

# *The Centenary Concert*



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF  
WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

SOUVENIR PROGRAM



**FEATURING THE BEST OF OUR MUSICAL  
ALUMNI INCLUDING AWARD WINNING  
MUSICIANS & CURRENT MUSIC STUDENTS**

WEDNESDAY JULY 29 7.30pm WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL

## Welcome to *Williamstown High School Centenary Concert*

### PRE CONCERT ITEMS AND INTERVAL ITEMS:

Johnsen Cummings (guitar and vocals) with Amos Gibson (violin), Keely Lawson (guitar and vocals).

Senior Clarinets:  
Amos Gibson  
Oliver Voogd  
Dylan Jepsen

Intermediate Clarinets:  
Danili McIntyre  
Nick Franklin  
Walter Sit Woon  
Andy Zhang  
Jamie Handley

Intermediate Saxophones:  
Jacqueline Kwon  
Julian Smith-Gard  
Brendon Clew  
Felix Gelman White

Flute Ensemble led by Catherine Cabena:  
Ella Watt  
Kim Vy Ngo  
Angus Raikums  
Hannah Bowden  
Katherine Nguyen  
William Humphries

1. Senior Concert Band and special guests, conducted by Robert Harry

Piece: "Sunrise" from Also Sprach Zarathustra by Richard Strauss. Arranged by Robert Longfield.

#### Performers:

Flute: Chloe Lane, Asla Gould, Katherine Nguyen, Hannah Bowden

Clarinet: Clare Bullard, Amos Gibson, Dylan Jepsen, Oliver Voogd

Saxophone: Emma Bullard, Denise Homer, Johnsen Cummings, Tom Kirby, Chris Pullin, Adam Louis, Josh Gardner, Kai Clews

Tenor Horn: Bertie James

Trumpet: Patrick Watkins, Ben Greilach, Greta Montgomery, Raiden Di Battista, Herbert Henkel, Patrick Jepsen

Trombone: Michael Pehm, Luka Von Rechenberg, Mitchell Harkin, Yamma Ahuja

Euphonium: Abe Orkin

Bass Guitar: Keely Lawson, Elena Jones, Elvira Carter

Percussion: Harrison Burns-Bradley, Jarred Reid

Guest Players: teachers, former teachers, former students and guest players:

Flute: Aydin Abdullah, Catherine Cabena

Trumpet: Naomi Cordell, Aicha Brogan, John Rice-Whetton, Victoria Hamilton, Josh Dekoster (Guest)

Trombone: Kit Millais, Adam Grech, Bob Collins, Tuba: Wayne Bowden (Guest), Bass Guitar: Will Salisbury

Double Bass: James Rust, Organ: Finn Koren, Percussion: Richard Giles, Timpani: Matt Salisbury

### 2. Wilfin Winnin A Cappella Choir and the Newport Community Choir.

Leaders: Stephanie Payne and Alan Davies.

#### Singers:

Alan Davies  
Alicia King

Jason Ashwell  
Jayne Hepworth  
Jill Ringrose

Ann Carey  
Anneliese Rosenmayer

Jillian Hocking  
Judith Dahl

Annie Robertson  
Barbara Beaumont

Julie Merritt  
Kate Leslie

Barry Mitchell  
Carol Matthew

Kathryn Tomkins  
Kay Plymat

Catherine Elise  
Chris Phillips

Ken Dahl  
Lizz Lethlean

Christine McDonald  
Deborah Zinn

Mark Fawcett  
Nikki Shortland

Donna Livermore  
Elizabeth Maasen

Nora Van Warden  
Ralph Humphries

Faye Juetz  
Fran Callahan

Richard MacNeill  
Sharon Oats

Gail Sanders  
Heather MacLeod

Stephanie Thompson  
Sue Egan

Ian McCaillon  
Jane Taylor

Terrt Seddon  
Veronica McGowan

Songs: Russian Lullaby: Traditional and The Sea by Melanie Shanahan. Arr. Rachel Hore

