



Wesley Music Foundation

Celebrating Wesley Music Centre

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Media Release

Celebrating 10 Years of Wesley Music Centre 2002 to 2012

Today an Anniversary Book was launched celebrating 10 Years of the Wesley Music Centre at 20 National Circuit, Forrest, Australian Capital Territory.

The book of 140 pages is the story of a great diversity of events at the Centre since it was opened on 8 September 2002. The publication is illustrated with copious photos of performers, concert goers and many others involved in activities at the Centre. The principal author of the publication is Garth Mansfield, Director of the Centre from the outset. The design of the publication and much of the photography have been by Sabine Friedrich.

There have been around 1,000 public events including concerts, master classes, seminars and lectures as well as thousands of behind the scenes activities such as recordings, teaching, courses, private studio concerts, rehearsals and music examinations.

The book details landmark events over the ten-year period. It also contains Chapters on different genres of music, including music for the piano and ancestors of the piano, for violin, viola and cello, for mixed ensembles, woodwinds and other instruments, for solo voice, for choirs and congregations, for guitar and for pipe organ. It describes the 200 Wednesday concerts since 2008 and the 20 Wesley Scholars' Concerts from 2002.

There is a Chapter on the University of the Third Age (U3A) Courses, lectures and recordings sessions held at the Centre together with a summary of *An Acoustic Assessment Report* on the Music Room of the Centre. Final Chapters comment on the ten-year experience and look to the future.

Throughout the book there are numerous vignettes by performers and others with personal reflections on the Centre.

The book is available from the Music Centre Office from Tuesday to Friday (10am to 3pm) and at Wesley Music Foundation events. The cost is \$5 (cash or cheque only). Postage in an A5 envelope is \$1.80 within Australia.

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