

Symphonia Jubilate 2018 Annual Report



From the SJ Committee

It has been another wonderful year for Symphonia Jubilate (SJ). SJ's successes have ranged from Opera House performances in the Department of Education's Festival of Instrumental Music and the Cantabile Concert to its own in-house concerts.

SJ string ensemble capably accompanied a community adult choir at a performance of Handel's "The Messiah" on Good Friday at Epping Baptist Church. The SJ string ensemble, led by Luke Wallace, was conducted by Steve Bartlett.

SJ Primo orchestra was chosen to perform at Burwood RSL's Anzac Ceremony. The orchestra accompanied the "Friends of SJ" choir and the Burwood community when they sang hymns and Anzac songs at this moving ceremony.

SJ's June concert, was entitled "The Young and The Old" as a celebration of the age diversity and range of talents within the SJ orchestra and as a celebration of composers both classical, romantic and contemporary. The NSW State Recorder Ensemble was invited to perform with the SJ String Ensemble to play "Starlight" written by 11 year old, James Brew.

A selection of SJ soloists and small ensembles performed for the Breakfast Point community on 27th July at the Breakfast Point community hall. This successful concert, entitled "Highly Strung" was organised by the Breakfast Point Rotary Club to provide young musicians with an intimate performance opportunity. We are very grateful to the Breakfast Point Rotary Club for its strong support for over six years.

SJ's November concert, "La,La,La,La...." included music from the movie *La La Land* by Justin Hurwitz and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony 1st Movement. The SJ community were delighted that our patron, Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir could attend this concert. SJ has had strong support from Dame Marie over many years and we would like to thank her for attending this SJ concert to support the young musicians.

The SJ committee would like to thank Mathew Owen and SuHee Cho who have been SJ's assistant conductors for the past two years. Their two-year tenure has come to a close and they will move onto bigger (not better) things. It has been a pleasure seeing them grow as conductors and mentors. We have no doubt we will be seeing them on the world stage in the future.

We would like to thank everyone involved in making Symphonia Jubilate such a success in 2018 from the principals of our affiliated schools, our conductors, tutors, music staff and our parent helpers.

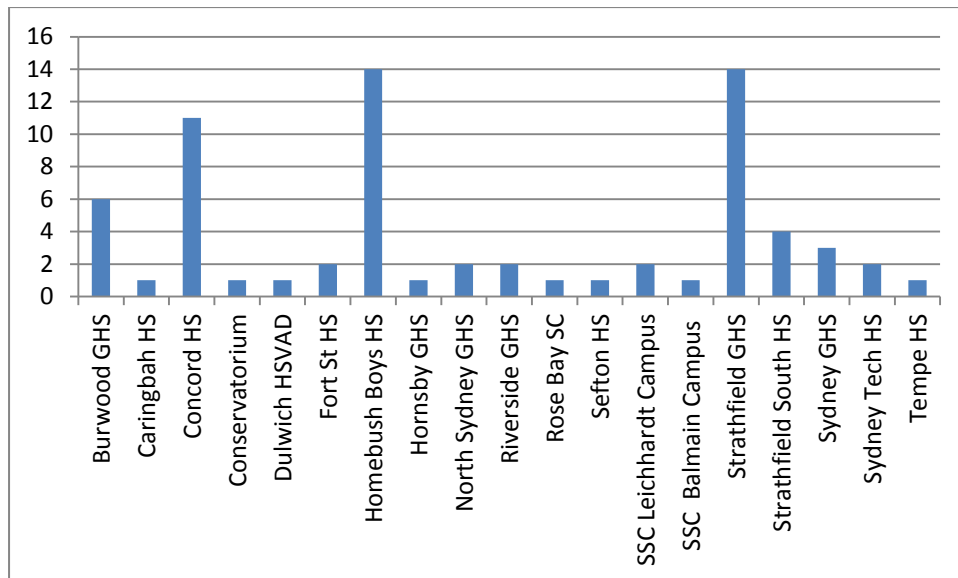
Most of all we would like to thank the wonderful students who turn up to rehearsals ready to play, learn and be inspired by the gift of music.

