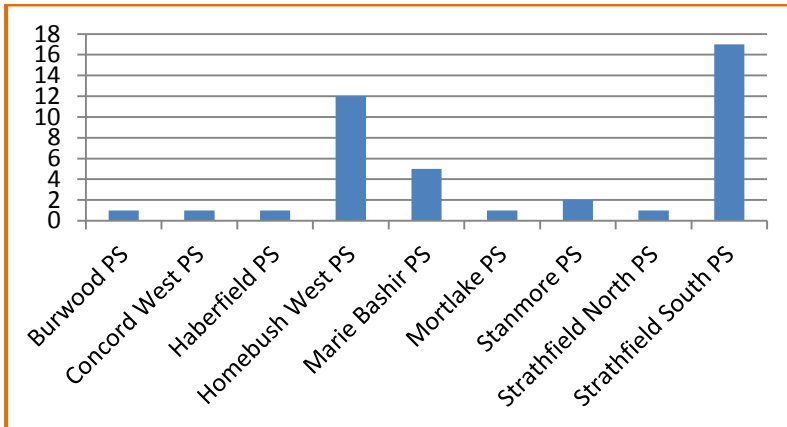


**SJ Secondo** is an orchestra for primary school students in the Strathfield/ Burwood areas and outlying districts. We are so lucky to have so many talented young students playing in this orchestra with one French horn, two violas, a double bass and nine clarinets! Students tackle the repertoire with confidence. We love how they take their role in the orchestra seriously and want to improve their reading skills. We are very proud of our junior students.



**SJ Pizzicato** was started last year and has now tripled in size with young, beginning string players from the Inner West.

Some of last year’s players have already moved up to SJ Secondo. They have learnt so many skills this year, from singing, clapping rhythms and playing warm-up scales to playing the concert pieces. We are very excited to have conductor, Nadia, on this team assisted by Gabi and Judy Powell-Thomas.



### The Conductors

Our conductors are Luke Wallace, Tracy Burjan, Susan Sukkar, Georgina Andrews and Nadia Burjan. Our trainee conductors are Mathew Owen and SuHee Cho.

### The Tutors

SJ has a wonderful group of local musicians who volunteer to mentor our students.

Our 2017 tutors are Ruth Choong, Judy Powell-Thomas, Gabi Powell-Thomas, Po-Shen Wang, Yvonne Brown, Peter Vickery, Jeff Debnam, Shane Randall, Beth Munsie, Bridey Lea, Angeleena John, Keshavi Jeyaseelan, Rachel Yeung, Charlotte Tam, Grace Liang, Lina Ponto, Michael Solomon, Rebecca Jing, Sherry Hsiao, Joshua Bartlett, Fiona Bergin and Harry Kerr.



## **SJ's Repertoire 2017**

### **SJ Primo**

*Asturias* - Issac Albeniz arr. Victor Lopez

*Pastorale Symphony 1st and 5th Movements* Ludwig van Beethoven  
arr. Richard Meyer

*American in Paris* - George Gershwin arr. John Whitney

*Dubinushka* - Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov arr. Victor Lopez

*1812 Overture* - Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky arr. Jerry Brubaker

*Samba Jubilate* - Tracy Burjan

### **SJ Secondo**

*Excerpts from Carnival of the Animals* Camille Saint Saens arr. Michael Story

*Findlandia* - Jean Sibelius arr. Richard Meyer

*Waltz of the Flowers* - Piotr Tchaikovsky arr. Larry Clark

*Pirates of the Carribean* - Klaus Badelt arr. Michael Sweeny

*Surprise Symphony* - Franz Joseph Haydn arr. Richard Meyer

*A Matador's Tale* - Mark Lortz

*Pomp and Circumstance* - Edward Elgar arr. John Whitney

### **SJ Pizzicato**

*Maiden Fair* - Traditional arr. Tracy Burjan

*The Lost Puppy* - Loreta Fin

*String Shredder* - Kevin Mixon

*Love me Tender* - Elvis Presley arr. Nadia Burjan

*Fanfare* - Doris Gazda

## Financial summary

The host school for the financial management of the SJ orchestra was Homebush West Public School for majority of the financial year. Funds were transferred to Strathfield South Public School for the remainder of the year. Strathfield South PS will manage SJ funds in the coming years. The school/s 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).

<b>Symphonia Jubilate</b>	
<b>01/12/16 to 30/11/17</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Balance brought forward	<b>10000.00</b>
Enrolment fees and uniforms	21340.00
Concert ticket sales and fundraising	7713.80
Raffles	406.00
Instrument cost adjustment	4.56
Teachers' Mutual Bank Donation	500.00
School affiliation fees	4950.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44905.24</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Conductors' fees	11293
Sheet Music/Scores	485.07
Printing	455.45
Website and tech expenses	1646.75
Concert expenses	1699.50
Concert catering	492.09
Car park security	148.20
Hall hire	500.00
Medical supplies/epipens/ventolin	684.54
Commissioned Composition T Burjan	1000.00
Donation to Children's' Hospital	500.00
Instruments (Bassoon 2nd hand)	3636.36
YuNiOn Taiko 2 workshops + 2 concerts	1000.00
Outstanding purchase order SJ shirts	5550.00
Outstanding purchase order Adlib music	1217.42
Stationery and consumables	609.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29699.26</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>15205.98</b>

## Symphonia Jubilate's 2017 Achievements

### Australian Chamber Orchestra

The Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO) supported SJ this year by providing some free tickets to the Bach Violin Concertos concert in April. Several SJ students and their parents attended the concert. A highlight for our students was meeting Richard Tognetti, the artistic director of the ACO.

