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The Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Country across the Moreton Bay region. We also acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kabi Kabi, Jinibara and Turrbal Traditional Custodians, and their elders past, present and emerging.



WELCOME TO MBSO

Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra continues to expand and develop talented musicians from all walks of life. Members are either working professionals, musicians, music educators, retirees and students studying at university or still at school. Playing in the MBSO ensembles is very social, with exciting and challenging music, and above all, it is fun!

I would encourage anyone playing an orchestral instrument to join MBSO and experience a different side of playing in an orchestra. Members also perform in smaller chamber groups and have the chance to perform solos, duets, and trios in larger ensembles throughout the year.

I have always noted the importance of community orchestras and their necessity in the community. MBSO is the ideal stepping stone for primary school-aged students and adults who wish to return to the enjoyment of music-making with others.

Based at Clontarf Beach State High School, all MBSO ensembles perform at concerts in venues in the Moreton Bay and northern Brisbane regions. I enjoy working with musicians who are inspired to create music with other like-minded people and produce incredible music together.

Bronwyn Gibbs

MBSO Musical Director



MUSICAL DIRECTOR



Musical director of MBSO and the MBSO Youth Symphony, Bronwyn Gibbs is a strings specialist who has established strings programs at a number of schools in Brisbane and has been conducting community orchestras since 2000.

Bronwyn learnt violin and piano from an early age. She completed ATCL in both violin and piano, and a Diploma of Creative Arts (Music) in Toowoomba at USQ, where she studied violin with Spiros Rantos. After USQ, Bronwyn trained with the ABC National Training Orchestra in Sydney. She came to Brisbane in 1984 where she completed LTCL in violin, in addition to a Graduate Certificate in Instrumental Pedagogy, a Graduate Certificate in Music Studies and a Master of Music Studies at the University of Queensland. Bronwyn has been an avid member of AUSTA for many years and has been involved in organizing conferences, music festivals, workshops and concerts, as well as adjudicating competitions, and international tours.

Bronwyn has performed with many orchestras and ensembles during her career, including Brisbane Symphony Orchestra, Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra, St Andrew's Sinfonia, and many more. Bronwyn enjoys working with young artists and promoting their talents in composition and performance. Under Bronwyn's direction, the orchestra has expanded its repertoire in classical music as well as continuing to play popular and contemporary works.

With a gift for recognising talent and developing sound orchestral technique, MBSO is fortunate to have Bronwyn Gibbs as Musical Director.

THE MBSO EXPERIENCE

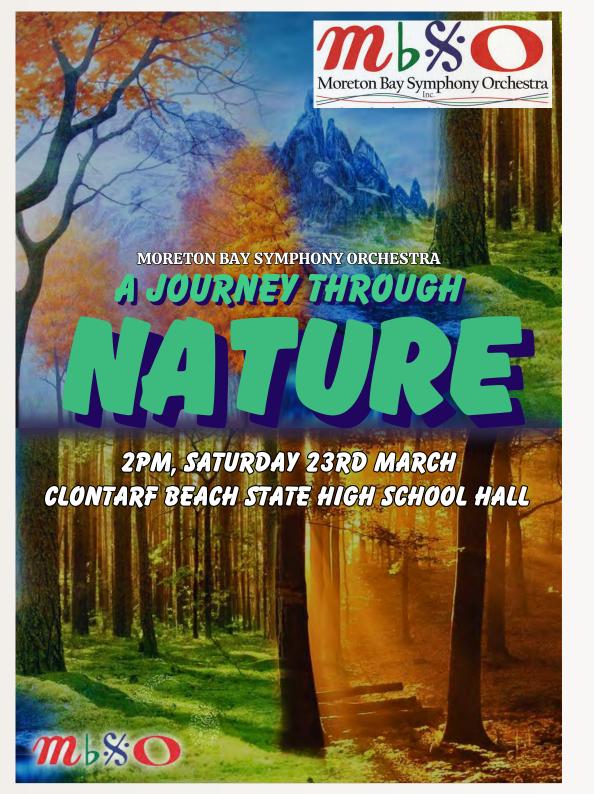
Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra (MBSO) provides outstanding orchestral experiences for musicians of all ages. In 3 different orchestras and ensembles, MBSO members develop musical skills in a nurturing environment alongside musicians of a similar standard. Based at Clontarf Beach State High School, MBSO provides an annual program of rehearsals, concerts and tours. Concerts attract large audiences in venues that include Clontarf Beach State High School and Redcliffe Entertainment Centre. Weekly rehearsals are scheduled during school and university terms, and MBSO undertakes local and inter-state or international tours every few years

Junior Strings





Moreton Bay



A JOURNEY THROUGH NATURE

Embark on a musical odyssey like no other! 'Journey Through Nature' awaits you at Clontarf Beach State High School on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024.

