



Message from Lauris Hing...

2006 is a significant year for Moving Into Music. It marks the 20th year of our operation in Melbourne. Over that time we have grown from a one teacher operation focused on pre-school classes to the broadly based, multi-staff music school that we are today – offering classes to pre-schoolers and instrument tuition for students of all ages.

Over these years it has been my privilege to meet and get to know many families united by one thing: their love of music. This love is expressed in many ways: by playing or performing on a musical instrument – professionally, for recreation or as a music student. It is often expressed by attending concerts, collecting recorded music on vinyl, tape or CD and via the world of the iPod and the internet. Whether our students end up playing for themselves, the school orchestra or a garage band or make a profession of music – we salute them and we take great pleasure and pride in their musical development.

I had the opportunity to observe this development at the recent round of Solo Performance Concerts. At these concerts our students get the chance to play before a supportive and appreciative audience. Pianos, Keyboards, Acoustic and Electric Guitars and even one brave singer...all concerts were a credit to the performers and their teachers. The diversity of our students and our teachers was abundantly obvious. It was wonderful to witness the emerging and blossoming talents of our top players. These are players who are now able to exhibit their substantial musical achievements to an audience. How fortunate are we as families, friends and teachers to be able to share in this progress. The hours of practice and preparation, the accumulation of skills, the building of technique and the polishing of a piece for performance ...the time and effort involved makes it all the more precious. Many of Rudy Nurtanaya's piano students play to a very high level. They are studying for exams and by way of preparation were asked to select the exam piece they felt least comfortable playing. This was the piece set for polishing and playing at the solo concert. What a wonderful challenge! What a great victory to have achieved the level of competence to perform such a piece publicly.

Challenges are not the exclusive domain of the advanced student. Every beginner knows the agony of first public performance. Beginners take their courage in their hands, quite literally, when they step up to the concert platform to play for us. It was equally enjoyable to witness the beginnings of many students' musical journeys. Whether children or adults... these beginners have our support and respect. It is our privilege to be with them as they take their first tentative steps. Tom Clay is a recent addition to the guitar staff. Many of his students are beginners. Tom played for them at their concert. He selected a piece called Flight for two reasons...firstly because the composer is local...lives in Carlton (as does Tom) ...and secondly because the music makes Tom think of a young bird learning to fly...many attempts...stops and starts...until it achieves take-off. How apt! It was the perfect analogy for his fledgling students.

Thanks to all who performed for us at the solo concerts. We appreciate your effort and applaud your bravery in rising to the challenge.

Photos of the concerts are displayed in full on the notice boards at the studio. Selections are included in this newsletter in the Student Profiles. These profiles are of current students but they typify students and families who have been associated with us over our twenty years.

We look forward to seeing you next at the Christmas Concert. We're searching for prospective singers for the guitar items at that concert. If you think you have what it takes please ask your teacher to put your name forward.

The studio notice boards have been posted with contact details for our talented staff. In their other lives, as performers, many of them play in bands and ensembles. Check the back page of this newsletter for further details.

Make a booking or attend one of their concerts. Let their music bring magic to your life.

Music is a family event for nine Melbourne cousins

Music classes, sing-along sessions, a house full of instruments, family concerts and individual lessons all began for one family when the eldest, ten-year-old Sam started his first class with Lauris Hing in 1998. As a baby he spent many months at the Royal Children's Hospital where the music therapist said he was excited by music. At two, he couldn't walk but he could sing . . . and Lauris offered to structure lessons around his needs. It was a great success and music became the highlight of Sam's week. His excitement was infectious.

Since then, 'Moving into Music' has become a weekly occasion for his mother, Ann and her cousins, Fiona (right) and Natalie, and their husbands and nine children. Everyone enjoys the special magic that music class provides and they laugh and sing in turn. The sessions are marked in diaries and the cousins have sometimes attended in groups of two or three – creating some disruption. (At one point, Lauris suggested the girls should be split up because they so successfully dominated the class). The younger children have lobbied to go well before they turned two, and the older children are now negotiating to miss a few hours at school so they can take the little ones – and see Lauris again.

Sam was followed by Edward, and then Sabrina, Bridget and Olivia. Lauris is currently teaching Claire, Lousia and William. The youngest, Oliver will start next year. All nine sing the same songs and teach each other the words, often before they start the class. Singing, rhythm, music and dancing has been introduced to all three homes. Every other year at family Christmas concerts, the children sing and perform together. The grandparents are always delighted. They each have their own level of interest in music and as expected, some are more talented than others. The most important thing is, they have experience with music and can share it with each other and their friends.



Today, **Sam** (left) likes pop and rock music. He has a great memory and fabulous rhythm. He dances well and is learning the drums.

Edward (below right) is nine. Music class allowed him to learn through observation and self initiated participation. Edward listened sang, played instruments and danced with growing independence. The opportunity to share the musical experience with Mum in a supportive and nurturing way was perfect for Edward.

