

BIG DAY IN

Close on the heels of the excellent student musical performances at Dizzy's Jazz Bar, Preshil held it's 3rd annual 'Big Day In' concert at Blackhall on Thursday November 25 from 1.00 to 2.40pm. Due to bad weather and impending storms, the concert was held indoors for the first time - it was a bit of a squeeze in the music room, but the intimacy of the venue provided a warm and friendly ambience for great music making. We were pleased to be visited by the Arlington 10s/11s as audience and performers for the concert.



The Years 7/8 'Groove' band kicked off the event with the help of some of the Arlington 10s/11s music class members in a vital and energetic performance of Fred for tuned percussion (xylophones, marimbas), piano, kit drums, hand percussion, electric bass and lead guitars. William M's lead guitar break was inspiring. The Year 10 class band gave wonderful renditions of Radiohead's All I need and the jazz standard, Autumn Leaves. The Preshil Chamber Orchestra played Black Orpheus with some wonderful work on the flute by Cailean D and violin and cello by Emily W. The Year 7 Band really rocked with Louis E and Mafi W (vocals), Jasper M (kit drum), Michael F (bass guitar), Nick M (percussion) and Liam Norman (piano) There were also many wonderful duo and solo performances, by the following students: Lalage Z, Elliot J, Ben C, Felix M, Nick S, Tess T , Ruby D, Henry O, Sunday S, Marnie B and Jordan O. The concert finished with a strong and energetic set by the reformed 'Follow the Sheep' with Nick H (lead guitar), Ben Z (bass guitar) and ex-Preshil student, Matt B. The exciting thing about this concert, and many others this year, is that so many students are now prepared share their musical 'souls' with the Preshil community. The standard of performances is really outstanding. Well done all.

Rodney Waterman

PRESHIL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Blackhall/Kalimna: August 23 – 24

Congratulations to the many students, staff and parents who were involved in this years Music Festival at Blackhall/Kalimna. Great excitement was in evidence around the campus on these days as students were treated to performances from special guest artists, as well as creating memorable performances themselves at the performance events during the two days.

The chocker block programme (printed below) delighted audiences throughout the two days of nonstop musical entertainment and enjoyment.

MONDAY

11.00 am – outdoor performance by special guests The Wikimen to students in Years 7-10.

1.00 pm – Doorstep Concert outside Blackhall
featuring solo and group items from Years 7-12

TUESDAY

9.30 am The Big Samba workshop with special guest Steve Schulz

5.30 - 7.00 pm – Twilight Music Festival outside Blackhall.

Music by students from Years 7-12 – featuring solo and group performances from VCE students, Years 7/8 music electives, music technology by students.

7.30 - 9.00 pm – Years 7-12 Music Night, Arlington Hall.

Selected items from years 7-12, jazz from instrumental staff and special guests Years 7-10 staff also contributed their expertise to run music electives on the Monday afternoon. Students were treated to a great array of activities, including Music Fashion, Singstar, Logic Pro music technology, Make Your Own iconic album cover, Lizard lounge LPs, Dance workshop, DJing, and French Hiphop! Particular thanks go to teachers Kris Austin, Tim Pringle, Chris Edwards, Molly O'Neill, Victor Toufas, Peta Close and John Collins for designing the workshops on this day

A great new feature at the Tuesday afternoon and evening concert was food and drink provided by the Year 10 Kitchen Gardeners (led by John Collins) and the Preshil Parents Group (coordinated by Sally, Noel, Victoria, Eva and Kim). Their efforts helped add to a fantastic atmosphere, despite the rotten weather!

In particular, thanks go to the many students who prepared for and performed at the events during the Festival. Special thanks go also to Preshil music instrumental staff for mentoring and also performing alongside students. And finally, a very big thank you to music staff Jo Porch, Rodney Waterman and Tim Dargaville for their great effort in putting this very successful event together.

THE WEDDING SINGER - A MESSAGE FROM THE PRODUCER

From Jo Porch

On July 14 - 16, 68 Preshil students and staff presented The Wedding Singer to over 700 enthusiastic audience members. It was the culmination of 4 months work using class time, after school and weekend rehearsals.

