



Newsletter | Winter Term 2023

Welcome to NCAM!

I am pleased to welcome you all back for Term 3 and hope that you have enjoyed your holiday with friends and family.

This is an exciting term for us all as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary of the founding of NCAM. We look forward to our Orchestral Weekend in partnership with members of Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. If you have not already registered for the Orchestral Weekend please complete the registration form so that we can all be well prepared for the weekend. The registration is online via our website (<https://ncam.ac.nz/cso-orchestral-weekend>). All students are welcome from beginners to advanced players. Please encourage any family members or friends to also register and any alumni that you may know. We wish to make this weekend very special and welcome everyone from our community. We must thank Creative New Zealand and Mainpower for their support, making this weekend so special.

The Anniversary Concert on Saturday evening will include performances from our groups and will draw to a close with the NCAM Orchestral Weekend Orchestra conducted by Pablo Ruiz Henao. You will receive an Orchestral Weekend email shortly containing details required for the weekend.

This term we welcome Hilary Bloomer-Law to join our team of tutors to teach both Clarinet and Saxophone.



At the end of last term we enjoyed a superb concert at the Town Hall. I must congratulate all the players on their performances and thank all our tutors for their preparation and time to make the day a success. Below enjoy a collage of photographs of the day.

Please also take advantage of the CSO opportunities. It is always a good experience to attend workshops which support your musical development and performance skills.

I will look forward to seeing you all, together with friends and family, at the Anniversary Concert, even if you are not performing this time. This will ensure that the concert will be a great success.

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2023 Key Dates

Term 3: 24 July - 28 September

Term 4: 16 October - 16 November

(Catch-up week: 20 November – 23 November)

Orchestral Weekend: Friday 11 & Saturday 12 August

End of Year Concert: Saturday 18 November

Group Timetable

Choir	Monday 4:45 - 5:30	Studio 1	Jeannette McGrath
Wind Ensemble	Every 2nd Wednesday	Studio 2	Hilary Bloomer-Law
Cello Ensemble	Thursday 5:00 - 5:30	Studio 3	Naomi Harmer
Celtic Fiddles	Thursday 5:30 - 6:30	Studio 1	Jeremy Brownbrooke
Senior Orchestra	Thursday 6:30 - 7:45	Function Room	Mark Hodgkinson

40th Anniversary Orchestral Weekend



I am very pleased to confirm that our 40th Anniversary Orchestral Weekend will take place on **Friday 11 & Saturday 12 August 2023** at Rangiora Town Hall. I am delighted to again welcome to NCAM members of the CSO in 2023 who will run sectionals on both Friday and Saturday. They will perform with our orchestra on Saturday evening. I appreciate the time that is being given to us and this is an opportunity not to be missed.

It is expected that all members of NCAM who play an orchestral instrument take part in this Orchestral Weekend, whether you are a seasoned professional or just starting. **I would love to see you all there!**

Please register for this event here! (<https://ncam.ac.nz/2023-enrolment>)



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Ki te Hapori In the Community

We believe everyone should have access to quality musical experiences. That's why we're out and about Ki te Hapori In the Community. See what's on over the next month!

Masterclass: Percussion – Join a percussion masterclass led by our brilliant CSO musicians Principal Timpani Mark La Roche and Associate Principal Percussion Roanna Funcke. Open to players and observers. Register here – [4.00pm, Wednesday 26 July 2023](#)

Flute in Focus – Immerse yourself in an indulgent full-day flute workshop with CSO flautists Principal Flute Hannah Darroch and Associate Principal Flute Margo Askin. For beginners and professionals alike. Register here – [10.00am, Sunday 30 July 2023](#)

On the Road: Selwyn – CSO musicians are revving up and heading to Selwyn to bring musical experiences to the Selwyn community. Book in for Music Trails at Lincoln Library, a lunchtime concert at Lincoln Library, or an interactive workshop at Leeston Library, or all three! – [Tuesday 15 August 2023](#)

Piano Play Day – We're lifting the lid on the Merle Carter Family Steinway and offering the opportunity to play in the Ron Ball Studio. If you would like an opportunity to play this beautiful instrument, please register here. Maximum playing time 5 minutes – [Sunday 27 August 2023](#)

Music Trails: Halswell – Join a CSO woodwind ensemble at Te Hāpua Halswell Centre for a free, interactive, 45-minute performance filled with singing, dancing, storytelling and, of course, music. Designed for tamariki and their whānau – [Wednesday 30 August](#)

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