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## 2024 COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AUDITIONS INFORMATION:

Each year the Central Coast Conservatorium supports up to 80 students through its competitive and non-competitive scholarship programs. These programs, funded by the Conservatorium, are bolstered through the generosity of donors, supporters and sponsors from our community. Below you'll find information about the **Competitive Scholarships** on offer. Non-competitive Scholarship information can be found on our website.

Our competitive scholarships are awarded to highlight students with excellent potential and talent as well as to encourage further study and achievement at the Central Coast Conservatorium.

**This year the audition day for our Competitive Scholarships will be held on Saturday 28 October at Robert Knox Hall, Central Coast Conservatorium of Music, 45 Mann Street, Gosford.**

To apply fill in this online [SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM](#)

The scholarships include:

### **CCCM Senior Instrumental Scholarships (14-18 years of age)**

1st place \$2,000 | 2nd place \$1000

### **CCCM Junior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarships (Under 14 years of age)**

1st place \$1,000 | 2nd place \$750 | 3rd place \$500

### **Richard Newton Central Coast Philharmonia Choir Vocal Scholarship (14-18 years of age)**

\$1,000

### **Allen Family Senior Scholarship (14- 22 years of age)**

1st place \$3,000 | 2nd place \$2,000 | 3rd place \$1,000

### **Allen Family Junior Encouragement Award (<13 years of age)**

\$500 each x 3 scholarships available

### **Pearl Beach Association Senior Scholarship 1st Prize (14 - 22 years of age)**

\$1000

### **Pearl Beach Association/ Frances Grove Memorial/ People's Choice Award (14 -22 years of age)**

\$500

### **Pearl Beach Association Runner up prize (14-22 years of age)**

\$250

### **Irvine Family Piano Scholarship (14 - 22 years of age)**

\$1000

Our competitive scholarships have specific criteria so please ensure that you are applying for the correct scholarship by reading and understanding the criteria below.

There are also specific audition requirements that must be adhered to and presented to the audition panel on the audition day. It is essential that you understand the criteria and audition requirements before you apply.

## 2024 COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

### CCCM JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

#### INSTRUMENTAL: PIANO, STRINGS, GUITAR, WOODWIND & BRASS AUDITIONS

Junior: (Under 14 years of age) | Senior: (14-18 years of age)

- Two contrasting works. (*Minimum of one accompanied work with piano*)
- Guitar students may be accompanied by another guitarist
- Piano students do not require accompaniment
- Total audition time should be approximately 10 minutes (*Junior students*) or 15 minutes (*Senior students*)

#### PERCUSSION AUDITIONS

Junior: (Under 14 years of age) | Senior: (14-18 years of age)

- Two contrasting works:
  - **Drum kit** - two different styles of music (*e.g. rock, jazz, Latin, etc.*). One piece should be accompanied by a backing track.
  - **Orchestral percussion** – to include one piece on mallet percussion, the other may be on snare drum, timpani, mallet percussion or multiple percussion instruments. One piece should be accompanied on piano or marimba.

#### VOCAL AUDITIONS

Junior: (Under 14 years of age) | Senior: (14-18 years of age)

- Two contrasting songs with:
  - **Classical** – piano accompaniment and sung with natural voice
  - **Contemporary** – piano accompaniment and use of a microphone (backing track if necessary, but piano preferred)

### RICHARD NEWTON/ CENTRAL COAST PHILHARMONIA CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP

Senior: (14-18 years of age)

Senior vocal students may elect to be considered for this Scholarship, valued at \$1,000.

The Senior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarship adjudication panel will assess applicants for this scholarship on Saturday 28 October, 2023 and determine the successful candidate at this audition.

You must indicate on your application form that you wish to apply for this scholarship

Applicants for this scholarship must prepare and present the Vocal Audition requirements listed above.

You must be between 14 and 18 years of age on 27 November 2023 to be eligible for this scholarship.

You should have been studying voice for at least 3 years and be of Grade 7 AMEB minimum standard or equivalent. Please discuss this requirement with your teacher if you are unsure if you comply with the minimum standard.

## **ALLEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS:**

### **ALLEN FAMILY SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP FINALS**

Senior: (14-22 years of age)

In addition to your Instrumental/Vocal scholarship audition, you may elect to be considered for the Allen Family Scholarship, valued at \$3,000 (1<sup>st</sup> Place), \$2,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), \$1000 (3<sup>rd</sup> Place).

