

Music news in the Senior School

Music Ensembles

It is always exciting to start the year with new repertoire, new ensembles and, of course, new students eager and ready to participate in the various orchestras, choirs, bands and cocurricular activities in the Performing Arts. The Music staff enjoyed watching all the audition videos and seeing the wealth of repertoire, technical skills and enjoyment the girls have for music. This year we have seen another increase in numbers in the music auditions and the level of participation is outstanding. It is very rewarding to know that so many girls are keen to be part of the rich culture of music and drama at Meriden.

Ensemble rehearsals commenced this week and it was buzzing with energy. It was wonderful seeing the girls from all year levels ready to collaborate in music and drama. We look forward to seeing parents and friends at this year's concerts, productions and events.

Amadeus News

It was pleasing to see a number of Amadeus students selected to attend the Australian Youth Orchestra's National Music Camp in January.

Annabelle Desmond, Year 11, Connie Liu, Year 10, Teresa Yang, Year 11, Alina Yuan, Year 11, and Sharon Zhao, Year 10, spent two weeks in Adelaide, rehearsing and performing outstanding orchestral and chamber repertoire with some of the country's finest young musicians. The girls had the opportunity to work with renowned conductors, Ariel Zuckermann, Toby Thatcher, and Sophie Rowell. They performed classic symphonies, such as Beethoven's 7th and Mendelssohn's 4th; twentieth century repertoire from Ligeti, Kodaly and Bernstein; as well as Australian composers Lachlan Skipworth, Paul Stanhope and Maria Grenfell.



In other Amadeus news, Year 10 student Isabella Koo recently participated in the Golden Classical Music Awards International Competition and was awarded first prize. Isabella has been invited to perform at the Winners Recital at Carnegie Hall in New York later in the year.

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