*Wilfin Winnin is a women's choir based in Williamstown. They believe singing is for everyone and through song, support women as well as social justice within the community. Performances have included community, political, sport, art, health and women's issues events, at local venues and further afield in Melbourne and Victoria. The Newport Community Choir have sung at community events all over Hobsons Bay and beyond, and even done the odd flashmob. The choir welcomes everyone, whether you have a lot of singing experience or none at all. The choir has built a varied repertoire, from gospel and hymns to soul, swing and even a few re-interpreted pop songs. The two choirs sometimes combine to rehearse and perform at special events and concerts. They have many members who have connections with Willy High and are delighted to be helping celebrate the WHS Centenary.*

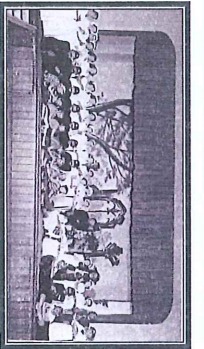
3. Welcome to the WHS Centenary Concert: School President Hugh Jones

 Video message: Former Bayview Director of Music Jane Burnside

4. Peter Lalor and Doug Heywood OAM.

Songs and remiscient conversation between two former students who had lead roles in the 1955 WHS musical Pirates of Penzance.

*In 1955 Peter Lalor was a school Prefect, Senior Swimming Champion, The Pirate King in the school's production of Pirates of Penzance & a founding member of the Williamstown Light Opera Company. Douglas Heywood OAM is known and respected as an integral part of the Australian musical community. His work includes Musical Director of Camberwell Chorale, Camerata Orchestra, Caulfield City Choir, Victorian Concert Choir, Melbourne Welsh Male Voice Choir and Channel 9's national television production of 'Carols by Candlelight'. In 1955 he enrolled at Williamstown High School. It was at Williamstown High School that he was introduced into the magical world of musical theatre as a member of the cast of the school's production on The Pirates of Penzance, under the enthusiastic direction of Ms. Tierney.*



Pirates of Penzance 1955

## 5. Vocal Duo

Performers: Janet Provan and Matthew Provan-Koch accompanied by Catherine Cabena

Song: Wonderful View by Charles Zwar

*Charles Zwar was a former student from the mid 1920's and went on to become a successful Broadway composer. Wonderful View is a song from his well-known musical Marigold. Janet Provan and Matthew Provan-Koch are mother and son musicians. Janet was the WHS school production Director in the late 1990's is active in local theatre and she is a school and private voice teacher. Matthew is a Year 11 music student who sings in local theatre productions and plays clarinet in Senior Concert Band.*



## 6. Solo Piano

Performer: Simona Spasevska

Piece: Toccata in Eb minor by Khachaturian

*Simona Spasevska is studying Year 12 Music Performance. Her repertoire covers the broad spectrum of classical pianoforte.*

## 7. Solo Voice

Performer: Year 12 Mia Burgess

Song: Settle Down by Kimbra

*Mia is studying Year 12 Music Investigation and her Focus Area is about the use of looping technique for voice.*

## 8. Solo Electric Bass

Performer: Sean Connolly

Piece: I Owe You

*Sean Connolly is a former WHS student and now a VCA music student. I Owe You is a song from his 2012 solo bass EP: "Bass" is dedicated to his parent. Sean leads a number of ensembles, performing regularly at venues around Melbourne.*

## 9. Video message: Former student and award-winning percussionist Eugene Ughetti.

## 9. Future WHS students

Performers: Williamstown Primary School Mairimba Band 'The Rolling Sticks'

Alice Penberthy	Mariah Bourakis
Angus Percy	Mason Whittingham
Daisy Williams	Phoebe Hayward
Hannah Harris	Rory McDonald
Jonathan Smith-Gard	Sofia Bickelci
Josh Ramsey	Taya Holland
Kate Franklin	Zara Lavery
Lachie Ransey	Teacher: Matt Scalzo
Liam Scheel	Piece: Abandon by Walt Hampton.
Maddy Harrison-Shore	

*The Williamstown Primary School Mairimba Band is one of several musical groups at Williamstown Primary School. The ensemble is made up of Year 5 and 6 students who wish to expand on their experiences and build on their passion for music and performance. They are with us tonight to help celebrate the future of WHS!*

## 10. Contemporary Duo

Performers: Laura Lethlean: Vocals, Saxophone and Luke Richardson: Vocals, Piano, Guitar

