



# Lyre Notes



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**At GCYO  
our mission is  
to encourage  
young musicians,  
in the pursuit of  
excellence  
and  
enjoyment  
in orchestral and  
ensemble  
performance.**

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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2011

## Here's to a Great 2011!

### Welcome to all GCYO Musicians and your Families

We hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable break and that you are energized and excited about being back. We are certainly excited to have you back!

### For new members - a heartfelt welcome!

The Committee, the Conductors and our Group Administrators plan to make this one of the best years ever. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way. We want the GCYO to feel like your second home.

## Calendar of Concerts and Events



GCYO's annual program consists of regular rehearsals, tutorials, workshops and concerts. For your reference, a Summary Schedule of Concerts and Events is on **page 3**; however, events marked with *tbc* are still being finalised. As soon as events are confirmed, information will be updated on the website - please check regularly. In addition, a 'Lyre Notes' Newsletter will be produced at the beginning of each term.

## Website

Our website is continually being updated and is a good first reference for any query. There are so many new features and it is full of useful information about GCYO, including:

- ♫ Rehearsal schedules
- ♫ Contacts for Group Administrators
- ♫ Attendance policy
- ♫ Performance policy
- ♫ Performance dress
- ♫ Code of Conduct
- ♫ Calendar of Concerts and Events
- ♫ Media gallery - with current pictures of you - enjoy!

Please visit  
[www.gcyo.com.au](http://www.gcyo.com.au)

## Need a coffee break?

### Come and meet some GCYO families and have a cup of tea or coffee...

If you have some spare time, come in and help yourself to a tea or coffee. Meet some new people; introduce yourself. We welcome a gold coin donation for 'Miss Piggy' (our money box) - all funds go to programs for our musicians.

**Look forward to seeing you ~ Enjoy!**





*Special thanks to all Group Administrators for helping us prepare for the start of the year. The GCYO would not survive without you!*

### **GCYO's 2011 Group Administration Teams**

#### **GA Coordinator**

Natasha Castelijn  
(assisting all groups)

#### **Youth Symphony**

Kay Cabale  
Rodney Schon  
Natasha Nicholson  
Tanya Leydon  
Tony Rogers  
Noel Leydon  
Patricia Geale

#### **GCYO2**

Tracey Peters  
Christine Betts  
Robyn Munoz  
Kelly Stolz

#### **String Orchestra**

Sarah Jane Ash  
Karon Skurrie  
Julia White

#### **Big Band**

Candice Mills

#### **Little Big Band**

Lesa Ayton  
Janelle Maurer



## **Tell us what you think - we're listening**



This year the GCYO is renewing its commitment to providing a high level of service to you and your families. We want the GCYO to be the best it can be - the best Youth Orchestra in Australia! To do this, we need your feedback.

Would you kindly take time to complete our survey located at <http://www.surveymonk.com/s/5SRWHWV>

The information you provide will help us understand your perception of GCYO as well as your current satisfaction level. In addition, we want you to share your ideas and suggestions for improvement.

With your feedback, we can continue to strive to satisfy your needs and perhaps your suggestions will help us grow our

membership base. Data from this survey will be used to make positive change. Participants anonymity will be protected.

Your input is very valuable and important to us. Thank you for participating in this first GCYO survey.

Please type this link into a new browser on your computer to complete the survey:  
<http://www.surveymonk.com/s/5SRWHWV>

## **Group administrators - here to help**

Each orchestra or ensemble at GCYO is managed by the Conductor who is ably assisted by a Team of Volunteers. At GCYO, all official volunteers are called 'Group Administrators' (GAs). Depending on the size of the orchestra, the team of GAs may range in number from one person to seven or more. Group Administrators manage the administrative and operational procedures for each orchestra at rehearsals, concerts, auditions and events.

There are four key functions GAs perform for each orchestra at GCYO, namely:

- 1) overall management
- 2) music management
- 3) stage management
- 4) catering management

**For full contact details,  
please visit our website.**

Should you have any questions about the GCYO in general or your Orchestra, please contact one of our fabulous GAs.

## **Watching Rehearsals**



Parents, siblings, grandparents and friends are welcome to observe rehearsals. For our smaller groups, Little Big Band and Big Band, you are invited to sit around the perimeter of the Rehearsal Room.

