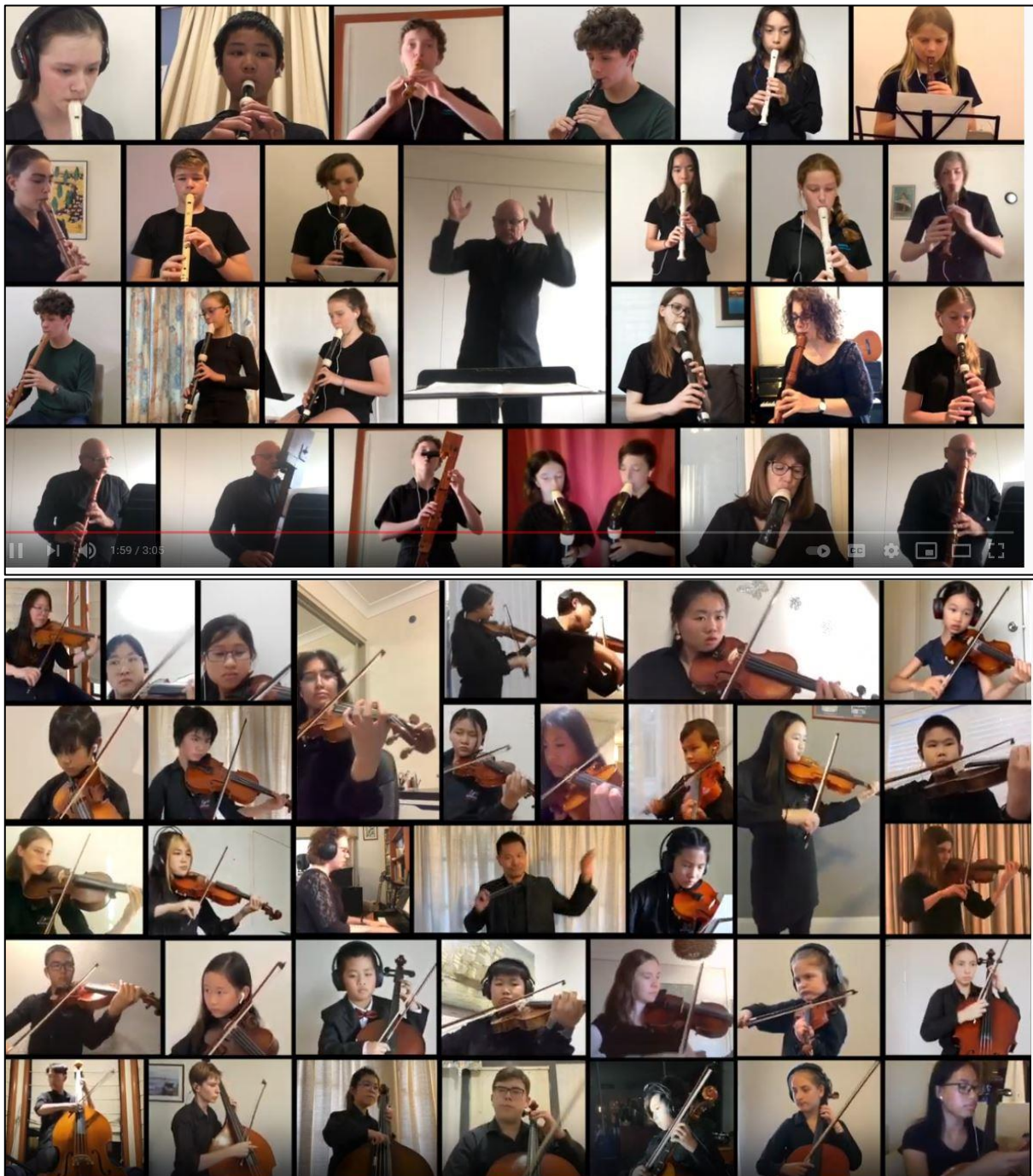




# Symphonia Jubilate 2020 Annual Report

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## Artistic Directors' Report

2020 was a challenging year for Symphonia Jubilata (SJ) to achieve its goals of strengthening community ties through music and nurturing the musical development of our students. We had one rehearsal together before COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions were imposed. It was to be the first and last rehearsal for 2020.

One of our 2020 goals was to relocate SJ orchestra to Homebush West Public School. This was successfully undertaken at the beginning of 2020, thanks to the help of many SJ volunteers and removalists. The SJ orchestra had excellent support from Estelle Southall, principal of Homebush West Public School, and from the staff of Homebush West PS who provided storage space for our instruments and organised rehearsal rooms, canteen space and supplies for SJ.

Also at the beginning of 2020, we welcomed the NSW State Recorder group and its conductors, Susan Sukkar and Hanz-Deiter Michatz, into the SJ organisation. Our first rehearsal together at Homebush West Public School was highly successful. An afternoon tea for parents and students was provided, so that we could get to know each other and re-establish community ties.

After such a successful beginning, COVID lockdowns followed. We met this challenge by providing online tutorials for students. Students were encouraged to learn parts for *Game of Thrones* arrangement and after a semester of practising at home, were asked to video their performances and send it to the SJ team.