Song 1: Extend The Night (Laura Lethlean)

Song 2: Skinny Love (Bon Iver)

*Former student Laura Lethlean is a NIDA student, song-writer, performer and theatre writer. Laura presented a theatre work at the 2013 Melbourne Fringe Festival. Her original music includes work with Lowbuzz, Siblings, Flagship and Hackleberry and Me. Laura has written an EP played and recorded original songs with Charles Wn. She was a resident performer at The Dock in Redfern, Sydney and a resident musician for BRAND-X Studios. Laura is currently collaborating with Tom Day on a new EP, which is to be released July 2015.*

## 11. Rock Band

Performers: Hollow December and special guest Scott Wilson

Hollow December:

Johnsen Cummings – guitar/ vocals  
Jeb Grimes- bass

Oliver Voogd- guitar/keyboard  
Amos Gibson- violin  
James Ayris- drums

Song: Jumping Jack Flash by the Rolling Stones



*Hollow December is a current Year 10 band who performs at both school and out-of-school events. Former student Scott Wilson is best known as guitarist, producer and song-writer for the ARIA winning Dan Sultan Band. We asked Scott to work with a current student group for the concert and he obliged. Thank you Scott*

**INTERVAL:** refreshments in the foyer where you can also view centenary archives and hear student ensembles.

## WHS SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS:

Our past school productions promote a wide range of experiences, such as dramatic play, improvisation, movement and theatrical performance including both the processes and presentation of drama, dance and music on the stage to an audience. School productions endeavour to develop artistic and creative skills for all involved. School Production enables both individuals and groups to explore, shape and symbolically represent ideas and feelings. Most importantly, it allows students to recognise what it means to be human.

The 2015 school production: *Hold Fast – The Rennion* is a play written and directed by current production leader Dean Commons that invites you to celebrate the significance of our school both past and present. We soon come to realise that Williamstown High School students are prepared to become responsible citizens no matter what the future brings. All musical compositions in this production are original and arranged by the talented bands *Emma Ecis* and *Shewolf*. The music bestows a backdrop for the graduation and evokes the perfect mood for such 'events like these.'

WHS school productions since 1925:

DIRECTED BY DEAN COMMONS:

- 2015 – Hold Fast – The Re-Union
- 2014 – Detachment
- 2013 – Summer of the Aliens
- 2012 – The Threepenny Opera
- 2011 – Peter Pan –
- 2010 – Romeo and Juliet
- 2009 – The Passion Club

DIRECTED BY TRACY MCNEILL:

- 2008 – The Game

DIRECTED BY MICHAEL WAUGH:

- 2007 – Urinetown
- 2006 – Steele
- 2005 – A Rat's Tail: 1985 – Let's Mullet Over
- 2004 – Bats
- 2003 – Smithy

DIRECTED BY SARAH HOWITT:

- 2002 – Creative Arts Festival
- 2001 – Socially unnamed

DIRECTED BY JANET PROVAN:

- 1998 – With a Little Help from my Friends (co-directed by Lyn Renwood)
- 1997 – The Wizard of Oz
- 1996 – Bye Bye Birdie

DIRECTED BY ANNETTE WREGG:

- 1989 – The Insect Play

DIRECTED BY FINN KOREN AND KENDAL BIRD:

- 1988 – Duke's Palace
- 1987 – Duke's Place
- 1986 – The Saga of Sagebrush Sal – Lilliana Hajnal
- 1985 – Reedy River

- 1968 – The Man Upstairs & The Man in the Bowler Hat
- 1958 – A Midsummer Night's Dream – Miss Richards

DIRECTED BY MISS TIERNIEY:

- 1955 – Pirates of Penzance – Miss Tierney
- 1954 – H.M.S. Pinafore – Miss Tierney

DIRECTED BY TOM WALSH:

- 1953 – The Paragon
- 1952 – Ten Little Niggers
- 1951 – Fly Away Peter

BY UNKNOWN DIRECTORS:

- 1950 – The Ringer
- 1949 – The Bloaters
- 1948 – Tons of Money
- 1947 – What's Your Favourite Pudding
- 1925 – As You Like It – Mrs Parkin
- 1924 – Macbeth: The Witches Scene



