



# “In Tune”

Occasional Newsletter for The Friends of St Matthew's Music Association Inc.  
and  
Members of the Albury Chamber Music Festival Society.

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**From:**  
**Fr Peter**

Welcome to this edition of *In Tune*. In it you will read about the splendid achievements of some of our Music Association scholars: particularly Thomas Summerfield and James Flores.

A significant amount of this edition relates to the forthcoming Albury Chamber Music Festival in November.

What a musical treat we have in store.

You will also read the exciting news about the inclusion of an organ section in the 2019 Albury-Wodonga Eisteddfod. It is most gratifying to know that our own magnificent Letourneau Organ is the instrument chosen for this competition. Congratulations James Flores on initiating this development.

## Organ Scholar Achievements



### Thomas Summerfield.

In recent months, St Matthew's Music Association organ and piano scholar Thomas Summerfield has covered himself in glory with his achievements in AMEB examinations and at the Wagga Wagga and Albury Eisteddfods.

In July Tom presented for the 5th grade AMEB

(Australian Music Examination Board) exam on the St Matthew's organ. Tom acquitted himself very well and was commended for his performance obtaining a Credit Pass. The works he presented for the examination he subsequently performed at a *Tunes on Tuesday* recital.

At the **Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod** Tom was awarded: **First Place** in

- *the 16 Years & Under Piano Solo (work by Chopin);*
- *the 16 Years & Under Piano Solo (own choice);*
- *the 16 Years & Under Piano Solo (Australian composer);*
- *the 18 Years & Under Piano Solo (own choice); and*
- *the Chopin Work Piano Solo.*

He was also awarded

- *the Most Promising Junior Pianist Award.*

At the **Albury Eisteddfod** he won

- *First Place in the Open Chopin Piano Solo section and received the 15 and 16 Age Aggregate Highest Mark in Music Award;*
- *the Open Piano Champion Award; and*
- *the Archie Kirkwood Award.*

The St Matthew's Music Association congratulates Tom on his splendid results.

### James Flores

Congratulations are also due to James Flores who was recently awarded the St Cecilia School of Music Certificate of Music Teaching. (see page 3)





## 2018 Albury Chamber Music Festival Friday 16 November to Sunday 18 November An Event Not To Miss!



*The 2018 Albury Chamber Music Festival promises to be an event not to miss!*



The Orpheus Trio

**The Opening Concert and Reception** (1.30pm @ Adamshurst Ballroom) features the Flinders Quartet, the Orpheus Trio and Ayse Goknu Shanul with accompanist Helena Kernaghan. Music is by Mendelssohn, Ravel, Dvorak, Puccini and Villa-Lobos. This will be followed by a reception to welcome participants in the Festival in the distinguished presence of His excellency the Governor of NSW, His



The Flinders Quartet

Excellency The Honourable David Hurley, AC, DSC (Ret'd) and Mrs Hurley.

The second event is the **Rising Stars Masterclass** (4.00pm @ Adamshurst Ballroom). A selection of up-and-coming stars from the Albury area perform works as part of a concert masterclass held by professional musicians involved in the festival.



Ensemble Liaison

Performers at the third concert are **Ensemble Liaison and Flinders Quartet** (7.00pm @ St Matthew's Church). Music is by Mendelssohn, Piazzolla and Gershwin. This concert will be a fitting conclusion to day one of the Festival.



Daniel Dries

Day two commences with an **Organ Recital** (10.30am @ St Matthew's Church) featuring Sydney Organist Daniel Dries. Fr Daniel is Rector of Christ Church St Laurence in the heart of Sydney. He is highly regarded as a concert organist and will perform works by J S Bach, Buxtehude, Karg-Elert, Lefebure-Wely and Widor.



Benjamin Martin

**Piano Chamber Ensembles** (2.00pm @ St Matthew's Church) is the next concert of day two. It features pianist Benjamin Martin who will perform solo and join with the Flinders Quartet. Ensemble Liaison will also feature in this concert. Music is by Scriabin, Katz-Chernin and Smetana.



Ayse Goknur Shanul

Day two concludes with **Russia and the Orient** (7.00pm @ St Matthew's Church). Ayse Goknur Shanul returns with pianist Ashley Hribar to perform works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky and selected Turkish songs. The Orpheus Trio will perform a work by Arensky.



Ashley Hribar





Day three commences with a **Festival Service** in St Matthew's Church (9.30am) conducted by the Festival Director, Fr Peter MacLeod-Miller.



The Firebird Trio

The final concert of the Festival features **The Firebird Trio** (2.00pm @ The Albury Club). This concert features a World Premier of Gordon Kerry's "Piano Trio No. 3". Also on the program is Music by Beethoven, Stravinsky and Haydn.