It was a fabulous for students to experience the rewards of being involved in such a spectacular event. Many have commented on their new friendships across year levels and how great it is to meet and work with people they otherwise would have never talked too.

From a producing point of view it was great to experience the enthusiasm and commitment of the students. It takes the entire village to put on an undertaking of this scale and I would like to once again thank the staff and parents who put in many hours of their own personal time to bring The Wedding Singer to fruition. Stay tuned for our next exciting venture.

Photos coming soon!

PRESHIL COMES TO DIZZY'S JAZZ CLUB

A wonderful evening was had by all who attended Preshil's inaugural jazz night at Dizzy's at the end of Term 2. What a pleasure it was to listen to such great music by students, teachers and special guests in such a lovely warm atmosphere. A highly appreciative crowd packed the venue and supported each performance, applauding every solo with gusto.

The evening was designed to showcase the talents of Preshil's instrumental programme, and it was truly beautiful to watch and hear the genuine interactions between our budding jazz aficionados and the dazzling performing skills of Preshil's music teaching staff. There were many highlights on the evening's programme, the full extent of which you can see below.

Charlotte (Yr 7) – Nature boy

Emily (Yr 7) – Gatekeeper

Luca (Yr 9) – Skylark

Tess (Yr 10)– You've got me wrapped around your little finger

Ed (Yr 7) - G Blues

Ned (Yr 9) - Serenade to a cuckoo

Preshil Chamber Orchestra with Elaine and Felix (Yr 9)

Cailean (Yr 11) – Autumn leaves

Rebecca (Yr 11)

Nick (Yr 9) – Baker Street

Lalage (Yr) – original composition

Max and Ben (Yr 11) - Summertime

Nick, Chris, Ben (Yr 12) - Song for my father/Dance of Maya medley

Ben (Yr 12) – Faith

Emily (Yr 12) – Willow weep for me

Adrien (Yr 10) – Nice work

Ruby (Yr 10) – Every time we say goodbye

Michael M (Yr 12) – Moondance

Special guest performances also came from Eli (class of 2008) currently studying jazz at Monash Conservatorium of Music, who wowed the crowd with his playing on the bop standard "In walked Bud".

Rodney Waterman, one of our teachers, showed us his fine recorder playing skills on the latin-tinged "Bebe", and teachers Larissa Cox, Fran Johnson and Jo Porch surprised everyone with their performance of the 'Tango la Cumparsita'.

Special thanks should go to the fantastic house band that supported students, comprising instrumental staff Ainslie Wills, Ivan Rosa, Lawrence Folvig, Phil Bywater, Phil Day, and Phil Collings, as well as Music Coordinator, Tim Dargaville, who conceived and directed the event. The event was a fundraiser for Preshil, and \$300 was raised. Owing to the success of this event, another music evening at Dizzy's is planned for November 4. Don't forget to book your tickets.

STOP PRESS!

Music night at Dizzy's Jazz Club

Thursday November 4

Dinner from 6.00 pm; Music from 7.30 pm

Dizzy's Jazz Club, 381 Burnley St, Richmond

Following the huge success in second term of the Year 7 - 12 night of music at Dizzy's Jazz Club, another evening has been scheduled for this term. All family and friends welcome. Come just for the show or make a night of it and have dinner at the venue before the show.

Dinner bookings essential. Tickets are \$14 adults \$10 students.

Contact: Roger Clark (Dinner bookings), T: 9428 1233; E: dizzys@dizzys.com.au

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM: ENROLMENT

This year the music department has received an unprecedented number of requests by students wishing to enrol in the instrumental music program with requests being 130 across the school. With such a high demand, we now have a waiting list for those wishing to learn piano, violin and singing. Students on the waiting list will be notified shortly. For any of those on the waiting list who may be interested in changing their preferences to another instrument for which places are available, please let Susan Neilson (Arlington) or Tim Dargaville (Blackhall/Kalimna) know.

