



## GRAND OPENING

**Upper Hunter  
Conservatorium of Music**

First Floor, Campbell's Corner  
**80 Bridge St Muswellbrook**

**2-3 April 2016**

Including 'Open House' all  
weekend

**Gala Opening Concert**

Orchestra and Ensembles

**2 April 7:30pm**

**Conservatorium Comes to  
Campbell's Corner**

Bands and Ensembles Concert

**3 April 2:30pm**

Tickets essential for these concerts

Bookings will open 1st March 2016

Book via our website [www.uhcm.com.au](http://www.uhcm.com.au)



### From the Director

The year of 2016 will be special. On Monday 29 February we begin operating from our new campus at 80 Bridge Street, Muswellbrook, right in the centre of the Upper Hunter region.

The new building will be the first purpose-built performing arts facility in the Upper Hunter. It has air-conditioning throughout, two unique performance spaces,

comprehensive sound-proofing in walls and floors, double glazing on all exterior windows to keep highway noise out, stunning heritage features, plenty of storage spaces, wide hallways and foyers for hospitality and events and large teaching rooms big enough for small ensemble rehearsals.

People will arrive at a welcoming place where the world of music can be opened up to them. It will allow us to become an open community organisation offering performances and events in a hospitable environment for students and visitors.

The 2016 Visiting Artist Concert Series offers 9 thrilling performances. This is the largest number of concerts we have ever offered.

For the first time UHCM has become principal partner with the Sacred Spaces Concerts in Singleton. These 4 outstanding concerts will be performed in the breathtaking convent chapel. Some of our Visiting Artists will perform in our beautiful new performance space in Campbell's Corner, the Atherston Room. Hear one of Newcastle's best choirs, the Hunter Singers commemorate the 100th anniversary of the battle of Fromelles. Don't miss the 1920s elegance of *Façade* performed by Newcastle Festival Opera, complete with High Tea! A very special gala evening will be performed by UHCM alumni and Julliard graduate, Simone Easthope with concert pianist Benjamin Moser. A intimate performance will be given by former UHCM student and Denman resident Matt McLaren and his band. Families, children and all music lovers are invited to *The Magical Music Time Machine* presented by Newcastle Youth Orchestra at Scone High School. See inside for more details!

Yours in music,  
Jeremy Fletcher



## 2016 Visiting Artist Concert Series

We present 9 outstanding concerts in Singleton, Muswellbrook and Scone.

### **An Afternoon of Foot-Stompin' Gospel**

Cafe of the Gate of Salvation, a *cappella* choir.

Sunday 17 April 2:00pm Sacred Spaces Singleton



### **For the Fallen**

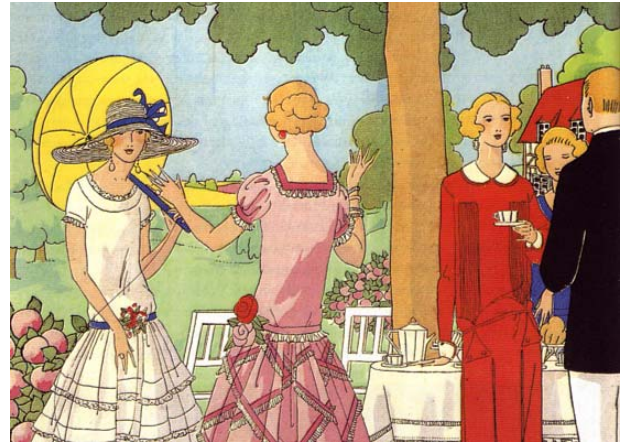
Regional choir the Hunter Singers.

Sunday 15 May 2:00pm Atherston Room, Upper Hunter Conservatorium, Muswellbrook

### **The Magical Music Time Machine**

Newcastle Youth Orchestra presents a kids concert.

Saturday 4 June 2:30pm Scone High School



### **Façade – An Entertainment**

Newcastle Festival Opera - 1920s elegance.

Sunday 19 June 2:30pm

Atherston Room, UHCM, Muswellbrook

### **Irish Baroque**

With The Sydney Consort.

Sunday 17 July 2:00pm Sacred Spaces Singleton



### **Pictures and Impressions**

Soprano, Simone Easthope with pianist, Benjamin Moser. Saturday 13 August 7:30pm

Atherston Room, UHCM, Muswellbrook

### **Musical Translations**

Cazador Guitar Duo

Sunday 28 August 2:00pm Sacred Spaces Singleton



### **Music for Brass – Then and Now**

Sydney Brass

Sunday 25 September 2:00pm Sacred Spaces Singleton

### **An evening with Matt McLaren**

Matt McLaren and his band.

