

OBOE NEWS

From Alison's Studio

October 2024

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS OBOE CONCERT FOR MY STUDENTS

When: 7pm Thursday 5 December

Where: TBC

What to wear: Whatever makes you feel good. Casual is fine.

Bring: A small plate of finger food or something to drink for our shared supper at the end.

Our final oboe concert of the year is a celebration of a wonderful year of music making, with everyone playing duets and trios with fellow oboists. It is a light hearted and fun concert. I will be there from 6pm. Performers will need to arrive by 6.40pm at the latest, to run through your pieces with your fellow oboists.

Please would you let me know asap if you are unable to attend. Everyone is in pairs or trios, so pulling out at the last minute means a lot of extra work for me. There will be a charge of \$10 for cancellations made after 22 November.

WAIRUA YOUTH SINFONIETTA

Ben Liu and Jason Seo are currently attending the holiday programme for this new initiative. I hope that they will gain some new insights into orchestral playing and enjoy mixing with musicians from other schools.

ATTENDING OBOE EVENTS

I am disappointed with how few of my students attend concerts, workshops and other events that I let you know about. It is like playing a sport and never going to see a professional match or a training session with a visiting specialist! Going to your lesson and playing in a school ensemble are great but do make the effort to attend a couple of outside events each year. One of my students came to the recent ACO concert and at the interval, I received this text from her: *"I'm at the concert right now!!! They sound amazing"*

DIGITAL EXAMS

I will shortly be sending an email out to all of you who will be doing an oboe exam at the end of this term.

NZSO EMERGING ARTISTS

Alex Wu (St Peter's) was chosen to play in this very special concert at the start of this week. He got to rehearse with the NZSO and then play with them in the Michael Fowler Centre, Wellington. You can watch his performance here (around 25/26.00 mins) <https://www.nzso.co.nz/plus/videos/emerging-artists-livestream>

NZ DOUBLE REED SOCIETY

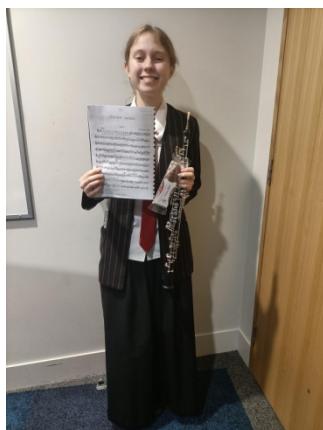
We have two events coming up. In early December there will be reed adjusting/making workshops followed by Double Reed Band with a Christmas flavour and afternoon tea.

In late January we are planning a one day event with master classes, a concert, fun workshops and Double Reed Olympics amongst other things! I will let you have more details when details are confirmed.

CONGRATULATIONS

External exam

Samantha Rowe (Baradene) passed her Grade 6 exam with Distinction



Chocolate Fish successes

Concert 1: Ethan Viju, Carmen Liu (High Merit), Claire Choi (Excellence)

Concert 2: Caitlyn Sivaganesan (Merit), Nina Stack (High Merit), Sybil Zhang (Excellence)

Concert 3: Nina Stack (High Merit), Caitlyn Sivaganesan (Excellence)

Well done to you all.



Claire



Caitlyn and Nina



Sybil

APO SUMMER SCHOOL mid January

Many of my students have participated in this over the years and have a wonderful time. It is aimed at Grade 5+ level. Applications must be in by Friday 25 October.

<https://aucklandphil.nz/learn-participate/school-programmes/orchestral-summer-school/>

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