

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



Well, it's that time of year again, no, not just Christmas BUT Studio Newsletter Time!!! 😊

It's been another huge year for us all, students and teachers. We're all definitely ready for a holiday right? Let's start off with diary type info.....

You will notice we are starting back a little earlier than last year. This is when we always want to start back and we've just made it happen for 2018! As we all know, our voices don't go on holidays if we want to continue to develop! If there are any MAJOR problems with these dates, please contact me ASAP. By ASAP, I mean, prior to the end of this year so that we can address anything we need to. As always with holiday times for those of you who are on them, at this time of year, we try to be flexible with the teaching schedule as much as possible and within reason, but we can't be if we don't know what's happening for you all.

STUDIO DATES FOR NEXT YEAR!!!!

Term 1

15th Jan – 14th April

Term 2

23rd April – 7th July

Term 3

16th July – 29nd September

Term 4

8th October – 15th December



JUNIOR CONCERT 2018 / YRS 10, 11 & 12 CONCERT

END OF TERM 1/ MAY-JUNE – STAY TUNED

SO.....WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS YEAR????

Once again, it's been a huge year.... I know I don't have to tell you guys this as you've been living it!! Below is a massive list of all the productions you have all been part of. Congratulations to each and every one of you for your Leading Role, Supporting Role and Ensemble Featured Roles. We are so proud of you!



Les Miserables (WHSPA)

The Wedding Singer (Smiths Hill HS)

Anything Goes (Bulli HS)

Wicked, Heathers & Hello Dolly (Miranda Musical Society)

Rent (Rockdale Musical Society)

Seussical, The Musical (The Arcadians Theatre Group)
Beauty and the Beast & Chicago (SoPopera)
Wizard of Oz & High School Musical (Arcadians Childrens Theatre)
Wicked, First Date & Dogfight (The Arcadians Theatre Group)
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (Roo Theatre)
Beauty & The Beast (TIGS)
Southern Stars (Featured Artists, Backing Vocalists & Ensembles)
The NSW Schools Spectacular (Featured Artists)
Performing Ensemble (previously Illawarra South East Regional Touring Ensemble)
Wollongong Eisteddfod
Grease (IYAP)

2017 HSC MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Yes...that crazy darn HSC was all over us again this year! Congratulations to you all on your work and seeing through the frustration and let's face it, sometimes boredom of working and re-working your pieces. We hope that the work you put in will be reflected in the results you receive. The really wonderful thing though, is that it's over and you can all embark on your new chapters!

ABRSM & AMEB SINGING EXAMS



Congratulations to all of you who did exams in the middle of the year and those who did them over the last couple of weeks. Your results are fabulous!! 😊 As singers we have to fight constantly to be seen equally, as musicians. We must want for more and thirst for knowledge. It pays dividends in the end. This is why we love exam work! So to those of you who did ABRSM and the AMEB Music Theatre Exams...a hearty "Well Done!"

I included this little story last year's Chrissy Newsletter, and wanted to share it again. I think it's such a great reminder about foundation, technique and repetition and how working with all three is imperative.....

It once was the case that figure skaters were marked on their foundation work...they would skate a Figure 8, and have to do it many times over. The assessors would then come onto the ice and see if they had executed it each time on the same groove. If they hadn't, they would not pass their work. They didn't like it, infact it was a bore and frustrating to many, however, they knew it was the key to succeeding. If you only practice the stuff you like, the stuff you don't like will never get better and will pull you back. No one likes that. Congratulations to you all, for being Vocal Figure Skaters who went over your Figure 8's !!! 😊

I would like to acknowledge the work of Jennifer and Lisa. Exam preparation is a nerve wracking and tireless task for a teacher. I'm sure I can say, on behalf of all your students and parents, that your work is so valued and we are all Thankful for it.

STUDIO ALUMNI

WIZARD OF OZ & BIG FISH

This time last year I was congratulating **Zoe Ioannou** for graduating from NIDA, this year, a big Congrats for landing some awesome pro work in Big Fish with the Hayes Theatre Co and now the Australian Touring production of "The Wizard of Oz". So so proud of your continual achievements Zoe and your incredible attitude!

LITTLE BIG CLUB

Congratulations to **Jack Paterson** for landing the role of Charlie in LBC All Stars. LGB is in similar vein to Hi-5 and currently based in Macau & Singapore. We are very proud of you Jack and hope you're enjoying this opportunity.

NIDA

Congratulations to **Aaron Gobby** who graduated from the Diploma of Music Theatre course this year and Congratulations to **Emily Ritchie**, **Talia Sigsworth** and **James Macalpine** for gaining entry into the course for 2018! Super proud of you guys!

VCA (Victorian College of the Arts) Music Theatre

Congratulations to **Jay Gomez** who has just completed 2nd year and is gearing up for his final year there.

WAAPA (Western Australia Academy of the Performing Arts)

Congratulations to **Tom Gustard** who has just completed 3rd Year in Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music Theatre), and to **Nicole Mealey** who has just completed 3rd year in Bachelor of Music (Classical Voice Performance). We are so proud of you and wish you all the best as you start your new chapters outside of University!

ED5

Congratulations to **Lachlan Grogan** for entry into the Advanced Diploma in Performance course. We hope you have an amazing time and we are super proud of your continual growth.

BRENT ST

Congratulations to **Nelson Bowler** and **Isabel Clarke** for their acceptance into the Diploma of Music Theatre Performance course. Have an awesome time guys! We are so thrilled for you and very very proud.

CQU - Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music

Congratulations to **Kyle Nozza** for having just completed 3rd year in Bachelor of Music Theatre. Looking forward to seeing what is next for you!!

AIM (Australian Institute of Music) & AMPA

Congratulations to **Dylan Wright** who has just graduated with a Diploma of Music in Contemporary Performance and is now undertaking a Masters in Music with a Voice major through AMPA (Academy of Music and Performing Arts). In addition to this, Dylan has just released his new single and remix EP "Freedom" currently charting on iTunes Dance charts at #35. Very proud of you!

AFTRS (Australian Film, Television and Radio School)

Congratulations to **Ryan Morgan** who has just been accepted into a Bachelor of Screen - Production. Absolutely awesome Ryan, and not suprised one bit!



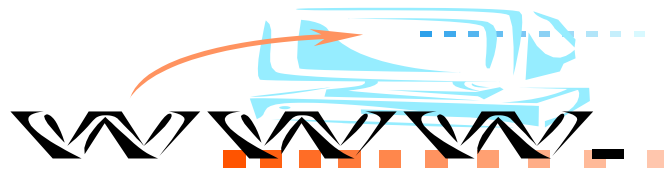
And so there you have it! I no doubt have forgotten many things.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2018! We created a special something for you guys..... It will come in a separate email ☺ So a big Merry Christmas from us 4!

Thank you for all your support this year parents and families. Without you, we don't get to do what we do. And to all you older guys, Thank you for remembering your lessons!!! (You all know who you are !!) ;)

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Be sure to check things on the website. All policies and studio info is on there and about to go through a little update. I will actually knuckle down on that a little more too.....with the help of Jason Turnbull... which I said last year but I'm going to really TRY in 2018!!! (So handy having an IT expert & singing teacher at the studio!!!) ☺



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