

The United Music Teachers of N.S.W. Inc.



NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER January 2017

Dear Members,
Happy New Year! All of this year's events are listed in the Diary attached although some details are yet to be finalised. **(Pages 2 and 3 of this Newsletter provide more details.)**

At our Morning Tea (6th March) our guest speaker will be Dr Diana Blom, associate Professor at the University of Western Sydney, and we look forward to her talk on the stages of learning a new piano work from the perspective of both composer and performer. Please stay for the North Shore AGM immediately following the Morning Tea.

Sadly we are no longer able to use the East Killara Uniting Church as a venue, as it has closed down. We are most grateful to Pamela Hinde for making it possible for us to use the Killara Music Room for some of our events. We have also come to an arrangement with South Turrumurra Uniting Church.

Our two non-competitive concerts are open to all students. They are always happy occasions. Written assessments will be given to all performers unless teachers request otherwise. These concerts are the Autumn Festival and the Spring Festival).

Please think about which of your students would enjoy playing in a competitive concert. The auditions for the Roger Woodward and UMT Awards are great for those who need further concert practice. Please take note that for the first time the President's Award will be combined with the Finals of these two Awards.

We cannot exist without the support of parents, students and teachers, so a big thankyou to all who have helped during 2016. Please come to the Planning Meeting in November.

Felicity Martin

Diary Dates for 2017

(Central Committee Events in Blue)

Sunday 19th February at 2pm:

AGM of United Music Teachers of NSW Inc.
at 22 Kenneth Avenue, Baulkham Hills

Monday 6th March at 9.45am: Morning Tea, talk by Dr Diana Blom "Stages of Learning a New Piano Work", followed by the North Shore Branch AGM.

Sunday 19th March at 2.30pm: Autumn Festival – Non-competitive and inclusive of all grades.

Sunday 7th May at 2pm: Proposed date for Educational Event with Dr Jennifer MacRitchie.

Sunday 21st May at 2pm: Senior Master Class with Bernadette Harvey.

Sunday 4th June at 1pm and 3pm: North Shore Branch holds its auditions for the United Music Teachers Awards and the Roger Woodward Awards.

Sunday 18th June at 12 noon, and 2.00, and 2.45pm: UMT Awards final, President's Award and Roger Woodward Awards final.

Sunday 23rd July at 2 pm:
Central Committee meeting

Sunday 6th August at 1.30pm: Junior Master Class with Bernadette Harvey and Performance Day open to all performers (non-competitive).

Sunday 27th August at 2pm: Spring Festival

Sunday 19th November at 2pm
Central Committee Meeting

Monday 27th November 10.30am: Planning meeting. Please come and help us plan the events of 2018.

Details of Events and instructions for entry

Morning Tea and AGM

Date and Time: Monday 6th March at 9.45am.

Venue: 22 Mudies Road, St Ives (the home of Olga Thompson)

Entry by donation of \$15.

RSVP to Felicity Martin to flissmar@dodo.com.au or 93574203 by Monday 27th February.

Autumn Festival (Open to all performers)

Date and Time: Sunday 19th March at 2.30pm

Venue: South Turramurra Uniting Church, Cnr Chisholm and Vernon Streets.

Organiser: Linda Gondo. Email entries to familygondo@gmail.com or phone queries to Linda on 99405225.

Entry \$15 per performer. Send cheque to Lind at 14 Raphael Drive, Hornsby Heights, NSW 2077, payable to the UMT North Shore Branch.

Closing date for entry is Monday 13th March.

Please provide details of performer's name and age, piece(s) to be played, with accurate timing. Performers should arrive by 2015pm. This is a non-competitive concert but we will provide an appraisal of your student's performance upon request. Please provide a score for the appraiser and encourage your students to dress appropriately for the concert.

Educational Event with Dr Jennifer MacRitchie.

Proposed date 7th May. Details to follow.

This event will feature Jennifer's research on the effects on the brain of listening to and learning music. Parents and students should find this enlightening. Queries may be directed to Felicity Martin.

Senior Master Class with Bernadette Harvey.

Proposed Date: Sunday 21st May at 2pm

Venue: Killara Music Room, 131 Fiddens Wharf Road, Killara

Organiser: Felicity Martin at flissmar@dodo.com.au or 93574203.. The cost for participants will be \$50 for 30 mins (8 mins playing time max). Observers will pay \$30 (non-UMT/MTA members) \$20 (UMT or MTA members) and \$10 (parents/students). Send cheque to 301/357 Glenmore Road, Paddington, NSW 2021 payable to the UMT North Shore Branch.

Please provide details of performer's name and age, and piece to be played.

This is intended for advanced students. Students will be accepted for this event on a first come /first served basis but we will endeavour to be as inclusive as possible. You will be notified of the programme in advance.

UMT Auditions (14 years and under) and Roger Woodward Awards Auditions (Piano:18 years and under. Singers: UMT Awards 21 and under, Roger Woodward Open.)

Date and Time: Sunday 4th June at 1pm and 3pm

Venue: Killara Music Room, Killara Music Room, 131 Fiddens Wharf Road, Killara

Organiser: Felicity Martin at flissmar@dodo.com.au or phone 93574203.

Entry \$20 per performer for UMT and \$25 for Roger Woodward. Send cheques to Felicity Martin , 301/357 Glenmore Road, Paddington, 2021, payable to the UMT North Shore Branch.

Closing date for entry is Monday 29th May.

Each studio may have 3 entries. Please refer to the Central Committee newsletter, which contains details of entry requirements. Please provide details of performer's name and age, piece(s) to be played, with accurate timing.

UMT performers should arrive by 12.45pm, and Roger Woodward performers by 2.45pm.

Requirements for each category are as follows:

UMT Awards	1 piece or 2 contrasting pieces 3-6 minutes
Roger Woodward Awards	2 contrasting pieces (pianists from memory) 8th Grade and above Maximum 12 minutes

These details may be subject to changes due to the number of entries received.

Finals for UMT Awards, President's Award, and Finals of Roger Woodward Awards

Venue: Killara Music Room
Date and Times: 18th June. Please check the Central Committee's emails for starting times of the above events or ring Felicity Martin on 93574203 or 0422076655.

Junior Master Class with Bernadette Harvey and Performance Day (non-competitive)

Venue: Pitt St Uniting Church
Date: 6th August
Organisers: Mariamma Mitchell and Fotini Stravidis (Central Committee event)
Contacts: Mariamma on 95571310 or Fotini on 95589023

Spring Festival (Open to all performers)

Date: Sunday 27th August
Time: 2pm (We may have two consecutive concerts depending on demand).
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your concert.
Venue: Berowra Heights (precise address to be given in due course).
Organizer: Lorraine Samuel at ajax22@bigpond.com or phone 94562088.
Closing date: Monday 21st August. Please send in your entries to Lorraine at PO Box 43, Berowra, 2081 by this date.
Entry cost: \$15 per student. Audience donation at door.
Please provide details of performer's name and age, piece(s) to be played, with accurate timing.
Performers should arrive by 1.45pm.
This is a non-competitive concert but we will provide an appraisal of your student's performance upon request. Please provide a score for the appraiser's benefit.

Planning Meeting (further details to follow)

Date and time: 10.30am on Monday 27th November.
Venue: 49 Warrangi St, Turramurra (the home of Sheila Warby)