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### MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Information Pack 2022



## **ESSENTIAL INFO**

**Scholarships are awarded either as Full or Half at Penrith Conservatorium in 2022.** *A Full scholarship covers the full cost of a 30-minute lesson, and a Half scholarship covers half the cost of a 30-minute lesson.* 

You do not have to be an existing student of the Conservatorium to apply. You do need to have acquired at least Grade 3 in your selected instrument and be 22 years of age or under to apply. Age restriction for voice students is 25 years old or younger in 2022.

**O**pen to residents of the Greater Western Sydney region. Some scholarships require residency within Penrith LGA.

### Applications close Friday 26 November 2021

Auditions will be held at The Joan on Tuesday 14 December 2021 In the event of restrictions due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, applicants will be required to submit a video recording of their audition to Conservatorium Management. Penrith Conservatorium, housed at The Joan, has enriched the lives of the local community for over 30 years through its passion for excellence in music education and performance.

The Conservatorium has an ongoing commitment to developing and nurturing local talent through scholarships which are offered through a competitive application and audition process.

These scholarships recognise talent and future potential and offer pathways for students to pursue a professional career in music. The Conservatorium team of 20 tutors have outstanding qualifications as both performers and teachers, offering individual tuition from beginner through to AMEB Grade 8 and beyond to concert standard.

Many students go on to become musicians and music educators themselves, whilst many others enjoy the pleasure and excitement music brings into their everyday lives.

Scholarships are offered to enrich individuals' musical experience and development, as well as to offer pathways into a career as a professional musician.

### 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are open to all instruments including voice, except where specified.

#### **FULL SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Richard Bonynge Scholarship (Piano Only)
- Malcolm Borland Scholarship (Piano Only)
- Penrith City Council Mayoral Scholarship
- Berger Piepers Emerging Talent Scholarship

### HALF SCHOLARSHIPS

- Ars Musica Australis Scholarship
- Penrith City Council Regional Talent Scholarship

We thank our current sponsors and partners who enable us to offer the scholarships: Penrith City Council, Berger Piepers Chartered Accountants, Ars Musica Australis, Maestro Richard Bonynge, and the Joan Sutherland Foundation.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

**Complete** the application form available online at www.penrithconservatorium.com.au or call us on (02) 4723 7611 for more information.

A **\$15** non-refundable fee applies to secure your audition.

#### **AUDITION PREPARATION**

**C**andidates need to prepare two contrasting pieces of music that show their musical and technical abilities. The two pieces will be performed back to back with no break and each piece must not exceed four minutes in length. Two copies of the music must be presented to the panel at the beginning of the audition. Candidates will need to arrange their own accompanist if required. If using a backing track, please contact Conservatorium Management prior to audition date.

#### **AUDITION CRITERIA**

The audition panel will consider the applicant's demonstration of: Technical Ability / Musicality / Expression / Phrasing / Sensitivity / Solo performance technique. The audition panel will allocate scholarships based not only on individual performance, but the needs of the Conservatorium (E.g. to build program & instrument areas).

#### **PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

All scholarship recipients must avail themselves to a minimum of four performances throughout the year as a condition of their scholarship. Included in the four, is the Annual Conservatorium Concert held at the end of the year which is a compulsory event for all scholarship students where they will showcase their talent and hard work to guests and representatives of the sponsors.

#### FEEDBACK REQUIREMENTS

All scholarship recipients are required to complete two update reports and letters per year on their progress and feedback regarding the scholarship program for the benefit of Conservatorium Management and scholarship sponsors.

#### PRIVILEGES

All scholarship recipients will receive two complimentary tickets to a performance from The Joan's season. All scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary enrolment to applicable Conservatorium group workshops, ensembles and classes where places are available. This does not include the Penrith Youth Orchestra.

#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

Video and still photography may be taken from time to time for the purpose of promotion and/or training and successful scholarship students must give consent for such media to be used as such.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Penrith Conservatorium on (02) 4723 7611 or conservatorium@penrith.city

### **OUR SUPPORTERS**