For our larger groups including the String Orchestra, GCYO2 and the Youth Symphony only GAs are permitted in the Rehearsal Room 2. However, observers are most welcome to relax and watch from the Gallery above Rehearsal Room 2.

**Thank you for helping us create  
a professional and productive rehearsal environment for  
our musicians.**

**New GCYO****Merchandise**

GCYO will soon be offering a limited range of products with logo.

- ♫ T-shirts \$22
- ♫ Hats \$15
- ♫ Microfiber instrument cleaning cloth \$12
- ♫ Notebook \$12

All funds go to programs for our musicians.

**Thanks for your support!**

**CATERING HELP**

We are hoping to 'jazz up' our Canteen offerings this year. We'd love your help. If interested, please contact your Group Administrator.

**Rehearsal Schedule**

**BB:** Tue 5 - 7pm  
**SO:** Thu 5 - 7pm  
**LBB:** Fri 5 - 6.30pm  
**YS:** Fri 6.30 - 9.30pm  
**GCYO2:** Sat 8 - 11am

Enjoy!

**Hire GCYO Rooms**

Did you know that the GCYO rehearsal rooms are available for hire?

Very competitive rates!  
 For further information, please call Patricia 0423 148 992

**Concert and Event Calendar 2011****TERM 1 24 January - 15 April**

Sat 5 Feb	1-4pm	Workshop In-House: String Orchestra
Sun 6 Feb	10-1pm	Workshop In-House: String Orchestra
Sat 12 Feb	8-11am	Workshop In-House: GCYO2
Sun 13 Feb	10-1pm	Workshop In-House: GCYO2
Sat Feb 19	2-5pm	Workshop In-House: Youth Symphony
Sun 20 Feb	10-1pm	Workshop In-House: Youth Symphony
Wed 23 March	7.30pm	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> - supper offered; all welcome!
Sat 2 Apr	tbc	Jam & Jazz In-House: BB ,LBB
Sun 3 April	tbc	Concert In-House: BB and LBB
Sun 10 April	2pm	Concert In-House: GCYO2, SO, YS
5 - 10 April	all rehearsals	Jump In for Visiting Musicians

**TERM 2 27 April - 24 June**

Sat 4 June	tbc	Jam & Jazz In-House: BB, LBB
Sun 5 June	tbc	Concert In-House: GCYO2, SO and LBB
Sun 19 June	2pm	Concert In-House: YS
20 - 24 June	tbc	Qld Ed Camp: SO and LBB (venue to be advised)

**TERM 3 11 July - 16 September**

Aug	tbc	Gold Coast Eisteddfod (groups to be determined)
Fri 12 Aug	6pm	Workshop In-House & Concert: YS & QYO3 (venue GCYO)
Sat 20 Aug	tbc	Blends Of Jazz Broadbeach: BB
Sat 3 Sept	2pm	Workshop In-House & Concert: YS & QYO3 (venue Old Museum Building)
Sat 3 Sept	tbc	Workshop & Concert: GCYO2 and St Hildas
Sat 3 Sept	tbc	Jam & Jazz In-House: BB ,LBB
6-10 Sept	all rehearsals	Jump In for Visiting Musicians
Sun 11 Sept	2pm	Concert In-House: GCYO2, SO and LBB

**TERM 4 3 October - 9 December**

Sun 9 Oct	tbc	Suzuki Music Graduations at GCYO: YS accompany
Sat Oct 8	tbc	Workshop In-House & Concert: SO & QYOJSO (venue Old Museum Building)
Sat 15 Oct	12-5pm tbc	Auditions for 2012 Entry
Sun 16 Oct	8-5pm tbc	Auditions for 2012 Entry
Sat 22 Oct	12-5pm tbc	Auditions for 2012 Entry
Sun 23 Oct	8-5pm tbc	Auditions for 2012 Entry
Sat 5 Nov	6.30pm	Gala Concert at Arts Centre Gold Coast (tbc)
Sun 13 Nov	2-5pm	Christmas Party at GCYO

**Abbreviations**

YS: Youth Symphony  
 GCYO2: Youth Symphony II  
 SO: String Orchestra  
 BB: Big Band  
 LBB: Little Big Band  
 QYOJSO: Qld Youth Orchestra Junior Strings  
 QYO3: 3rd Qld Youth Orchestra  
 tbc: to be confirmed

Please note, some details are still being finalised. For full and the most current information, visit our website.