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CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COMMITTEE
PLEASE NOTE - If you wish to get in touch with the Committee about any aspect of this newsletter, you may email us at friends.som.anu@gmail.com. This will ensure your query is dealt with relatively quickly. This is also the address for requests to advertise student concerts.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Friends Ensemble Competition Wednesday May 24
Austrian Embassy Concert Thursday May 25 (Full details and booking form to follow soon)
Italian Embassy Concert Thursday August 31
Hungarian Embassy Concert Thursday October 26
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS
The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday March 21. Several longstanding members of the committee resigned after many years of hard work for the Friends. Our grateful thanks go to Christine Goode, Robyn McKay , Debbie Dwyer and Ann and Roger Smith. The new committee is as follows:
President: Tony Henshaw
Vice Presidents: Dan Sloss, Marilyn Higgins
Secretary: Rosemary Greaves
Treasurer: Currently vacant but will be filled by election by the Committee from amongst its members.
Ordinary Members: Sally Curlewis, Margaret Kahn, Neil Montgomery, Teresa Neeman, Annie Oakey, Lindy Reksten, Michael Rush
There is still room on the committee for interested people to join as ordinary members. We welcome expressions of interest from any of the Friends at any time. There will be many opportunities for committee members to be involved in Friends functions throughout the year. We have a busy year planned for 2017 with three embassy concerts, a jazz concert and the historic instruments concert as well as the Ensemble Competition. Committee members can help with organising these functions and have the opportunity to work with the new head of school and his deputy, as well as a new generation of students.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE PUBLIC FUND

Katrina Tang, who was awarded this scholarship in 2016, has received her funding to continue her Friends Performance Scholarship for her piano performance studies for 2017. We expect to be able to award the scholarship to a new first year student in the next few weeks. In future there will be a number of students receiving support in parallel as the scholarship has been awarded over the past few years and is for the duration of the student's studies dependent on satisfactory performance. To sustain this, we do need more donations as each student receives $5,000 per year throughout their degree. If you can help with a donation of any size, please use the process outlined on our web site https://music.anu.edu.au/friends or send in the form you will find there. Thank you to those generous members who have already donated. We really appreciate your help.

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017 IS NOW DUE

Membership Fees in 2017 remain the same as for the last two years: $40 for single membership, $65 for families, $20 for pensioners, $100 for corporate organisations. Life Membership is 10 times the annual membership fee. It is possible to include a donation with your membership payment and donations to the Friends Public Fund of $2 or over are tax-deductible (Note however that donations to the Friends' general funds are not tax deductible). The membership form was attached to a previous newsletter or can be downloaded from the Friends web site.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

A full list of prize winners from 2016 has been published on the ANU web site. Many of these prizes are provided by the Friends. The awards are

Bill Hyslop Prize for Voice: Jade McFaul and Leilani Wagner
Erika Haas Prize: Katrina Tang
Friends Ensemble Prize – Chamber Music 1st Prize: Emma-Shay Gallenti-Guilfoyle and Hamish Strathdee
Friends Ensemble Prize – Chamber Music People's Choice: Hayley Manning, Clara Barrs and Lauren Giddy
Harold Wesley Allen Memorial Prize: Benjamin Drury
Imad Nassir Prize for Encouragement in Piano Performance: Hanul Lee
Llewellyn Choir Prize for Most Outstanding Instrumentalist: Helena Popovic
Llewellyn Choir Prize for Best Vocalist: Jade McFaul
Margaret Smiles Accompaniment Prize: Mia Huang
Peter and Lena Karmel Anniversary Prize in Music: Louis Montgomery

FRIENDS CYO SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEEDBACK

Four full scholarships and one half scholarship have been awarded to the following students to cover the cost of membership of the Canberra Youth Orchestra for 2017. The winners are Helena Popovic (violin), Nicole Fung (French Horn), Chayla Ueckert-Smith (Oboe), Hayley Manning (Double Bass) and Ev Ramadan (Flute). Ev is a pre-tertiary student and received the 50% scholarship.

Up to five of these scholarships are awarded annually to talented students to enhance their orchestral experience. Assessment is based on the results of the CYO auditions and a written application. The students must be a music degree

student at the ANU School of Music, or enrolled in an Open School Program, or enrolled in an ANU MUSI course as part of an ANU degree or a degree at another ACT institution.

Scholarship holders from 2016 have provided feedback on their experiences in 2016. We have heard from Nicole Fung, Jonathan Lee, Abbey Kellett and Laura Tough. All of these students commented on their appreciation of the support from the Friends and their enjoyment of the musical experience provided by the CYO. In particular, they had all valued the visit by the Mannheim Youth Orchestra from Germany.

FEEDBACK FROM SUPPORTED STUDENTS

Harriet Blaazer-Grossi provided a feedback report on her 2016 recording grant from the Friends. She used her grant to record her first EP in a professional recording studio. The EP was launched at Smith's Alternative on March 4. Harriet's music is inspired by the folk tradition but augmented by jazz improvisation.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Canberra Youth Orchestra featuring The Idea of North. Hear the Friends scholarship holders play with the Canberra Youth Orchestra at Llewellyn Hall on Saturday April 8 at 7.30 pm. The conductor is Leonard Weiss, an ANU School of Music graduate and coordinator of the Classical H-course in the pre-tertiary program at the School of Music.

The Canberra International Music Festival will be held from April 27 to May 7. The web site www.cimf.org.au has details of all the concerts and performers. Tickets can be purchased through that site.

The community string orchestra Musica da Camera will be led by School of Music graduate Bianca Porcheddu in a program of all Baroque music on Saturday May 6 at 2.30 pm at the Holy Covenant Church, Dexter St, Cook. Bianca is a regular performer on Baroque violin with the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra.

"Jazz at the Gallery" is resuming at the Canberra Grammar School Gallery. The ANU and Canberra Grammar School are partnering to present regular jazz concerts. The first concert on Feb 21 featured School of Music alumni Victor Rufus and Tate Sheridan. The second concert on March 21 featured school alumni Llewellyn Osborne on jazz violin and Lachlan Coventry on guitar with their band. Check the CGS web site for details of future concerts.

The program for the next few concerts of "Jazz in Concert at the Gods Café" is reproduced below:

Tues Apr 4 Jack Beeche Quartet — Rebirth of the Cool

Tues May 2 Ultrafox

Tues Jun 6 John Harkins Trio

The Gods Café/Bar is in the ANU Arts Centre (diagonally across the quadrangle from the Student Union near Sullivans Creek). Due to development at ANU the series will move to a different venue at the ANU probably from June onwards. Bookings essential. Light meals available beforehand at 6.00 pm. Please book early on 6248 5538. 'Non-eating' seats can also be booked. Seating is limited to 80. Music starts at 7.30 pm.