

Meet Our New Organ Scholar - Stacey Yang

Since arriving in Australia in 2001, Stacey has worked hard towards establishing herself as a professional musician.



She completed her HSC in Canberra, and then in 2003 moved to Sydney where she began her Bachelor of Medical Science degree at The University of Sydney. During this time, she was introduced to Dr Jill Forrest (University of Sydney Carillanist) and developed a keen interest in the carillon. In 2005, she held the university carillon scholarship and since that time has regularly performed public concerts and also for graduations.

Stacey had learnt piano in China from the age of 8 and was awarded the highest level of the Chinese Musicians' Association performance certificate before arriving in Australia. In Sydney she has learnt piano from both Lyall Duke and more recently from Stephanie McCallum and last year Stacey was awarded her AMusA in piano and is now working towards her LMusA.

Stacey began to have regular organ lessons with Kurt Ison from March 2007. Last month she achieved her 8th grade AMEB level on the organ and is planning to undertake her diplomas within the next year. Stacey commenced her appointment as Organist at St Anne's Anglican Church, Strathfield earlier this year.

Some of the other career highlights for the last two years include: playing a major public recital at St Andrew's Cathedral; being invited to perform during The World Youth Day Concert at Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley and being appointed as a piano tutor at the prestigious MLC School, Burwood.

From The Chair



The Annual Meeting of the Cathedral Singers was held just a month ago. I was elected Publicity Officer and also took on the role of Chair as Meg Shaw needed to ease her workload. Since then she has had to resign from the Committee and take leave from the choir. She has done an enormous amount for the choir over the last few years and much of its present efficiency and professionalism is due to her. We wish her well.

The present committee will be building on this high level of operation and are moving forward towards an exciting year ahead and another UK tour in the future. We all had a fantastic time in England and cannot wait to do it again! We have appointed a Tour Sub Committee under the leadership of Gordon Grant and are planning another UK tour in 2011, this time maybe heading north!

For various reasons, not the least of which was long distances travelled to rehearsals, we have had some choristers resign since we have been back. Hence, we are seeking new choristers, especially 2nd Sopranos, Tenors and Basses. We would appreciate any introductions to new members and would love to hear from anyone wanting to join this fabulous choir. It is a big commitment, but every moment is rewarded.

I would like to join Dr. Brett and the whole choir in welcoming Stacey Yang as our new Organ Scholar. She has made an impressive beginning and is keen to get to know us all quickly.

As we move into December, we look forward to leading people in singing carols that are so much part of Christmas. We are again going to Leura for an Advent Carol Service, followed by Lessons and Carols at Balmain and Cremorne.

It may be noted that we do not have anything scheduled in January. St Andrew's Cathedral is again using a different service format over the holiday period and our services will not be required. However, we will be there a little later in the year. It will be a special year – our 20th Anniversary!

In the meantime, may we wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed Christmas. Maybe we will see you at one of our services.

Jan Kneeshaw
Chair, TCS Administrative Committee
Cantoris Alto

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