Our woodwind tutor and technical advisor, Paul Burjan, did a wonderful job compiling everyone's performances into one great orchestral concert for parents and families to view online. This video went to Department of Education executives and was screened at several important occasions.

We had hoped to be back to normal for Semester Two, but unfortunately COVID restrictions continued and SJ was back to online tutorials. This semester culminated in the screening of videos of *Celtic Dreams* by Tracy Burjan, *Heavy Wood* by Bjorn Hagvall and *Jamaican Rumba* by Arthur Brennan. We thank our conductors and tutors for making the online tutorials for these pieces. Thanks to our students and their parents for the time spent practising these pieces and for the effort of videoing these individual performances. Our thanks to Paul Burjan for the enormous amount of time he spent making these videos. They are treasured mementos of how SJ overcame the difficulties of 2020.

**Tracy Burjan and Sada Muramatsu**

## Community Links

SJ worked towards furthering community relationships through music. SJ Outback program director and conductor, Francis Evans, held several meetings with the SJ team to report on the progress of SJ Outback. Students in Central Western NSW towns of Warren and Gilgandra and outlying districts have taken up voice and instrument tuition. Instruments have been donated or purchased. A proposed formal launch of the SJ Outback program is planned for June/July 2021 in Warren, which members of the SJ team will attend.

SJ's links with Strathfield Symphony Orchestra have continued to strengthen, even though neither SJ Orchestra nor Strathfield Symphony Orchestra were able to have all their planned concerts in 2020. Several ex-students of SJ and an SJ tutor are now members of the Strathfield Symphony Orchestra, which is evidence that this relationship is strong and will continue to grow.

The members of Friends of Symphony Jubilate (FOSJ), the community organisation supporting SJ, were thrilled to receive a community grant of \$5000 from Strathfield Council. This money will be used to fund outdoor staging, sound and lighting for an open-air SJ family concert to be held in June 2021. FOSJ has also been working towards achieving tax-deductible recipient status as a non-profit organisation. This will enable FOSJ to receive donations and grants on behalf of SJ. The SJ committee wishes to acknowledge the time and dedication to this effort by Flora Benson, SJ's program co-ordinator.

Tracy Burjan and Margaret Coote have met with the Bates Street Women's Group to explain SJ's role in the community and its goals. They had planned to meet with Strathfield Rotary Club in 2020, but this meeting has been postponed until 2021.

## Future Directions for 2021

- SJ will strengthen its links with rural and regional NSW through the SJ Outback program.
- SJ's senior string group, Sul Ponticello, will perform online, conducted by Sada Muramatsu, the introduction to Handel's Messiah. This will be screened on Good Friday at a COVID-safe performance of The Messiah, conducted by Steve Bartlett.
- SJ will support Friends of SJ in its goal to achieve tax-deductible recipient status.
- The SJ orchestra will hold two concerts, one per semester.
- The SJ committee will evaluate current programs and practices.
- The SJ committee will encourage founding/member schools to engage both their principals and an executive or teacher representative.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020

Symphonia Jubilate			
Statement of Account 2020			
Open Balance as at 01/01/2020		\$19,380	
Income			
Affiliation Fees	\$2,950		
Fundraising	\$30		
Enrolments	\$26,230		
Uniform	\$1,200		
Arts Grant	\$9,000		
Total Income		\$39,410	
Expenses			
Admin Days (10 days)	\$5,209		
Business Cards	\$559		
Computer Subscriptions (dropbox/webhosti	\$750		
WHS (First Aid/EpiPens/Ventolin/Courses)	\$583		
Manhasset 24 Concert Stands w/trolley	\$7,269		
Catering	\$186		
Promotional Material	\$600		
Service Violins	\$520		
Teaching Resources (Sheet Music)	\$1,278		
Transport instruments from MPH to HWPS	\$182		
Tutors	\$7,174		
Uniform Stock	\$2,534		
Video Production	\$2,600		
Total Expenses		\$29,444	
Balance as at 31 December 2020			\$29,346

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 donates considerable time to SJ.

SJ thanks the Arts Council for their grant of \$9000. This was used to pay the tutors and conductors for their online tutorials. The other significant purchase was music stands for the four orchestras. Our move to Homebush West PS and the incorporation of State Recorders into SJ, necessitated this purchase.





## The SJ Team

### Artistic Directors

Tracy Burjan, Sada Muramatsu

### Conductors

Susan Sukkar, Hans -Dieter Michatz, Mathew Owen, Nadia Burjan, Michael Jobson

### Tutors

Yvonne Brown, Paul Burjan, Ruth Choong, Jeff Debnam, Sherry Hsiao, Samantha Boston, John Morabito, Beth Munsie, Anthie Papanikolaou, Zenith Chae, Po-Shen Wang, Jianne Parisi, Mitchell Gertos, Gabriela Powell-Thomas.

### Stage Hands

Stanley Zeh, Zach Jones.

### SJ Committee

President - Estelle Southall (Homebush West PS)

Principals/delegates from:

Homebush Boys HS, Strathfield Girls HS, Concord HS, Strathfield South HS, Burwood Girls HS, Concord West PS, Strathfield South PS, Burwood PS, Victoria Avenue PS, Marie Bashir PS.

### Manager

Margaret Coote

### Treasurer

Elaine Pensabene

### Program Co-ordinator

Flora Benson