12. From the 2015 School Production *Hold Fast – The Rennion*

Piece: The Pianist by Eamon Eates

Performers: EAMON EATES

Laura Di Blasi - Vocals, Robert Xuereb - Guitar, Stella Delmenico - Guitar, Michaela Sandberg - Bass

Eamon Zappia - Drums, Sam Bugeja – Keyboard

13. From the 2015 School Production *Hold Fast – The Rennion*

THE SWAN by Camille Saint-Saens

Performers:

Amina Soulyjakti - Ballet Solo., Emma Bullard - Saxophone, Sam Bugeja - Piano

 **Video message:** Former student and lead singer of the WHS all-girls band Top Secret, Christine Carley.

14. From the 2015 School Production *Hold Fast – The Rennion*

Song: Time Warp by Richard O'Brien Performers: SHE WOLF

Cassandra Vlahos - Guitar/Vocals, Nikki Vlahos - Drums/Vocals, Serena Vlahos/Vocals, Alicia Thomson Bass/Vocals

## 15. Year 12 Rock Band

Song: Love Train (SheWolf Original)

Performers: SHE WOLF

Cassandra Vlahos - Guitar/ backing vocals, Nikki Vlahos - Drums/ backing vocals, Serena Vlahos - Lead vocals/Alicia Thomson - Bass guitar/ backing vocals



*All girl rock band SheWolf are bringing their unique style of rock to the scene. With a combination of pop, old school, indie rock, and with their use of classy harmonies, you will always instantly know who they are when tuning into SheWolf! Writing their own original award winning music, and known for their diverse musical skills, these girls are passionate about their music and getting their message across to all the other girls out there to follow your passion. Three of the girls are triplets, which of course makes the band quite unique! They are currently studying Year 12 at WHS.*

**Video message:** Well known rock band Sleepy Dreamers comprising all WHS ex-students.

**Video message:** Principal Gino Catalano

## 16. WHS Senior Stage Band

Performers:

Director- Will Salisbury  
Alto Sax 1- Denise Homer  
Alto Sax 2 - Emma Bullard  
Tenor Sax 1 - Morgan Clifford  
Tenor Sax 2 - Oliver Voogd  
Baritone Sax - Johnsen Cummings  
Trumpet 1 - Patrick Watkins  
Trumpet 2 - Ryan Campbell  
Trumpet 3 - Greta Montgomery  
Trombone 1 - Michael Pelm  
Trombone 2 - Henry O'Brien  
Piano - Sam Bugeja  
Bass - Michaela Sandberg  
Drums - Fannon Zappia

**Pieces:**

1. 'Lil' Darlin' - by Neal Hefti, featuring Pat Watkins
2. How Much Sleeps - by Nick Mulder, featuring Michael Pelm & Michaela Sandberg



*On Friday 1st May, the Williamstown High School Senior Stage Band headed to Mt Gambier, SA, to take part in Generations in Jazz, a festival attended by over 3000 students, from schools Australia wide. The event comprised of a band competition, divided into 5 divisions, and adjudicated by some of Australia and the world's best jazz musicians, including James Morrison and Ross Irwin of the Cat Empire.*

**Video message:** Former student and current teacher Will Salisbury.

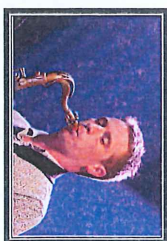
## 17. The WHS Centenary Big Band

Performers:

Alto Sax 1: Nick Yates - ex-staff  
Alto Sax 2: Aydin Abdullah - ex-staff  
Tenor Sax 1: Ian Whitehurst - ex-student  
Tenor Sax 2: Richard Giles - current staff  
Baritone Sax: Janila Brogan - ex-student and current staff  
Trumpet 1: Robert Harry - current staff  
Trumpet 2: Naomt Cordell - ex-student  
Trumpet 3: Aicha Brogan - ex-student  
Trumpet 4: John Rice Whetten - ex-student  
Trombone 1: Adam Grech - ex-staff  
Trombone 2: Kit Millias - ex-student  
Trombone 3: Eoin Pelm - ex-student  
Bass Trombone: Bob Collins - ex-staff  
Piano: Steve Jones - ex-student and ex-staff  
Bass: James Rust - current staff  
Drums: Matt Salisbury - ex-student  
Conductor & Guitar: Will Salisbury - ex-student and current staff

