



the music education centre

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO YOU ALL!

2014 has been an exciting year for the Music Education Centre, its students and teachers. We would like to thank you all for your continued support over the last 12 months and look forward to helping you meet your musical goals in 2015.

January started with a number of new teachers joining our team after having undergone our Teachers Training Course. This training is an integral part of our recruitment process so that students can be confident of the quality of our lessons.

By February, the first term was in full swing, with many new students starting lessons – particularly through our “Music In Schools” programme. Our centre was able to offer lessons on over 15 different instruments and we were pleased to see students of all ages and levels setting musical goals for the year ahead.

The Easter break in April provided an opportunity to start planning to work more closely with the new administrators of the Rockschool examinations, and it was our pleasure to host Australian examiner, Allyson Locke in July, August and October for students sitting these internationally recognised qualifications.

Celebrating 20 years, the Forte School of Music held its annual conference in Cardiff, Wales in July. Lionel and Elena Reekie represented the Music Education Centre at this event. Lionel was also in Queensland in late September for the “Forte Budding Virtuosity” recording project, and we are looking forward to see this help promote the wonderful “Forte” courses even more.

Student performance was a highlight of the year, with successful “Performance Afternoons” held at the end of each term, and then the annual “Forte Festival” at the Brian Gerard Theatre in September. Performance is such an important part of a musical education and we are so pleased to provide and encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity.

Looking to the year ahead, the Music Education Centre looks forward to helping students work towards their personal musical goals, whether it be concerts, exams or just for fun. We are proud that our organisation is able to create opportunities on a local and even international level for students and teachers alike, and we are so pleased to have you – our students- with us on our journey through the world of making music!



CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to acknowledge the International success of one of our North Shore accordion students, Alexandra Reekie, who represented New Zealand at the World Accordion Championships in Salzburg, Austria recently.

Although only 13 years of age, Alexandra was in the 18 years and under, Virtuoso Entertainment Music category, and beat competitors from as far afield as China, USA, and France to achieve a very creditable 12th Place.

Alexandra learns from past New Zealand and South Pacific accordion champion, Campbell Bettridge, himself a past representative at World Championship competition.

The Music Education Centre is one of the country’s leading tuition centres for accordion, having originally offered lessons solely on accordion when it first opened in 1981.

Through our on-going association with Titano Accordion (NZ) Ltd, we are still able to offer young beginner accordion students the opportunity to hire an instrument free of charge if they would like to try out this often under-rated instrument.

To find out more, please call the centre on 0800893939

Lesson Fees for 2015

The Music Education Centre is committed to providing value in all of our lessons. Unfortunately, rising costs mean that a small inflation adjustment will be made to individual lesson fees from the start of 2015. 30 minute lessons will be \$29.90 per half hour (an increase of just \$0.40). There will be no change to group lesson rates.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS:

Congratulations to the following teachers who have recently had examination successes.