Bridget (left) is seven. We first noticed her beautiful singing voice in music class. She has a great sense of rhythm and creates dance routines with her cousins and friends. She teaches her little brothers music class songs and recently convinced her mother to let her miss a couple of hours of school so she could take William to class.

Olivia (below right) is seven. For her, music was a great time to enjoy the company of her peers and cousins. She says, "I like the way Lauris sings 'round and round the garden' with her teddy-bear finger puppet. My favourite part of music was sharing things from home and drawing pictures about the songs in my scrapbook."

Sabrina (top right) is seven and has a great appreciation for music. Her father is a classics fan and she is surrounded by Bach, Beethoven and Mozart. She loves to choreograph her own versions of Swan Lake – complete with dress-ups. Sabrina went on to Moving Into Music keyboard classes and will get her music books out to play the piano without prompting.

Claire (right) is four and she sings and dances her way through each day. Sometimes the songs are from music class but often, she makes them up herself. Claire says "I like singing and waiting for Lauris to get all the interesting things out. I really like playing the finger cymbals and sharing them."

Lousia (top right) is three. Every morning she wakes up and says, "is it music with Lauris today. Where's the book?" The pleasure she gets from the programme is joyous. Her happiest moments are dancing and singing with her mummy.

William (above) is two. He practises his 'ba ba bas' in the bath and is good with a drum stick on the floor boards. His father, Andrew plays music class songs on the guitar, much to everyone's delight.

Oliver (above) is one and he likes banging things.



Says Natalie (bottom right) who is Early Childhood trained, "Ten years ago I found a music program for under-fives that was fun and developmentally appropriate. Since then our extended family has embraced Lauris and Moving into Music. It has been a rewarding weekly commitment filled with intimate moments, funny and joyous times with adults and our children. We gain a strong sense of community and friendship. Music is a wonderful rich gift and I leave each class with a satisfying feeling of being 'in the right place at the right time'".

Student Profiles:

Craig

instrument/s played: guitar (acoustic and electric).
occupation: Sponsorship Consultant, National Gallery of Victoria
hobbies/interests: golf, football, art, music, Bunnings (is that a hobby?)
favourite music/performer: anything from Bernard Fanning to Radiohead to St Germain...
favourite holiday: Europe. Venice and Paris are definite favourites. looking forward to Prague.
favourite food/meal: my wife makes a mean roast.
favourite film/TV program: The Three Amigos, and on TV, I'm addicted to 24.
 There's something about a ticking clock...
greatest achievement: marrying my beautiful wife!
dream job: being Tiger Woods. Well, Tiger's caddy...
person you would most like to meet: Tiger's HR Manager.



Max

instrument/s played: electric guitar
hobbies/interests: all kinds of rock and roll, art and sport
favourite subject at school: studio art and media
favourite music/performer: rock and roll, there are too many performers to list
favourite holiday: skiing holidays or anywhere where it's sunny
favourite food/meal: roast and chicken parma
favourite film/TV program: Family Guy, Futurama and The Simpsons
greatest achievement: meeting The Living End
dream job: graphic designer for an ad agency
person you would most like to meet: any legendary rock and roll band member



Jessie

instrument/s played: guitar, piano
hobbies/interests: swimming, water polo, guitar
favorite subject at school: history
favorite music/performer: Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan
favorite holiday: christmas holidays
favorite food/meal: mexican and indian food
favorite film/TV program: Forrest Gump
greatest achievement: most outstanding junior swimmer, school swim team (2 years)
dream job: a job involving traveling around the world.
person you would most like to meet: Bob Dylan



Rachel

instrument/s played: guitar (electric and acoustic)
hobbies/interests: athletics, music and going to the beach.
favorite subject at school: history
favorite music/performer: Simple Plan, Green Day, Blink-182, Good Charlotte
favorite holiday: New Caledonia
favorite food/meal: chocolate
favorite film/TV program: Futurama
greatest achievement: reaching GSV finals for 200m and hurdles
dream job: musician
person you would most like to meet: bassist from Simple Plan



Hugh

instrument/s played: electric guitar, piano
hobbies/interests: snowboarding, surfing, playing rugby and playing guitar
favorite subject at school: history
favorite music/performer: Red Hot Chili Peppers
favorite holiday: skiing in Switzerland
favorite food/meal: hamburgers
favorite film/TV program: The Simpsons
greatest achievement: filling out this form (joke)
dream job: playing rugby for the Wallabies
person you would most like to meet: Taj Burrow (Surfer)



Tom

instrument/s played: clarinet, piano
hobbies/interests: trains, Lego, video games, computers
favorite subject at school: art, science
favorite music/performer: Red Hot Chili Peppers, System of a down, Greenday
favorite holiday: Europe/England
favorite food/meal: chinese, sushi
favorite film/TV program: Mythbusters, Futurama.
greatest achievement: Grade 1 piano exam
dream job: car design/car engineer
person you would most like to meet: Adam and Jamie (off Mythbusters)



Julia

instrument/s played: keyboard.
hobbies/interests: music, art, sport and gardening
favorite subject at school: art
favorite music/performer: Avril Lavigne.
favorite holiday: camping at Kennett River.
favorite food/meal: baked potato
favorite film/TV program: Cheaper by the Dozen.
greatest achievement: scoring my first goal for the Collingwood All Stars. (Basketball)
dream jobs: keyboard professional, an artist or a really good illustrator or a champion sports woman.
person you would most like to meet: Andy Griffiths.