**Pieces:**

- Piece 1: Brush Taps by Mark Taylor feat. Matt Salisbury & Steve Jones  
Piece 2: Blues in the Night by Arlen/Mercy arr. Quincy Jones



*This band is made up of current staff, former staff, and former students. Stage Bands and Jazz Bands have been an important and successful part of the Williamstown High School Music Department for many years, from The Duke's Place band in the 1980's to Duke's Place band to The Soul/R&B band to the Wet Reeds in the 1990's to the current day line-up of a Junior Stage band at the Bayview Campus, and a Senior Stage Band at Pasco campus. The Williamstown High School Stage Band program has a long and proud history of producing musicians who go on to tertiary music study and successful music careers, some of whom are playing in the band tonight.*

## 18. Mrs. Iris Whitehurst

*Iris was a student of WHS from 1956 to 1961. Miss Serena Tierney was the Music teacher who taught Iris in years 7 and 8. There was a house Choral contest during this time where all students participated. Then Iris returned as a parent in 1982. Her children Rose and Ian attended WHS. Iris became the Community Liaison Officer in 1986 and Resigned in 1996. During that time she enjoyed informal times with music staff and students as well as attending and participating in Musical events. She worked with Parents who formed a committee to assist the music program. She has very fond memories of Dukes Place and Dukes Palace held at the Assembly Hall. She has watched or listened to Students developing their musical talents from simple solo's to complicated concert band performances. From Rock Bands, Girls only band, Macedonian and Greek, Jazz bands, Rock Bands, Original compositions, Mickey Mouse Club played by the First Concert Band — Iris has loved it all.*



19. Senior Concert Band and special guests

Performers: see Item 1

1. *Caravan* by Duke Ellington, Irving Mills and Juan Tizol. Arranged by Richard Saucedo. Conducted by Richard Giles.
2. Feeling Good by Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse. Arranged by Shane Cole with additional parts by Richard Giles. Lead vocals: Former student Rex Sutton and Year 12 Tayla Podesta-Muir. Conducted by Finn Koren.



Senior Concert Band 1996

*The Senior Concert Band has a long history at the school. Many hundreds of students have benefited from their experiences in the band since 1988 including performances in and out of school and interstate and overseas tours, and competitions and recordings. Many notable teachers/ conductors have led the bands including Aydin Abdollah, Sham Murray and Robert Harry. The band has been really well supported by parent committees over the years who have worked tirelessly on events and fund-raising activity. For the Centenary Concert the current conductor Robert Harry has invited a number of special guests to perform for the occasion. They include teachers, former teachers, former Students and guest players. Today's guest vocalist is former student Rex Sutton who is has a band, performs in musical theatre and teaches voice in a school.*

20. The Principal, Gino Catalano

21. The WHS School Song - *Hold Fast*: music by Glenn Campbell, words by A.H Lawson. Band music arranged by Will Salisbury. Conducted by Doug Heywood OAM.

Performers: Senior Concert Band and special guests. Singers from the Willin Winnin and Newport Community Choirs, Tayla Muir, Rex Sutton, WHS choir members Alanna Veyt, Amy Church-Brown, Tayah Carter, Ailbhe Lee and Vanessa Trajkovska.

*Please refer to the words of Hold Fast on back page and please sing along!*

**Credits:**

Creative Director: Finn Koren  
Stage Management: James Rust  
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The Centenary Committee  
Outlook Communications  
The audience

## HOLD FAST

Williamstown High School- School Song

Hold Fast to the things that are worthy,  
Hold Fast to the things that are true,  
Hold Fast to what you learn here,  
Hold Fast to the ideals of Youth,  
When you leave the old school and continue  
To Hold Fast to honour and truth.

We promise the school who made us,  
Our Alma Mater dear.  
We face the task she sets us  
'Hold Fast' and do not fear,  
Dear school, old school forever,  
Your anchor is our faith  
That honour as our guiding star  
Will keep us true, when we're afar.

