

# Performing Arts news

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## Amadeus Recital

The Amadeus Recital was held last week on Wednesday 29 May and the girls performed with maturity and a high level of musicianship. The program featured a wide variety of repertoire as seen below. Congratulations on a wonderful evening of exceptional performances to the following girls:

- Erin Du (cello) - Sonata for Cello & Piano Op. 40, Movement 2, Dmitri Shostakovich
- Teresa Yang (violin) - La Capricieuse Op. 17, Edward Elgar
- Kayla Chiu (alto saxophone) - Saxophone Concerto Op. 109, Alexander Glazunov
- Isabella Koo (viola) - Lachrymae Op. 48, Benjamin Britten
- PeiQing Ling (violin) - Violin Sonata No. 1 Op. 8, Movement 1, Edvard Grieg
- Yolanda Dolenac (double bass) - Double Bass Concerto No. 2, Movement 1, Giovanni Bottesini
- Selina Wang (violin) - Suite in A Minor Op. 10, Movement 3, Christian Sinding
- Ellie Dong (piano) - Scherzo No. 3 Op. 39, Frederic Chopin
- Nerissa Du (violin) - Baal Shem Suite, Nigun, Ernest Bloch
- Zoe Chan (violin) - Suite for Violin & Piano, Waltz, Benjamin Britten

A selection of photos from the recital can be found below this article.

## Student Achievements

Year 8 student Sofia Lam was recently selected to participate in the Penrith Youth Orchestra, performing a variety of works by Grieg, Vivaldi, Elgar and Wagner at The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. As part of this program, Sofia had the opportunity to work alongside members of the Australian Chamber Orchestra and was mentored by violinist Ilya Isakovich.

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In July, Year 9 students Tina Dong and Chanelle Tiranatvitayakul will travel to Melbourne to participate in the Australian Chamber Orchestra's Academy. Led by ACO violinist Aiko Goto, this program brings the best high school string players from across Australia together for an intensive week of orchestral rehearsals, sectionals and chamber music sessions.

Ellie and Tina Dong recently participated in the WestPhil Symphony Project; a 4-day intensive workshop led by renowned conductor Fabian Russell. The ensembles featured some of Sydney's finest young musicians, while performing alongside professional mentors. Ellie and Tina have also been selected for the upcoming WestPhil June project.

Connie Liu is currently participating in the Online Solo String Intensive 2024 program, studying with Stefan Jackiw and Jessica Lee. Connie has also been selected to participate in the Meadowmount School of Music, Summer School in July and August. The Meadowmount School of Music was the first music summer school in the United States, founded in 1944 by violinist Ivan Galamian. Connie will have the opportunity to study with the Artistic Director Janet Sung and will work with renowned violinist James Enhes.

## Individual Eisteddfod Results

Congratulations also to the following girls on their recent eisteddfod results.

### Emma Rose Koeswandy

- Inner West Eisteddfod Open Age Strings – Highly Commended

### April Tran

- St George Eisteddfod 11&12 Years Pop Solo – First Place
- St George Eisteddfod 11&12 Years Any Style Solo – First Place

### Chanelle Tiranatvitayakul

- Inner West Eisteddfod Open Age Strings – Highly Commended

### Angel Yang

- Sydney Eisteddfod 12 & Under Low Brass – Second Place

### Alina Yuan

- Inner West Eisteddfod Open Age Strings – Highly Commended

## Sydney Metropolitan Band Branch Solo and Ensemble competition

The 2024 Sydney Metropolitan Solo and Party Competition was held on the weekend of 25 - 26 May. This competition provides students with the opportunity to perform own choice repertoire with a piano accompanist and receive valuable feedback from a professional adjudicator. Meriden won the overall Aggregate Trophy, which is awarded to the ensemble who achieves the highest number of points throughout the competition. It was wonderful to see eighteen students representing Meriden and their high standard of performance throughout all events. Congratulations to all the students who took part: Charlotte Choy, Kayla Chui, Seanna Chung, Alice Deng, Kelly Feng, Linley Feng, Grace Henry, Danielle Ho, Elena Hu, Eleanor Kenyon, Joanna Li, Nidhi Nellore, Sunae Park, Elireeann Su, Yumi Takusagawa, Cindy Xu, Angel Yang, Chloe Zhou.

Well done to the following students who placed in their events:

- Cindy Xu, Sunae Park and Charlotte Choy - 1st place in U19 Ensemble
- Cindy Xu and Sunae Park - 1st place in Open Duet and 2nd place in U19 Duet
- Nidhi Nellore and Eleanor Kenyon - 3rd place in U19 Duet
- Eleanor Kenyon - 1st place in U19 Novice Woodwind
- Charlotte Choy - 3rd place in U19 Slow Melody Woodwind
- Kayla Chiu and Elireeann Su - 1st place in U15 Duet
- Joanna Li and Chloe Zhou - 2nd place in U15 Duet
- Cindy Xu - 1st place in U15 Woodwind and 1st place in U15 Slow Melody Woodwind. Cindy also received The Ken Luzzi Memorial Award for gaining the highest number of points in an U15 slow melody event.
- Alice Deng - 1st place in U13 Novice Woodwind and 1st place in U13 Woodwind. Alice also received the Susan Caesar Memorial Award for gaining the highest number of points in an U13 Novice event.
- Kayla Chiu - 2nd place in U15 Woodwind and 2nd place in U15 Slow Melody Woodwind
- Elireeann Su - 3rd place in U13 Woodwind

- Yumi Takusagawa - 1st place in U15 Novice Brass and 1st place in U15 Brass.
- Angel Yang - 1st place in U13 Novice Brass
- Linley Feng - 2nd place in U15 Slow Melody Brass and 3rd place in U15 Brass
- Elena Hu - 3rd place in U15 Novice Woodwind

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