If you need another copy of the enrolment form please contact Judy at the Cottage on 9817 6135 or email reception@preshil.vic.edu.au

Enquiries

For all enquiries regarding the instrumental program and music curriculum at Arlington, please contact Susan Neilson on 9817 6135 or susanne@preshil.vic.edu.au

For all enquiries regarding the instrumental program and music curriculum at Blackhall/Kalimna, please contact Tim Dargaville on 9817 6135 or timd@preshil.vic.edu.au

ABOUT ARLINGTON STRINGS

As a joint project of parents and instrumental music teachers of the school, the Arlington Strings group offers musical performance opportunities for the children at Arlington who are learning a musical instrument and even for those not yet learning. A chance to join in the strings has led many a child to pester their parents to let them learn a musical instrument so they can keep coming and enjoy the fun atmosphere and sense of performing in a group. It is an opportunity to bring all that practice and teaching to life culminating in many performances during the year at events such as the Kew Festival, the Winter Solstice and End of Year celebrations as well as other more casual

performances put on for parents during the year. Although originally set up to foster those learning string instruments, the program has grown to include a full musical ensemble of flute, trumpet, drums, clarinet and guitar amongst others.

To find out more please contact the Arlington Music Coordinator, Susan Neilson, on susanne@preshil.vic.edu.au

WHAT IS OPEN STAGE?

Open stage is a forum for any type of performance, be it playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, reading poetry, acting or just telling a story, in a familiar and non-threatening environment. On the initiative of two parents, this forum has become a regular fortnightly event on a Wednesday morning from 8.45 – 9.00 am in the Kevin Borland Hall.

Children and adults often need support and encouragement to feel comfortable with performance and open stage provides an opportunity to work towards this in a fun, relaxed way. Some kids perform confidently at each open stage and others take longer to feel okay. Preshil aims to support this process and all students, parents and teachers are encouraged to give it a go. All parents are warmly encouraged to come and be a supportive audience member.

For more information or to participate please contact Susan Neilson (Arlington Music Coordinator) by email on susanne@preshil.vic.edu.au

THE RHYTHM TREE IS HERE

Parents of current Preshil students with nursery age or younger children are invited with their children to 'Music Together' classes run by Gillian Lee. Gillian has an extensive professional background with over 20 years experience in education. Qualified as a Colourstrings International Music Kindergarten Teacher, she has run her own music company in Scotland delivering programs to children aged 1-6, worked as curriculum advisor to early teaching professionals and acted as music consultant to BBC Scotland in amongst her involvement in numerous community art projects.

On immigrating to Australia in 2005, she discovered 'Music Together', a program which brings families together to share songs, rhythm chants and movement activities in a relaxed, playful and non-performance orientated setting. Central to the approach is that children learn best from the powerful role models of parents/caregivers who are actively making music rather than passively receiving it from CDs and TV.

Classes run in the Kevin Borland Hall at Arlington. 10% discount applies for Preshil parents. There are limited spaces so book now to secure a place before public advertising. FREE trial classes available.

To book your place and for further enquiries, please contact Gillian on 9878 9341 or email director@therhythmtree.com.au. See www.musictogether.com for more information.

T-SHIRT FOR THE ARLINGTON STRINGS

Late last year, a T-shirt design was developed by one of the children in the 8s/9s for the use of children in the Arlington Voices and Arlington Strings. Incorporating a speech bubble to represent music and singing, the T-shirts can be worn by both adults and

children.

The school is selling these T-shirts as a fund raiser for the Music Department of the school. Please see Karyn in the Arlington Office if you are still to pay your \$20 for T-shirts already received or if you have ordered one. She has those ready for you. If you are over at Blackhall/Kalimna, please let Judy or Jan in the Cottage know so that they can arrange payment and pick up from there.

For more orders please either drop by personally to the Cottage or the Arlington Office, contact Karyn directly on 9817 6135 or email karynb@preshil.vic.edu.au letting her know the size that you need. They are a large cut so err on the smaller size. Sizes are Youth S, M, L and Adult S, M L.

ARLINGTON STRINGS CONCERTS FOR 2010

(Strings, choir, guitar etc.)

Term 1 - Tuesday March 16

Term 2 - Monday June 21

Term 3 - Monday September 6 ('All Things Spooky Concert')

Term 4 - Monday October 24