An independent adjudicator will determine the winner of this scholarship at the Scholarship Finals held on Sunday 12 November at Robert Knox Hall.

An adjudication panel will assess applicants for this scholarship during the first round of auditions on Saturday 28 October and determine the successful candidates that will proceed to the Scholarship Finals on Sunday 12 November. This process will occur as part of the Senior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarship audition or as a separate audition if you are ineligible or are not applying for a Senior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarship.

You must indicate on your application form that you wish to apply for this scholarship.

If you are only applying for the Allen Family Scholarship you must present two contrasting solo pieces of 12 to 15 minutes duration (minimum of one accompanied work with piano). Piano students do not require an accompaniment.

You must be between 14 and 22 years of age on 31 December 2023 to be eligible for this scholarship.

You should have been studying your instrument/voice for at least 3 years and be of Grade 7 AMEB minimum standard or equivalent. Please discuss this requirement with your teacher if you are unsure if you comply with the minimum standard.

Successful applicants will be required to perform in the **Allen Family Scholarship Finals Concert**. The date of this performance is Sunday 12 November, 2023.

Candidates generally perform the repertoire that is presented in the initial panel audition in October but this can be altered through negotiation with the student's teacher and the Artistic Director.

### **ALLEN FAMILY JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD CRITERIA:**

Junior: (Under 14 years of age)

In addition to the Instrumental/Vocal scholarship audition, the student will be considered for the Allen Family Junior encouragement award, valued at \$500. There will be three of these awarded to scholarship winners.

An adjudication panel will assess applicants for this scholarship during the auditions on 28 October and determine the successful candidates. This process will occur as part of the Junior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarships.

You must be under 14 years of age on 31 December 2023 to be eligible for this scholarship. You should have been studying your instrument/voice for at least 2 years and be of Grade 3 AMEB minimum standard or equivalent. Please discuss this requirement with your teacher if you are unsure if you comply with the minimum standard.

## **PEARL BEACH ASSOCIATION & IRVINE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Senior: (14-22 years of age)

**Pearl Beach Association Senior Scholarship 1st Prize - \$1,000**

**Irvine Family Piano Scholarship - \$1,000**

**The Frances Grove Memorial/ People's Choice Award - \$500**

**Pearl Beach Association Runner up prize - \$250**

The Irvine Family Piano Scholarship Competition and Pearl Beach Senior Scholarship Concert will be held in May 2024 at the Pearl Beach Progress Memorial Hall, 9 Diamond Avenue, Pearl Beach.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023 PEARL BEACH SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS**

- Either one long work OR two contrasting works. (*Minimum of one accompanied work with piano*)
- Guitar students may be accompanied by another guitarist
- Piano students do not require accompaniment
- Total audition time should be approximately 8 minutes.
- You must be between the ages of 14 and 22 years of age at 21 May, 2024 in order to be eligible for this scholarship.

A significant aspect of the adjudication of this competition is focused on your stage presence and ability to connect with your audience. It is expected that candidates performing in the Scholarship Finals in May 2024 will perform a different repertoire than that presented at the panel audition in October 2023. This new repertoire should also be of a higher level of difficulty and standard than that being presented in the panel audition.

Repertoire choices can be that which you have performed previously and at least one of the works performed must be accompanied (where appropriate for your instrument).

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023 IRVINE FAMILY PIANO SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS**

- Two contrasting pieces of music.
- Total audition time should not exceed 12 minutes.
- You should be of Grade 7 AMEB minimum standard or equivalent. Please discuss this requirement with your teacher if you are unsure if you comply with the minimum standard.

A significant aspect of the adjudication of this competition is focused on your stage presence and ability to connect with your audience.

Repertoire choices can be that which you have performed previously.

Successful applicants are also eligible to participate in the Pearl Beach Progress Association Senior Scholarship finals that will take place in May 2024.

Students can elect to perform new repertoire for the Senior scholarship if so desired.

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AUDITIONS**

General presentation and performance etiquette will be taken into consideration. **Proper concert dress or smart casual attire is expected at auditions.**

You may be asked general knowledge questions on repertoire and/or general commitment.

Applicants who are permitted to use backing tracks (e.g. contemporary vocalists and percussion applicants) must provide their own backing track to the audition and indicate on the application form the type of sound equipment required for the audition.