The SJ committee

THE SJ ORCHESTRAS

SJ Primo

SJ Primo is made up of high school students from Sydney's Inner West areas and other schools in the Ultimo district. There has been huge leaps of improvement in the sight-reading and musicality of the students since the orchestra started six years ago.



Repertoire

Palladio by Karl Jenkins

March of the Dwarfs by Edvard Grieg, arranged by Michael Story

Romeo and Juliet by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, arranged by Richard Meyer

Two South American Tangos by A.G. Villoldo

Symphony No 5 1st movement by Ludwig Van Beethoven arranged by Richard Meyer

Milenium by Richard Meyer

La, La, La Lieto! by Tracy Burjan

Fanfare for the Common Man by Aaron Copland arranged by Robert Longfield (percussion and brass only).

SJ String Ensemble Repertoire

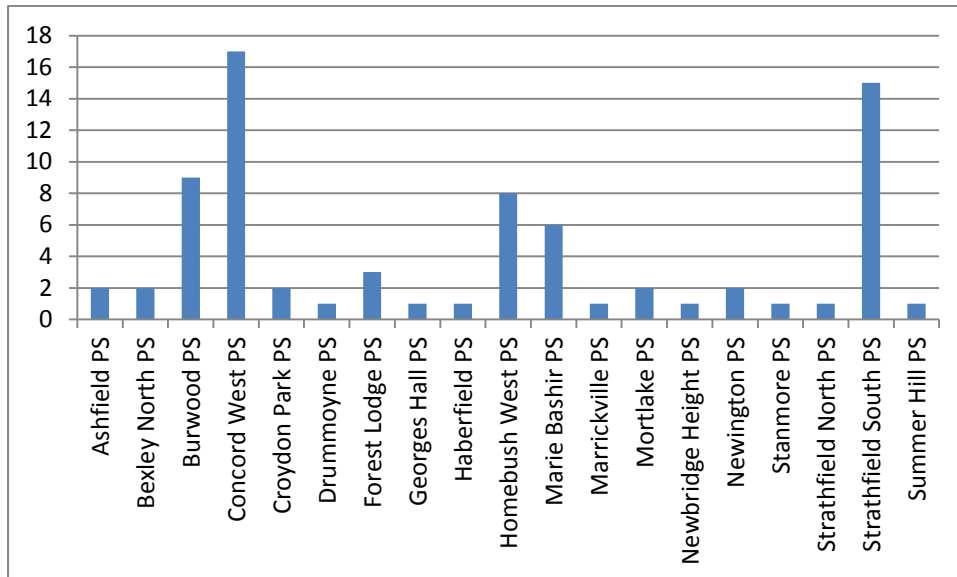
Mia and Sebastian's Theme arranged by Tracy Burjan

Scarborough Fair arranged by Tracy Burjan



SJ Secondo

SJ Secondo is made up of primary school students in the Strathfield/ Burwood areas and outlying districts. SJ is lucky to have so many talented young students playing in this orchestra. Our musicians' instruments include one French horn, two violas, a double bass and nine flutes! Students tackle the repertoire with confidence and take their role in the orchestra seriously. They all want to improve their reading skills. We are very proud of our junior students in SJ Secondo.



