



Music News

Monthly Newsletter of St Monica's College

Music Department

PRINCIPAL'S CUP FOR SONG

The Principal's Cup for Song was held on Friday 8 October as a virtual event. The event helped bring the community together to enjoy the recorded performances prepared by the talented Monican vocalists.

The program featured the following finalists:

- Chanel Fiteni, "Lay Me Down" by Sam Smith
- Ava Villella, "Social Call" by Gigi Gryce and John Hendricks
- Cidelle Rodrigues, "Colours of the Wind" by Alen Menken and Stephen Schwartz
- Anisija Dimoski, "I Have Nothing" by Linda Thompson and David Foster
- Aliya Awad, "Disneyland" from Smile the Musical by Marvin Hamlisch
- Alaina Santos, "Always Remember Us This Way" by Lady Gaga
- Rhea John, "Bedouin Song" by Lior Attar
- Ascah Thankachen, "Stand Up" by Cynthia Erivo
- Shania Dawood, "Misty" by Erroll Garner
- Anoushka Pillay, "Gravity" Sara Bareilles
- Victoria Scali, "Arcade" by Duncan Laurence

A replay of the event can be viewed on the College website: <https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/2021-principals-cup-for-song/>

Congratulations to Rhea John of Year 12 who was selected as the Winner of the 2021 Principal's Cup for Song and Ascah Thankachen of Year 10 who was awarded with the Encouragement Award.

Many thanks to the Adjudicator, Mrs Tania Grant and all College Staff who supported students and prepared the online event.



Rhea John - Winner of Principal's Cup for Song



Ascah Thankachen - Encouragement Award

PIANO COMPETITION

The Piano Competition was held at the beginning of Term 4. The virtual event provided piano students with an opportunity to prepare a recorded performance for adjudication.

Well done to the following students who entered the competition:

Year 7: Madelena Iozzo, Christina Boulos, Jessica Fernandez, Anna-Maria Constantin, Bao Khong, Chelsea Huynh, Joel Thomas

Year 8: James Gasper, Matthew Fitzgerald, Slavica Altandziewa

Year 9: Matthew James

Year 10: Alaina Santos, Ethan Van, Lachlan Denham, Melissa Huynh

Year 11: Karl Rabago

Year 12: Vincent Xue

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Senior Section: Vincent Xue (Winner), Melissa Huynh (Highly Commended)

Intermediate Section: Karl Rabago (Winner), Matthew James (Highly Commended)

Junior Section: Anna-Maria Constantin (Winner), Slavica Altandziewa (Highly Commended)

Many thanks to the Piano teaching staff, Mr Chan, Mr Ball and Mrs Murone who prepared students for the event and assisted with adjudication.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSON ENROLMENTS 2022

Enrolments are currently open to any students interested in starting Instrumental Music lessons at the College in 2022.

Students currently enrolled in 2021 are not required to complete a re-enrolment form and will automatically have their enrolment confirmed for 2022.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ENROLMENT FORM: <https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/instrumental-music-enrolment-form/>

Individual and group (pairs) lessons are offered on the following instruments at St Monica's College:

Flute
Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
Trombone
Tuba
French Horn
Violin
Viola
Cello
Double Bass
Piano
Voice
Drum Kit
Percussion
Guitar
Bass Guitar (Electric Bass)



GRADUATING YEAR 12 MUSICIANS 2021

We acknowledge and thank the following graduating Year 12 musicians who have all made outstanding contributions to music ensembles and performances for the College over their 6 years as a student:

Vincent Xue - piano

Luzella Costa - voice

Aliya Awad - voice

Rhea John - voice and violin

Luis Messina - guitar

Leanne Sebastian - voice

Jonathan Straube - saxophone

Marko Kanzurovski - guitar

Adam Mardiryan - voice and percussion

Claudia Dalla Rosa - flute

Adam Galletti - piano, voice

Alana Etienne - voice

Marko Josipovic - guitar

TJ Fepuleai - bass guitar

Madeleine Katosfolis - guitar

MONICAN MUSICIAN



SHANIA DAWOOD

Year 9 student, Shania Dawood has enjoyed singing from an early age. Her love of singing led her to join the College choir (SMC Singers) when she started at the College as a Year 7 student in 2019.