Saturday 15 October 7:30pm Atherston Room, Upper Hunter Conservatorium, Muswellbrook.



A Visiting Artist brochure will be available early March and will be sent to all students. See our *Events* pages at [www.uhcm.com.au](http://www.uhcm.com.au) for more information.

## Moving date for Muswellbrook Conservatorium

**Muswellbrook on-campus students and ensembles will remain at the Convent until 26 February.** This is due to building delays. Importantly, the new building must be safe and secure before occupancy can take place. While this will cause some inconvenience we can be sure the new building will be compliant and fully operational.

**Muswellbrook on-campus lessons and ensembles will commence in the new building on Monday 29 February 2016.**



### TICKETS PLEASE..

Seats will be in high demand for our Term 1 concerts during the opening weekend of

Campbell's Corner. For the first time UHCM will be implementing a booking system for seats. Most people will find it convenient to book online through our website. Telephone and counter sales will also be accepted with payment made at the time of booking.

Naturally, those who book first will get the best seats. Our new performance studio, the Atherston Room, will seat approximately 150 people. It is possible seating may book out.

To ensure parents and friends and the whole Upper Hunter Community can see the new conservatorium and hear our ensembles there will be a lot of events throughout the open weekend. A full program will be published in our next newsletter in the first week of March.

#### **Gala Opening Concert**

2 April 7:30pm  
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Other ensembles may perform at short performances on either day of the open weekend.

### **...VOLUNTEERS NEEDED..**

Can you help?

At the open weekend on 2nd and 3rd April we need ushers, tour guides, stage crew and supervisors. Sign up at our website

[www.uhcm.com.au/volunteers](http://www.uhcm.com.au/volunteers)

### **Junior Drama Ensemble**

Through the setting of a Royal Court, students will be exposed to dramatic play involving character, improvisation, and status. Term 2 will culminate in an informal performance devised to the strengths of its members. Monday 3:45-4:25pm.

### **Senior Drama Ensemble**

Monologues and group scenes from Shakespeares' "Midsummer Nights Dream". The course sets out to demystify the famous playwright, by allowing each student to make meaning of unfamiliar language and rehearse a variety of comedic roles. Monday 4:30-5:10pm  
See [www.uhcm.com.au/drama](http://www.uhcm.com.au/drama) for a complete description of drama in 2016.

### **Music Ensembles**

Ensemble participation is a must for any students wishing to further their abilities. See [www.uhcm.com.au/ensembles](http://www.uhcm.com.au/ensembles) for all the details.



### **Notes for success**

**Establishing a regular practice routine is essential to learning to play any musical instrument.**

- Set up a special place for practice. Correct chair, music stand
- Be a positive part of your child's playing time
- Encourage your child. Ask family to do so too
- Encourage through the difficult times
- Listen to live performances featuring the instrument
- Communicate regularly with your music teacher
- Plan to purchase a good quality instrument in consultation with your teacher.

# TERM 1 CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT
Monday	1 Feb		All Locations	Lessons and Ensembles commence
Monday	29 Feb		Campbell's Corner Muswellbrook	Lessons and Ensembles Commence in new building
Wednesday	2 Mar			Newsletter and Statement posted
Wednesday	16 Mar		Upper Hunter Shire	Upper Hunter Shire & Kia Ora Youth Music Camp
Thursday	17 Mar		Upper Hunter Shire	Upper Hunter Shire & Kia Ora Youth Music Camp
Friday	18 Mar		Upper Hunter Shire	Upper Hunter Shire & Kia Ora Youth Music Camp
Friday	25 Mar			Good Friday - No lessons
Monday	28 Mar			Easter Monday - No Lessons
Saturday	2 April	10:00am	Campbell's Corner, Muswellbrook	Open House
Saturday	2 April	7:30pm	Campbell's Corner, Muswellbrook	Gala Opening Concert
Sunday	3 April	10:00am	Campbell's Corner, Muswellbrook	Open House
Sunday	3 April	2:30pm	Campbell's Corner, Muswellbrook	Bands' Concert
Friday	8 April			Term 1 ends
Sunday	17 April	2:00pm	Sacred Spaces Singleton	Visiting Artist: Café of the Gate of Salvation: An Afternoon of Foot- stompin' Gospel

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