Repertoire

Aragonaise from Carmen by Georges Bizet ,arranged by Richard Meyer

The Abduction from the Seraglio W.A. Mozart ,arranged by Richard Meyer

Capriccio Espagnol, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arranged by Richard Meyer

Linz Symphony No 36 by W. A Mozart arranged by Richard Meyer

Intermezzo from Carmen by George Size arranged by Richard Meyer

Take Five by Dave Brubeck arranged by Bob Cerulli

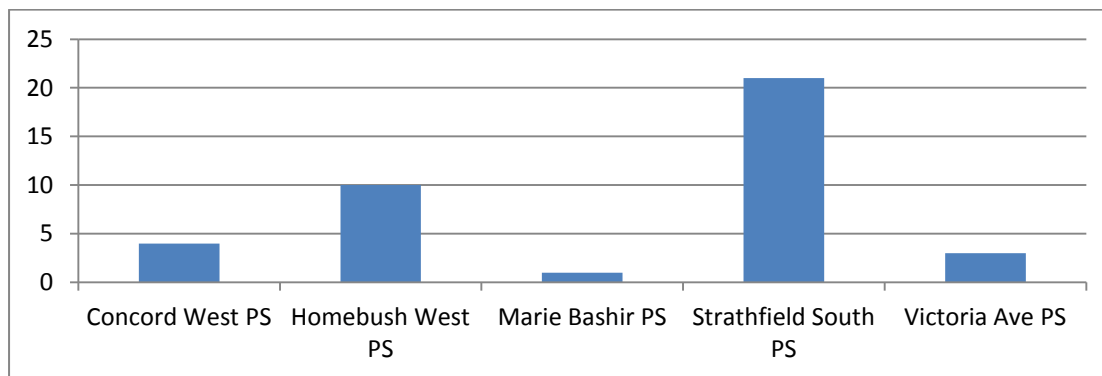
Wipe Out by The Surfaris arranged by Richard Meyer

Fanfare for the Common Man by Aaron Copland arranged by Robert Longfield (percussion and brass only).



SJ Pizzicato

SJ Pizzicato was started two years ago and has now tripled in size with young string players from the Strathfield area. 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 performing in our concerts.



Repertoire

Miniature Symphony by Richard Meyer

Espana by Emmanuel Chabrier/Emile Waldteufel, arranged by Nico Dezaire

Big Ben Boogie by Loreta Fin

Edge of Horizon by Jeremy Woolstenhulme

Lotus Dance by Kathryn Griesinger

Dragon Slayer by Rob Grice



FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018

Statement of Accounts as at 3.12.2018			
Open Balance 01/01/2018		\$ 20,911.85	
Income			
Creative Arts Grant	\$ 9,500.00		
Donations	\$ 350.00		
Enrolment Fees	\$ 24,060.00		
Fundraising (Canteen and Concert sales)	\$ 9,407.30		
School Affiliation Fees	\$ 3,950.00		
Uniform shirts	\$ 2,736.09		
Total Income		\$ 50,003.39	\$ 70,915.24
Expenses			
Consumable Materials	\$ 405.78		
Contractors sound, lighting, tutors, security	\$ 27,075.79		
Extra Curricular Payment	\$ 550.00		
First Aid Supplies	\$ 217.02		
General Staff Training	\$ 111.15		
Concert Catering for staff	\$ 589.40		
Meeting Expenses	\$ 118.18		
Misc Excursion Payment	\$ 300.00		
Office Supplies	\$ 637.66		
Promotional Material	\$ 300.00		
Purchases for Resale uniform shirts	\$ 5,698.00		
Music scores	\$ 6,316.77		
Total Expenses			\$ 42,319.75
Balance as at 31 December 2018			\$ 28,595.49

The SJ funds are held in the Strathfield South Public School account. Our funds are managed by Elaine Pensabene (administrative manager of Strathfield South PS) and overseen by the SJ committee. These funds are audited under the Department of Education procedures. Our thanks and appreciation are extended to Elaine, who is invaluable to the running of SJ.

In 2018, SJ received an Arts Council grant of \$9500 to enhance our students' musicianship. This grant enabled us to employ nine musicians who attended all our rehearsals and concerts. These musicians mentored our SJ students by demonstrating, teaching instrumental techniques, playing alongside them, correcting them and encouraging them to greater heights. We would like to thank them for their commitment and also acknowledge the volunteer musicians, who mentored our students in 2018.

At the Term 4 SJ committee meeting, it was decided to commit \$10,000 to bus and truck transport for our 2019 regional tour.