*With such a plethora of fine chamber music and top-class performers, an exciting and stimulating three days is guaranteed*



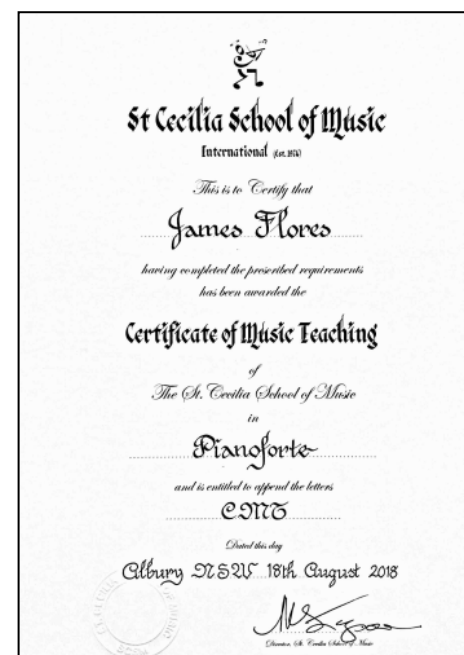
The Flinders Quartet

*with something for everyone! So don't miss out.*

Go to [alburychambermusicfestival.com](http://alburychambermusicfestival.com) for full details and to purchase your tickets.

*Festival passes provide A Reserve seating (\$205/\$165)*

## James Flores (from page 1)



The requirements for James's award were (1) a practical performance demonstration; (2) a viva voce exam of 60 minutes on teaching principles; and (3) three essays from a list of teaching principles. The examiner's overall comment was:

*A sincere and well organised teacher who is clearly passionate about the profession. The ideas presented were creative and imaginative without compromising the importance of a thorough and detailed course of technical and musical study.*



## Tunes on Tuesday

— James Flores

*Tunes on Tuesday* has now become a highly anticipated fortnightly event for the music lovers of Albury-Wodonga. We have had a wide variety of performers and instruments, this year, using St Matthew's as a well attended venue to showcase their hard work and talents.

Over the twenty-three recitals we will have this year, twelve of them feature the famous St Matthew's Letourneau organ—including one recital dubbed as the 'Organists recital', where four organists performed at the one Tuesday performance! A special thanks to visiting organ recitalists Hugh Fullarton (Wangaratta), Pastor de Lasala (Sydney) and Gareth Baard (Sydney).

St Matthew's Music Association Scholars were also given opportunities to perform and showcase their

efforts—not without the dedication, expertise and perseverance of their respective teachers. This year we also welcomed some Murray Conservatorium staff and students to perform, including Stephen O'Connell (Saxophone), Rhys Mckee (Tuba) and the CLAM String Quartet.

It's an exciting feeling to be moving into a third year of *Tunes on Tuesday*. It has definitely been a rewarding experience, both as a performer and convener of the series. The aim is to continue providing a high level, but approachable, musical experience for both performers and audiences.

The remaining concerts for 2018: November 6, Malcolm Halford (Organ), November 20, James Flores (Organ). The first recital of 2019 will begin on January 29 with James Flores (Organ).

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How you can support the work of the St Matthew's Music Association Inc.



There are three ways by which you can give financial support for the works of the St Matthew's music Association Inc.

The first is by becoming a **Friend of the Association**. This will assist the musical education program to help you local musicians develop their

musical skills.

Second you can become a **Pipe Sponsor** and sponsor pipes in the St Matthew’s Letourneau Organ and contribute to its development.

Third, you can become a **Member of the Albury Chamber Music Festival Society** and support the work of this annual Festival and enable it to engage chamber musicians of the highest quality from both within

Australia and internationally.

Donations to each of these causes are fully tax-deductible.



Albury Chamber Music Festival Society

The aims of the Society are:

- to offer financial backing to help the Festival function confidently into the 21st century and beyond; and
- to support the performance of the classical chamber music repertoire by sponsoring world-class performers for each festival.

There are three categories of membership:

“**Gold**” membership (minimum donation \$100 or \$150 for joint membership)

“**Platinum**” membership (minimum donation \$300 or \$500 for joint membership)

“**Life**” Membership in each category is conferred upon payment of five annual donations.

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Members of the Albury Chamber Music Festival Society

Platinum Members:

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Ms Kaye Kennedy



# Organ to be included in Albury-Wodonga Eisteddfod



In an exciting development, organ performance is to be included in the annual Albury-Wodonga Eisteddfod. The inaugural organ competition will be included in the 2019 Eisteddfod.

The competition will be held in St Matthew's on the Letourneau Organ on Saturday 22 June 2019.

There will be three sections: Junior, Intermediate and Open.

This initiative has been spearheaded by Organ Scholar James Flores who is keen to promote organ performance in the Border Region and the splendid St Matthew's Letourneau Organ.

