Your invitation to perform
THE CONCOURSE, CHATSWOOD
13-15 SEPTEMBER '19
SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL 13-15 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) Spring Music Festival is a celebration of musical expression, designed to give your ensembles the rare opportunity to inspire, and to be inspired, and to experience the joy of a pure performance rather than a competition.

Now in its eighth year, the Spring Music Festival and has become a highlight on the band calendar for many primary and high school bands in the Northern Sydney area.

The program consists of matinée and evening concerts, held over three days in the Concert Hall at The Concourse, Chatswood. The event is open to symphonic wind ensembles and stage bands from primary through to senior high school levels, from public and private schools.

Visually spectacular and acoustically excellent, the Concert Hall at The Concourse, Chatswood provides a truly memorable experience for bands. Inspired by traditional European designs, the 1,000 seat Concert Hall lives up to its reputation as one of the best performance spaces in Australia. Not to be outdone, outside the Concourse Plaza also offers an exceptional experience. This is your opportunity to empower and inspire your band with this exhilarating experience.

“The experience of performing in such a venue at the Chatswood Concourse with its superb acoustics, space and ambience is one of great value.”

2 TYPES OF PERFORMANCES

There are two types of performance and we welcome submissions for either or both.

CONCERT HALL PERFORMANCES:
SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLES AND BANDS

Each performance will showcase the talents of 8-10 school wind ensembles and concert bands from public and private schools from the Northern Sydney Region.

- Friday 13 September  7.00pm
- Saturday 14 September  11.00am
- Saturday 14 September  2.30pm
- Saturday 14 September  7.00pm
- Sunday 15 September  1.00pm
- Sunday 15 September  6.30pm

CONCOURSE PLAZA:
SUNDAY JAZZ
(STAGE BANDS)

This unique stage band festival will be held outdoors in front of the Concourse.

- Sunday 15 September  12pm – 6pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NSSWE, PLEASE VISIT: NSSWE.ORG.AU
STEPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NSSWE SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

1. Complete the online Registration Form/s by Friday 31 May 2019
2. NSSWE will confirm your participation by the end of Term 2
3. On confirmation of participation, your entry fee will be invoiced and payable

CONCERT BAND AND JAZZ REGISTRATION

ENTRY FEES APPLY:
- **Concert Hall performances:** Symphonic Wind Ensembles and Bands $275 incl GST
- **Concourse Plaza:** An afternoon of Jazz and Stage Bands $190 incl GST

Fees will be invoiced in June and are non-refundable. Late fees run the risk of your slot being reassigned to another band or ensemble. Once you have paid your fee, we will send you some further information including marketing material, ticket sales and program inclusion.

REPERTOIRE

**PRIMARY SCHOOL BAND:**
Two music pieces, maximum 10 minutes playing time total

**HIGH SCHOOL BANDS:**
Two music pieces, maximum 15 minutes playing time total

**SUNDAY JAZZ FOR STAGE BANDS:**
Maximum 20 minute set, including changeover time

Please allow approximately 3 hours attendance time on the day including marshalling and warm up time inside the venue.

“We experienced something that as a parents of a young musician we have not experienced before. A genuine showcase of music, passionate and talented conductors, young people joyous in performance. How fortunate my own daughter was to have been a small sound in that ethereal hall.”

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YOUR MUSICIANS LOVE PLAYING TO A FULL HOUSE

The NSSWE Spring Music Festival is a celebration of music and musicianship, and the key to its success is a full auditorium. As a participating band, you play a crucial role in promoting the sale of tickets amongst your school community and to impress upon them the importance of staying for the whole concert. If each musician sells just 2 tickets, your bands will be performing to a full house. Tickets will go on sale in August and will be priced as low as possible, in order to cover our costs. More information about ticketing will be communicated in Term 3.

NSSWE: A BAND PROGRAM FOR TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS

The Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) is a community based not-for-profit organisation, established in early 2010 by Artistic Director Patrick Brennan. Since then, NSSWE has grown into a powerhouse musical extension program for young musicians across the Northern Sydney region.

NSSWE inspires young musicians to be passionate about their music-making, and to express not only their artistry but also themselves through their music. There is nothing to match the thrill, excitement and fun of playing challenging music before a live audience on a concert platform. NSSWE delivers performances which are professionally directed and staged, and encourages musicians to perform with expression, emotion and integrity. This is what sets NSSWE and its musicians apart from other instrumental programs.

NSSWE offers a streamed program of symphonic wind ensembles covering different school age groups and musical abilities. Each ensemble allows musicians to play at an appropriate level that also stretches them, with scope for progression through successive levels. NSSWE is open to students from public and private schools, in school years 4 to 12 (and school leavers up to the age of 23) by audition.

Our musical programs complement those of the schools in the northern Sydney region from which we draw our musicians and we collaborate closely with those schools. Find out more about NSSWE at www.nsswe.org.au