Abby

instrument/s played: piano
hobbies/interests: swimming and piano
favorite subject at school: music and art
favorite music/performer: Delta Goodrem, Missy Higgins, James Blunt
favorite holiday: Hawaii, New Zealand
favorite food/meal: steak, chocolate
favorite film/TV program: Harry Potter, Garfield
greatest achievement: Piano Exam 98%
dream job: playing piano, author
person you would most like to meet: Emma Watson (Hermione - Harry Potter)



Louis

instrument/s played: piano
hobbies/interests: drawing, writing, bike riding, camping, athletics
favorite subject at school: sport
favorite music/performer: Mozart, Beethoven, Bach
favorite holiday: Sydney
favorite food/meal: lasagne, chicken & chips
favorite film/TV program: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and All that
greatest achievement: Student of the Week (Grade 2)
dream job: being an artist
person you would most like to meet: Drake Bell



Ingrid

instrument/s played: piano and flute
hobbies/interests: music, tennis, netball, cooking
favorite subject at school: art
favorite music/performer: Pink
favorite holiday: Sitges in Spain
favorite food/meal: spaghetti bolognaise
favorite film/TV program: Pirates of the Caribbean
greatest achievement: 2006 SRC President at Kew Primary School
dream job: fashion designer
person you would most like to meet: Kelly Clarkson



CONGRATULATIONS for EXAMINATION RESULTS

ASSOCIATED BOARD ROYAL SCHOOL of MUSIC

IVAN PURWAMASKA	PIANO GRADE 1	MERIT	2005
ELLEN FRANSISCA	GRADE 8	MERIT	2005

TRINITY COLLEGE EXAMINATION (LONDON)

JONATHAN LEVIS	ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD GRADE 1	MERIT	2005
NICHOLAS SARGEANT	ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD INITIAL	DISTINCTION	2005
GINA HUYNH	ROCK SCHOOL - POPULAR PIANO & KEYBOARD DEBUT	DISTINCTION	2005
THOMAS PETERS	ROCK SCHOOL - POPULAR PIANO & KEYBOARD GRADE 1	MERIT	2005

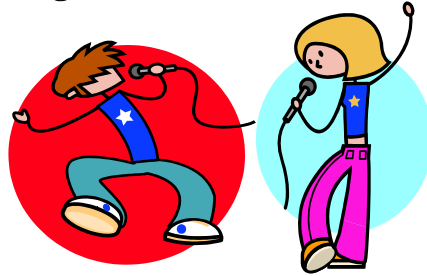
AUSTRALIAN MUSIC EXAMINATIONS BOARD (AMEB)

JOY SZEREDI	THEORY GRADE 2	HONOURS	2005
RIA SZEREDI	THEORY GRADE 3	HONOURSwith Distinction	2005
JOY SZEREDI	PIANO GRADE 1	CREDIT	2005
XAVIER BISITS	PIANO GRADE 1	HONOURS	2005
RIA SZEREDI	PIANO GRADE 4	HONOURS	2005
DANIEL RILEY	PIANO GRADE 4	CREDIT	2005
RICKY KHO	PIANO GRADE 4	CREDIT	2005

ST CECILIA SCHOOL OF MUSIC (AUS & NZ)

LEYLA BEYMUFTZADE	PIANO JUNIOR	HIGH DISTINCTION	2005
IMOGEN HONEYBUN	PIANO JUNIOR	HIGH DISTINCTION	2005
ABIGAIL HOLMES	PRELIMINARY	HIGH DISTINCTION	2005

SINGER WANTED - for Guitar items at the Xmas Concert
If you are a budding vocalist we would like to hear from you



Diary Date : Moving Into Music Christmas Concert
3.00 pm on Saturday December 9th 2006

James Tatoulis Auditorium - Methodist Ladies College - 207 Barkers Rd., Kew

piano & flute duo - jazz trio - guitar quartet - wind quintet - salsa band
music for your next party or corporate function, concerts to captivate you

Monique sings and plays in various bands – salsa, soul funk, Italian country and a jazz trio. Peter and Tom are part of the “Melbourne Guitar Quartet” which has a busy schedule of concerts and regional tours. Cherlyn Wong (ex- piano staff) plays in a piano and wind quintet called “Aurora Ensemble”. Many of these teachers can be booked solo or as a duo with another from their group for private and corporate functions. Check out their websites.



www.melbourneguitarquartet.com.au

www.smreeds.com/aurora.html

www.bandcamp.com.au