## **SCHOLARSHIP DATES**

The initial competitive auditions will take place on Saturday 28 October, 2023. You will be notified of your audition time once application details have been received.

Applications Close: Friday 13 October 2023

Scholarship Auditions: Saturday 28 October 2023

Allen Family Finals: Sunday 12 November 2023

Irvine family piano Scholarship competition Concert: May 2024 (date tbc)

Pearl Beach association Senior scholarship Competition Concert: May 2024 (date tbc)

## **EXPECTATIONS**

Scholarship recipients are expected to participate in a 60 minute one-to-one weekly lesson for Senior students or a 30 minute one-to-one weekly lesson plus weekly ensemble for Junior students, for the full year of the Scholarship (four terms). Piano and vocal students may take the option of an additional related weekly activity with approval from the Artistic Director (for example, Vocal students may take piano lessons or join the Central Coast Philharmonia Choir or Central Coast Children's/Youth Choir, Piano students may join the Philharmonia Choir, or enrol in Musicianship class)

## **CRITERIA FOR 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 1) Scholarships will be applied to the students' Fees Account as follows:
  - a) Senior and Junior Instrument/Vocal Scholarships will be applied in Term 4, 2024
  - b) Encouragement Awards will be applied in Term 4, 2024
  - c) The Allen Family Scholarship will be applied in Term 4 of 2023 although recipients are considered the 2024 scholarship holders. In some circumstances where the student has graduated (i.e. completed lessons at the Conservatorium), the prize will be paid by bank transfer after the finals in December. It is expected that the prize money be put towards their music education.
  - d) Allen Family winners must submit a 250-word essay within 2 weeks after the Scholarship Finals thanking the sponsor and explaining what they will do with their winnings.
- 2) Scholarship applicants must be:
  - a) currently enrolled at Central Coast Conservatorium as one-to-one students or in an ensemble

- wanting to take up one-to-one lessons; and
- b) attending a minimum half hour weekly lessons; and
  - c) Juniors should be aged 13 or under as at 31/12/23
  - d) Seniors should be aged 14 to 22 as at 31/12/23
  - 3) Professional musicians are not eligible.
  - 4) Applicants must be Central Coast Conservatorium students. This includes students participating in the ensembles and musicianship classes.
  - 5) Scholarships will not be awarded if the adjudicator or adjudication panel deems that there are no candidates of a sufficient standard.
  - 6) Students with outstanding or overdue fees are ineligible to apply for the scholarship program.
  - 7) Scholarships will not be awarded to students with outstanding fees.
  - 8) Central Coast Conservatorium reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship at any time should a student fail to demonstrate commitment or if any of the scholarship conditions are not met.
  - 9) Scholarship 1st place winners from the previous year are ineligible to apply for the same scholarship.
  - 10) Panel auditions will be conducted at Central Coast Conservatorium at times set by the Artistic Director and Management.
  - 11) The Conservatorium will notify you of your accompanist for the audition day. Central Coast Conservatorium will cover the cost of the accompanist for the audition. However, the student must pay the accompanist's costs for rehearsals. All accompanist rehearsals must be paid for through the Administration office.
  - 12) Times and dates for auditions cannot be changed under any circumstances.
  - 13) The decision of the adjudicator(s) will be final and no dialogue or correspondence will be entered into.
  - 14) Requirements for scholarship auditions are listed above, are obtainable from instrumental teachers, and will also be displayed on notice boards at the Conservatorium and on our website.
  - 15) Finalists for the Allen Family Scholarship will perform at the Allen Family Scholarship Finals and Supporters Concert on Sunday 12 November 2023 at Robert Knox Hall, 45 Mann Street, Gosford. The winners will be announced at the adjudication prior to the conclusion of the event.
  - 16) All winners will be invited and expected to perform at the Supporters' Concert.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Apply [HERE](#) for 2024 Competitive Scholarship Application

Auditions for our 2024 Competitive Scholarships will be held at Robert Knox Hall, Central Coast Conservatorium of Music, 45 Mann Street, Gosford on Saturday 28 October 2023.

If you are awarded a scholarship, you are identified through the competitive process as a student with noteworthy potential and become an ambassador for the Conservatorium.

We wish all students the best in the preparation and audition.

Kind regards,

Patrick Brennan  
Artistic Director