Shania has maintained her commitment to weekly rehearsals and performances since first joining the choir and she always has her parts prepared. She has performed on many occasions with the choir, including College Assembly, College Mass, Music Ensemble Concerts, Boroondara Eisteddfod, and recent recording projects.

Shania has continued to expand her vocal skills beyond choir, maintaining a key role as lead vocalists with the Junior Rock Band since 2019 and extending her skills to other areas of Performing Arts productions including MADD Night, the 2021 College Production of "The Wizard of Oz".

She was recently selected to perform for the first time as a finalist in the 2021 Principal's Cup for Song.

Shania has led by example in her role as Music Captain, Dalton Road Campus for 2021.

Congratulations to Shania for her commitment and leadership in the College Music program.

MUSIC STAFF PROFILE

JACK BEECHE – SAXOPHONE/CLARINET

Performer, composer and educator Jack Beeche has been teaching Saxophone and Clarinet at St Monica's College since 2013. After graduating from the ANU school of music in 2004 Jack moved to London where he immersed himself in the local jazz scene, attending jam sessions, gigging and touring in the UK and Europe. Jack returned to Australia in 2009 where he settled into the Melbourne music scene, performing at clubs, festivals and touring nationally. In 2015 he completed his Masters of Music performance at Monash University and released his first album Golden Blue, followed by his second album, Beeche / Magnusson in 2016.

In parallel to his performance career, Jack works as an instrumental teacher and band director, sharing his love and enthusiasm for music with students of all ages. He strives to help every student develop their own musical appreciation, creativity, instrumental technique and ensemble experience.

In his time at St Monica's College Jack has directed the Saxophone Ensemble, Junior Jazz Band, Senior Jazz Combo and Stage Band; as well as assisting with concerts, rehearsal days and music camps. Jack enjoys his time at St Monica's College, which he says cultivates an inspiring and inclusive music community.

"Jack Beeche, with a sound, not altogether unlike Paul Desmond" - Jim McLeod

Any students interested in learning Saxophone or Clarinet with Mr Beeche are encouraged to email Mr Hatherell to arrange a trial.



MUSIC PRACTICE TIPS

- Set up in a suitable space away from distractions
- Use a music stand to maintain good posture
- Plan your practice session and aim to achieve small goals
- Create a weekly practice schedule
- Record your practice to help with self-reflection
- Finish your practice session with something fun and achievable

ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS

Music staff and students are very much looking forward to ensemble rehearsals returning face to face from Wednesday 3 November.

Rehearsal times are as follows:

Concert Band - Thursday after school (G30)

Junior Concert Band - Wednesday before school (G30)

Stage Band - Wednesday after school (G30)

Senior String Ensemble - Tuesday after school (T18)

Junior String Ensemble - Monday lunch (G30)

Drum Ensemble - Friday before school (G30)

Saxophone Ensemble - Wednesday lunch (T18)

SMC Singers - Thursday after school (TOAN)

Senior Vocal Ensemble - Monday before school (T18)

Junior Singers - Thursday lunch (E27)

Flute Ensemble - Friday before school (E27)

Junior Guitar Ensemble - Wednesday after school (T18)

Senior Guitar Ensemble - Tuesday lunch (E27)

Brass Ensemble - Friday before school (TOAN)

Junior Rock Band - Wednesday lunch (G30)

Senior Rock Band - Tuesday lunch (T18)

All ensemble students are reminded to check emails from their Ensemble Director for rehearsal details including start times and practice parts.

Any students interested in joining a College ensemble is encouraged to contact Mr Hatherell via email. You do not need to be enrolled for lessons at the College to participate in a College Ensemble.

LESSON TIMETABLES AND ATTENDANCE

All music students are asked to check their emails and outlook calendar reminders for updated timetables. A number of changes to times have been made to accommodate the transition from remote learning back to onsite learning.

Any students who are unable to attend a lesson due to planned absence are required to notify their music teacher or the Music Secretary, Ms Linda Malorni via email l.malorni@stmonicas-epping.com prior to the commencement of the school day.

Piano competition Winner Vincent Xue



Please enjoy Vincent's winning performance on the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/103QR49_jELF11jEziwW5U_gkjnnNiW6l/view?usp=sharing