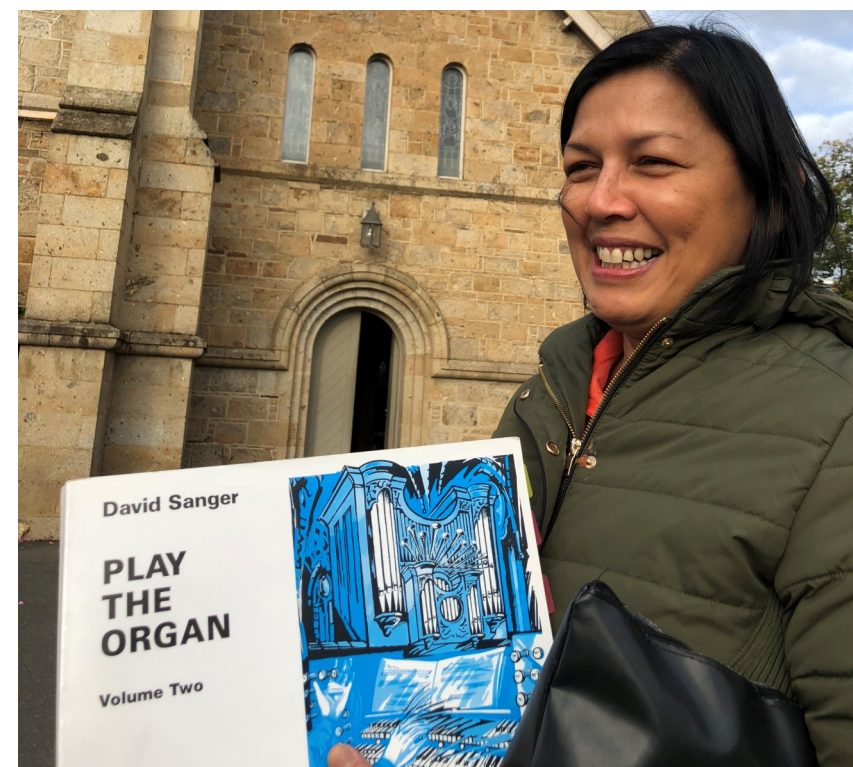
The St Matthew's Music Association applauds this development and would like to be able to offer prizes for the various sections. To do this the Association will need to raise some \$1,750 in order to fund the first prize in each section (\$250/\$500/\$1,000). If you would like to support this proposal please make a tax-deductible donation to the St Matthew's Music Association Inc.

## New Organ Scholar



Corinne Massang, a member of St Matthew's, has decided to join the ranks of organist and is the latest St Matthew's Music Association Scholar.

Fr Peter says that Corinne is "transitioning from advanced pianist to awesome organist". He looks forward to Corinne joining the team of organists at St Matthew's.





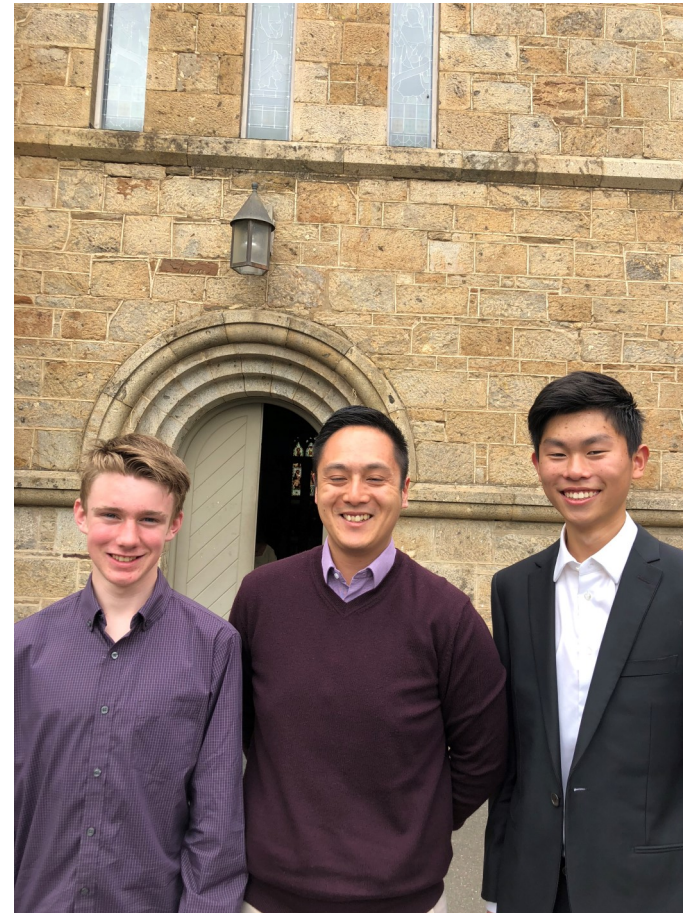
# Scenes from Tunes on Tuesday

Performers at *Tunes on Tuesday* on Tuesday 9 October were pianists Thomas Summerfield and Xin Yuan Shen.

As you can see from below, the recital was well attended and their performances were greatly appreciated.

Thomas and Xin Yuan with  
*Tunes on Tuesday* Co-ordinator,  
James Flores

Thomas and Xin Yuan and audience



## Congratulations.

The St Matthew's Music Association congratulates Montana Farrah-Seaton who represented Australia in the *Miss Globe 2018* competition held in Albania recently and was selected as first Runner-up.



Montana is the daughter of Michelle Farah-Seaton who is a proprietor of **The Albury Manor House**.

The Albury Manor House generously supports the Albury Chamber Music Festival and provides a room for the Committee to hold its regular meetings.



Thomas and Xin Yuan at the piano