



Newsletter | Winter Term 2025

Welcome to NCAM!

Welcome back to a very exciting Term 3 ahead of us with our NCAM Orchestral Weekend in partnership with Christchurch Symphony Orchestra only a few weeks away. 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.

All players are welcome from beginners to advanced grades. Please also encourage any family members or friends to register and any alumni that you may know. We wish to welcome everyone from our community. We must thank Creative New Zealand for their support, without them this weekend would not otherwise be possible.

At the end of last term we enjoyed a lovely Mid-Year Performance Day in 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.

I will look forward to seeing you all at our Orchestral Weekend.

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NCAM Orchestral Weekend with CSO



CSO
Christchurch Symphony
Orchestra

I am very pleased to confirm that our Orchestral Weekend will take place on **Friday 22 & Saturday 23 August 2025** at Rangiora Town Hall. I am delighted to again welcome members of Christchurch Symphony Orchestra who will run sectionals on both Friday and Saturday. They will perform with our orchestra on Saturday evening. 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 via our website! (<https://ncam.ac.nz>)



End of Year Performance Day

On **Saturday 22 November** we will be holding our **End of Year Performance Day**, please make sure this date is in your diary. There will be instrument specific concerts throughout the day so that all students can play a piece, no matter how early in their musical journey they are.

The day will conclude with our Prize Giving in the Main Auditorium which will also include student performances. All exam students are required to attend the evening concert to accept their exam recognition.

A timetable of the day will be available in Term 4.

2025 Key Dates

Term 3: 14 July - 18 September (10 weeks)

Term 4: 6 October - 20 November (7 weeks)

Orchestral Weekend: Friday 22 & Saturday 23 August

End of Year Concert: Saturday 22 November

Key dates for 2026 will be available at the beginning of Term 4. Please keep an eye on the website for the most up to date information.

Group Timetable

Choir	Monday 4:45 - 5:30	Studio 1	Jeannette McGrath
Cello Ensemble	Thursday 4:30 - 5:00	Studio 3	Naomi Harmer
Celtic Fiddles	Thursday 5:30 - 6:30	Studio 1	Jeremy Brownbrooke
Academy Orchestra	Thursday 6:30 - 7:45	Function Room	Mark Hodgkinson