

# The Canberra String Festival

**A Joint Venture of the  
Australian Strings Association  
(AUSTA) ACT and  
Wesley Music Foundation**

Donations are sought for The Canberra String Festival in April 2013, an innovative project combining string performance and competition opportunities with lectures, workshops and other associated Festival activities.

This is an on-going project to promote string performance and the education of string players.

The Wesley Music Foundation can accept tax deductible donations of \$2 or more for this project.

# Canberra String Festival Donation Form

I/We would be pleased to make a donation towards this innovative project.

Anonymous donations may be made, but, to receive a tax deduction, a donor's name and address must be provided and the donation must be \$2 or more.

Name(s).....

Address.....

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Telephone (optional).....

**Amount of donation:** \$.....

**Payment methods** (please circle one):

1. **Bank transfer** to:

**Wesley Music Foundation Public Account**

BSB 634634 Account No.100023075

Reference (essential): "CSF" and 'Surname'

2. **Cheque/money order** (payable to Wesley Music Foundation)

Please reference "CSF."

3. **Cash** (payment in person with this form.)

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Name on Card.....

*This form needs to be completed for all payment methods and sent to Wesley Music Foundation PO Box 3217 Manuka, ACT 2603. Forms and cash can be hand delivered to the Wesley Music Centre Office, 20 National Circuit, Forrest, ACT 2603 (open Tuesday to Friday 10am to 3pm). Please ensure you include a reference to the "CSF" project.*

# Canberra String Festival

The Canberra String Festival was formed in 2010 to fill the gap of a String-specific Eisteddfod in Canberra. With the vision of “Supporting the region’s emerging string players”, this exciting project provides a platform for students to engage with their peers, perform and receive feedback.

The goal of the Canberra String Festival is to provide a forum for string players to develop, learn and grow as musicians through performance, education and by being involved in the string community. The spirit of the Festival is to involve the community in celebrating the emerging string players from Canberra and surrounding regions.

The Festival is the only one of its kind in Canberra. Two successful events were held in 2011 and 2012 with the assistance of AUSTA ACT. In 2013 we expect at least 160 participants, competing in a range of sections with over 250 individual performances. Each year interstate and local adjudicators join the Festival to provide feedback to participants, and to select prize winners.

With sections for both competitive and non-competitive performance, the Canberra String Festival awards prizes and medals to competitors, as well as providing workshops, lectures and concerts. We are hoping to raise \$10,000 for the Festival in 2013.

The highlight of the event will be the Open Recital, which showcases six outstanding competitors performing three contrasting pieces. The first prize winner is awarded \$2000, second prize \$1000 and third prize \$500.

We hope you can attend the Festival in April 2013 and witness the dedication and talent of the many aspiring string players from our region. Your support is much appreciated in assisting their musical development.

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## **AUSTA ACT**

AUSTA is a non-profit organization which has been active for more than 35 years promoting and developing string playing in Canberra. Our 2011 and 2012 Festivals have been extremely successful in providing a platform for string players of all ages and abilities.

Each year, the ACT branch of the Australian String Association supports and engages with the local stringed instrument community, providing workshops and playing opportunities such as Fiddle Fun Day and the Canberra String Festival. AUSTA ACT is supported by a dedicated committee of local string teachers and players. We are committed to providing quality education and performance experiences for developing string musicians.

This joint venture with the Wesley Music Foundation provides an opportunity for the raising of funds to assist with furthering the studies of young string musicians in Canberra through the provision of prizes in the Canberra String Festival.

## **The Wesley Music Foundation**

Enquiries (02) 6232 7248 ([www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music](http://www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music))

The Wesley Music Foundation, established in 1999, is on the Australian Government's Register of Cultural Organisations with the principal objects of music promotion and education. It funded the Wesley Music Centre which is the venue for a wide variety of concerts, teaching, master classes, University of the Third Age courses, recordings and other events. The Foundation operates a Public Fund that can receive tax deductible donations for projects covered by its Constitution. These projects include music scholarships, the commissioning of compositions, support for competitions, master classes, workshops, seminars, recordings and other initiatives.

The Foundation is particularly keen to foster the development of young performers and composers. The AUSTA ACT project is one which the Foundation is pleased to support. The Foundation hopes the Canberra community will give generously, recognising the regional talent and benefits that will flow to performers and the community.