Two wonderful violinists from the ACO, Glenn Christensen and Liisa Pallandi, attended one of SJ's rehearsals in May. The ACO Education Officer, Vicki Norton also attended this rehearsal. Glenn and Liisa played with SJ Primo for the first half of the rehearsal and SJ Secondo in the second half of the rehearsal. They also performed for SJ Pizzicato to inspire our younger musicians. We were so lucky to have such talented mentors with us!!

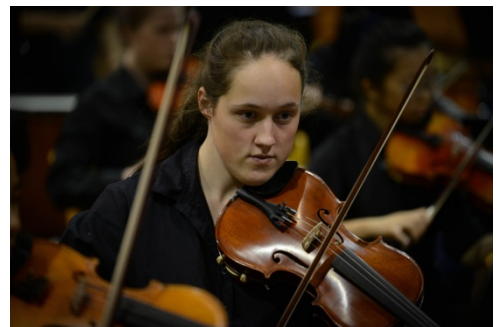


*Glenn and Liisa performing for our SJ Pizzicato students watched by conductor Nadia Burjan (right).*

### The Messiah

The SJ string ensemble accompanied a performance of Handel's Messiah, held at Epping Baptist Church at on Easter Friday. The ensemble performed to an audience of 450 people.

The SJ musicians involved in this performance were Jianne Parisi, Matthew Purnama, Sophia Juarez, Jooha Kim, Georgina Mansfield (pictured), Jessica Ngan, Jennifer Leong, Bridey Lea, Angeleena John, Jordan Bartlett, and tutors Nazli Sendurgut, Daniel Parkee, Ruth Choong and Eleanor Vuong.



## Cantabile Concert at the Opera House

The SJ string ensemble performed at the Opera House in the DoE Cantabile Concert in September. The musicians in this ensemble were:

*Violin 1.* Jianne Parisi, Jimin Yang, Liam Nicholls, (pictured right), Luke Wallace

*Violin 2.* Jooha Kim, Georgina Mansfield, Aaron Byeun, Lucia Juarez

*Violin 3/Viola.* Jennifer Leong, Flynn Smith, Ashley Kim, Ruth Choong

*Cello .* Oscar Iredale, Aaron Cuta, Clare Pepperell.

*Double Bass.* Jordan Bartlett, (pictured middle), Tim Choong (pictured left).



*SJ students accompanying the combined choir at the Cantabile Concert, Sydney Opera House.*

## Breakfast Point Winter Concert

In July, a number of SJ students performed solos, duets, and in small string ensembles for the Breakfast Point community. The Breakfast Point Rotary Club and The Breakfast Point Community Association provided the venue, staff and publicity for this concert. The proceeds from this concert plus a generous donation from the Rotary Club, allowed SJ to purchase an additional timpani.



*Percussion tutor Anthie Papanikolaou*



## Taiko Drumming Workshop



In June, SJ students had an opportunity to take part in a Taiko drumming workshop. The workshop was delivered by Graham Hildengorf and Masae Ikegawa from YuNiOn. SJ members are grateful to YuNiOn for the workshop, performances at both our June concert and November concert and for the extra time mentoring the SJ students.

## SJ's Concerts

SJ's June Concert was entitled "Musical Stories" and comprised works that did indeed tell stories or had strong themes and musical imagery. At this concert, SJ raised \$500 for the Westmead Children's Hospital.

SJ's November concert was also its fifth birthday party! With balloons, sweets and a birthday cake-cutting, it was a celebration of SJ's five years of music.



## Homebush Boys HS Performance

SJ Primo performed at an afternoon garden party as part of the DoE Regional Awards Night held at Homebush Boys High School. Our students performed spectacularly for teachers, principals and education directors from all over the region.



## 2017 Evaluation

In 2017, SJ aimed 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.;
- employ Susan Sukkar, a talented executive from the DoE Arts Unit, as one of our conductors in 2017 and beyond;
- purchase a bassoon and two timpani;
- strengthen community links with the Breakfast Point Rotary Club by providing concerts for the Breakfast Point community and with the wider community; and
- investigate an overseas performance for SJ Primo.

SJ achieved all of these goals. A trip to the Hawaii Pacific Basin Music Festival 2019 is being proposed.

## 2018 Future Directions

The SJ committee intends to apply for an Arts Council grant to fund nine tutors to support SJ students in 2018.

SJ would like to further community links with the Breakfast Point and Strathfield communities and with rural and remote communities.

SJ hopes to organise a trip to Hawaii for the 2019 Pacific Basin Music Festival or a rural area tour.

## Orchestra Committee 2017

John Kennedy	SJ Chairperson and Principal Homebush Boys HS
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
Estelle Southall	Principal, Homebush West PS
Brian Dill	Principal, Drummoyne PS
Jodi Engisch	Relieving Principal, Concord HS
Angela Lyris	Principal Strathfield Girls HS
Simon Paterson	Principal Strathfield South HS
Anna Paleothodoros	Deputy Principal Homebush Boys HS
Tracy Burjan	Conductor
Luke Wallace	Conductor
Susan Sukkar	Conductor
Elaine Pensabene	Financial Manager Strathfield South PS
Judy Holland	Financial Manager Homebush West PS
Margaret Coote	Manager Symphonia Jubilate