Georgia Wood	Debut Grade Rockscool Guitar with Distinction	Nick Cebalo
Johnathan Straka	Debut Grade Rockscool Guitar with Distinction	Nick Cebalo
Halle Driver	Initial Grade Trinity Piano with Merit	Elena Reekie
Yu-Fei Sun	Initial Grade Trinity Piano with Merit	Elena Reekie
Alice Hout	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano	Gabrielle Reid
Jessica Brown	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano	Gabrielle Reid
Amelie Back	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano	Gabrielle Reid
Amelie Seagar	Grade 1 Trinity Piano	Elena Reekie
Callum Armstrong	Grade 1 Rockscool Guitar with Merit	Nick Cebalo
Rajin Morar	Grade 1 Rockscool Drums with Merit	Ying Xiao
Alice Cawley	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Janet Tracey
Phoebe Rayneau	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Gabrielle Reid
Andrew Crotty	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Richard Hall
Marlon Senior	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Judy Mitchell
Bianca Coplestone	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Judy Mitchell
Kirsten D'Offizi	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Judy Mitchell
Anna Haine	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Distinction	Gabrielle Reid
Jeannie Mati	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Distinction	Janet Tracey
Saartje Ly	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Distinction	Ying Xiao
Nathan Henderson	Grade 1 Rockscool Drums with Distinction	Nick Cebalo
Oliver Hunt	Grade 1 Rockscool Guitar with Distinction	Elena Reekie
Isaac Paradesh	Grade 1 Trinity Piano with Merit	Elena Reekie
Jennifer Orman	Grade 1 Trinity Piano with Merit	Gabrielle Reid
Cate O'Sullivan-Watts	Grade 1 ABRSM Theory with Merit	Gabrielle Reid
Bideah Bruce	Grade 1 Trinity Piano with Distinction	Don Brough
Jay Huggins	Grade 1 Rockscool Guitar with Distinction	Nick Cebalo
Rebecca Fleming	Grade 1 ABRSM Theory with Distinction	Judy Mitchell
Lachlan Green	Grade 2 Trinity Piano with Merit	Elena Reekie
Cate O'Sullivan-Watts	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Gabrielle Reid
Jacob Marriott	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Gabrielle Reid
Austiner Hellesoe	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Gabrielle Reid
Karam Matti	Grade 2 Rockscool Bass with Merit	Simon Ross
Anthony Smithson	Grade 2 Rockscool Drums with Merit	Thomas Stein
Blake Morris	Grade 2 Rockscool Drums with Merit	Jared De Marigny
Hannah Beetge	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Andrew Jones
Bella Emery	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano with Distinction	Judy Mitchell
Alice Hirst	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano with Distinction	Judy Mitchell
Raphael Russell	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano with Distinction	Andrew Jones
Emma Rogers	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano with Distinction	Janet Tracey
Bella Emery	Grade 2 ABRSM Theory with Distinction	Judy Mitchell
Katie Cooper	Grade 3 Trinity Piano	Kiri O'Neill
Caitlin Grobler	Grade 3 ABRSM Theory	Gabrielle Reid
Jeffrey Yu	Grade 3 ABRSM Theory with Merit	Gabrielle Reid
Emily Sharpe	Grade 3 Trinity Piano with Merit	Kiri O'Neill
Sadheera Weerapperuma	Grade 3 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Andrew Jones
Liam Goad	Grade 3 ABRSM Theory with Distinction	Gabrielle Reid
George Yang	Grade 3 ABRSM Theory with Distinction	Judy Mitchell
Neha Rai	Grade 4 ABRSM Piano	Andrew Jones
Thuryah Al-Azzawi	Grade 4 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Andrew Jones
Hannah Sillick	Grade 4 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Andrew Jones
Deshama Weerapperuna	Grade 5 ABRSM Piano	Andrew Jones
Travis Dunsmore	Grade 5 Rockscool Guitar with Merit	Ethan Edmonds
Joseph Chong	Grade 5 ABRSM Theory with Merit	Gabrielle Reid
Michael Oborn	Grade 5 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Andrew Jones
Maikie Boquiren	Grade 5 Trinity Piano with Distinction	Don Brough
Joseph Chong	Grade 5 ABRSM Piano with Distinction	Andrew Jones
Vanessa Chong	Grade 6 ABRSM Piano with Distinction	Andrew Jones
Ryan Saena	Grade 7 ABRSM Piano	Andrew Jones
Jonathan Lau	Grade 8 ABRSM Piano with Merit	Andrew Jones

Important Dates for 2014-15

5th December

*Last Scheduled lessons for
"Music In Schools" students*

7th December

Performance Afternoon

20th December

Last Teaching Day for 2014

5th January

*Music Education Centre office
reopens limited hours for
telephone enquiries*

19th January

Reception open daily from 3pm

Mid-Late January

Teacher Training Course

26th January

*Auckland Anniversary Day, -
Music Education Centre Closed*

31st January

*Lessons recommence at
Ponsonby Intermediate School*

2nd February

Term 1 commences

6th February

*Waitangi Day, - Music
Education Centre Closed*

9th February

*Music In Schools lessons able
to recommence for most
students*

**PLEASE MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR
DIARY TODAY**

End of year progress reports

Most students should be receiving end of year reports this month. If you have not, please feel free to contact your teacher directly should you wish to discuss progress or goals for the year ahead.

Our centre can be contacted on 0800 893939 or by email at lessons@musiceducation.co.nz

End of Term Performance Afternoon

The term 4 Performance afternoon will be held on:

- SUNDAY 7th December 2014
- Takapuna War Memorial Hall (North Shore)
- Tirimoana School Hall (West Auckland)

Remember that admission is free and this is a great opportunity to come along and support some of our youngest students, and celebrate their successes

Start preparing your performance TODAY!