SJ'S GOALS FOR 2018

In 2017 the SJ committee set the following goals for 2018:

- apply for an Arts Council grant to fund nine tutors to support SJ students in 2018.
- further community links with the Breakfast Point and Strathfield communities and with rural and remote communities.
- organise a trip to Hawaii for the 2019 Pacific Basin Music Festival or a tour of rural NSW if the overseas trip was not feasible.

Results:

- SJ was successful in gaining an Arts Council Grant. (See Financial Report).
- Breakfast Point Rotary Club and the Breakfast Point Community facilitated an SJ concert in the Breakfast Point Community Hall. Proceeds from this concert assisted the purchase of a concert drum for SJ. Our sincere thanks to the Breakfast Point community for organising this event and for its strong support of SJ.
- SJ strengthened links with the Strathfield Symphony Orchestra. Members of the Strathfield orchestra attended some of SJ's rehearsals to mentor our young musicians and have offered to share their library of music with the SJ orchestra. Together, we have made plans to perform at each other's concerts in 2019.
- 2018 began with efforts to gain the support of parents for the 2019 Hawaii Pacific Basin Music Festival. Parents, in general, struggled with the cost of this trip and as a result, plans for an overseas trip were shelved. Our efforts focussed on a short regional tour of NSW instead.
- The latter part of 2018 was spent planning a short regional tour of Central Western NSW for 2019. Our Artistic Director, Tracy Burjan, made strong contacts with musicians and principals in Orange, Dubbo and Warren. Parents' and students' interest in this tour was high and it was decided to commit some of SJ's funds to the tour.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

2019 will see Symphonia Jubilate take a tour to Dubbo, Orange and Warren. We are particularly excited about the Warren stage of our tour as we will visit Warren Central School where they have some wonderful things planned for us including a traditional welcome to country from the Indigenous community and a community BBQ. Every SJ student from Years 5 - 12 is invited.

There are performances planned including the Festival of Instrumental Music, Cantabile Festival and Our Spectacular at the Opera House. Handel's Messiah will be on again in 2019 for choir and string players on Good Friday led by Luke Wallace and conducted by Steve Bartlett.

In 2019 SJ will also invite Dr Sadaharu Muramatsu as a guest conductor for the next two years. Sada comes with a long list of experience and is the conductor of Strathfield Symphony Orchestra (SSO). We will also be helping SSO celebrate their 50th anniversary by doing a combined concert in June.

The SJ TEAM 2018

The Conductors

Luke Wallace
Tracy Burjan
Susan Sukkar
Georgina Andrews
Nadia Burjan
Mathew Owen
SuHee Cho
Gabi Powell-Thomas
Yvonne Brown
Nazli Sendurgut



Tutors

Yvonne Brown
Paul Burjan
Ruth Choong
Jeff Debnam
Sherry Hsiao



Rebecca Jing
Grace Liang
Jon Morabito
Beth Munsie
Anthie Papanikolaou
Lina Ponto
Shane Randall
Nazli Sendurgut
Sarah Seo



Mikaela Sukkar
Peter Vickery
Po-Shen Wang
Rachel Yeung



School Principals of SJ's Affiliated Schools

Kevin Elgood
Angela Lyris
Simon Paterson
Kim Self
Karen Mortimer
Carolyn Wallace-Whelan
Estelle Southall
Stacey Furner
Jacqueline Attard
Jodi Engisch

Homebush Boys HS
Strathfield Girls HS
Strathfield South HS
Concord West PS
Strathfield South PS
Burwood PS
Homebush West PS
Victoria Avenue PS
Marie Bashir PS
Acting principal Concord HS

Patrons

Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir
Lyn Williams Artistic Director Gondwana Voices

Manager

Margaret Coote

Treasurer

Elaine Pensabene

Fundraising Team

Margo Iredale, Murray Iredale, Fey Dane,
Irene Papadopoulos.