Immerse yourself in the captivating harmonies of the Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra (MBSO) as they paint vivid soundscapes inspired by the beauty of the natural world. From serene forests to majestic mountains, this concert will transport your senses and ignite your imagination.

Join MBSO for an afternoon of enchanting melodies that celebrate the wonders of our planet. Secure your tickets today and let the symphony of nature sweep you away!



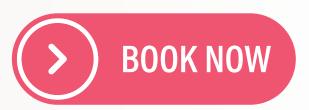


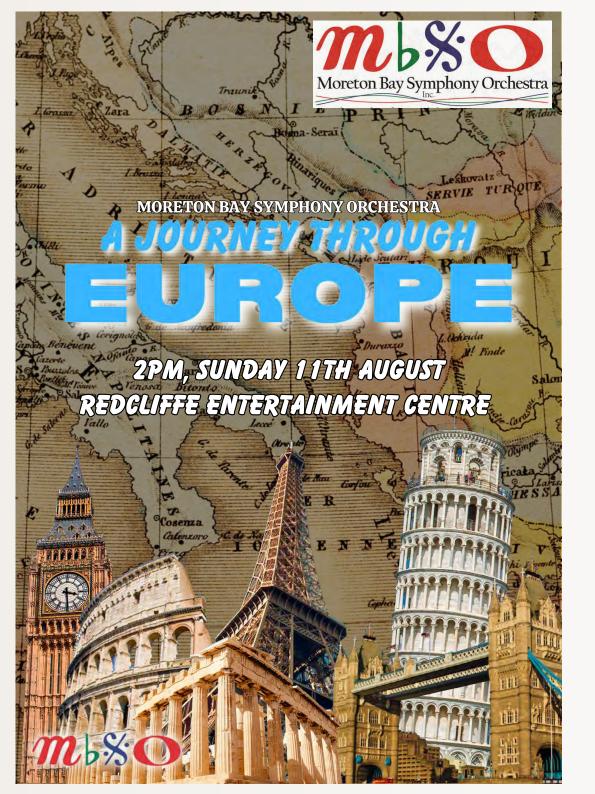
A JOURNEY THROUGH ANIME & ANIMATION

Join us on a magical musical adventure at the Redcliffe Entertainment Centre on Sunday, May 26th, 2024. 'A Journey Through Anime & Animation' is a mesmerising orchestral event that will transport you to the enchanting worlds of your favourite animated stories.

Let the symphony of strings, brass, and woodwinds bring these beloved characters and their epic tales to life. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind experience that will captivate both young and young-at-heart.

Reserve your seats now for an unforgettable afternoon of music and nostalgia!





A JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE

Experience the grandeur of Europe through the timeless power of music! 'A Journey Through Europe' takes centre stage at Redcliffe Entertainment Centre on Sunday,

August 11th, 2024.

Let the Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra (MBSO) sweep you away on a captivating voyage through the European continent's rich and diverse musical heritage. From the romance of Vienna to the passion of Spain, this concert will transport you to the heart of Europe's cultural treasures.

Immerse yourself in an afternoon of symphonic elegance and revel in the beauty of European classics. Secure your tickets now for an enchanting afternoon that promises nothing short of spectacular!





SOIREÉ: A SPRING JOURNEY

Indulge your senses at the most anticipated musical event of the season, 'Spring Soiree,' coming to North's Leagues and Services Club on Saturday, 26th October, 2024. One thing is certain – this orchestral extravaganza will herald the arrival of spring in the most melodious way.

Join the Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra (MBSO) for an unforgettable evening of enchanting symphonies that will set your spirit afloat. Stay tuned for updates on the date and secure your tickets for a soirée that promises a harmonious celebration of the season's beauty and renewal.

Don't miss your chance to revel in the magic of 'Spring Soiree'!





A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

Get ready to unwrap the gift of musical enchantment at the 'MBSO Christmas Journey' orchestral event, coming to the Redcliffe Entertainment Centre on Sunday, 15th December, 2024.

This holiday celebration will fill your heart with the joy and wonder of the season. Join the Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra (MBSO) for a magical afternoon of festive melodies, where they will bring beloved Christmas classics to life in a symphony of holiday cheer.

Be sure to secure your tickets for a heart-warming and musical journey that will make your Christmas merry and bright! Don't miss 'MBSO Christmas' – the perfect way to usher in the holiday spirit!



JOIN NOW

APPLY

Please apply and pay online at http://www.mbso.org.au/apply/

The online application requests applicants to:

- Read the orchestra standards, age limits and general information
- Discuss preferences with your teacher to ensure you apply for the correct orchestras for your standard and age
- Enter your instrumental teacher's name, phone and email address
- Pay by bank transfer, cash or cheque

AUDITION FEES

- Single audition: \$20
- Second instrument or second family member audition: \$25
- Third or subsequent family member: free
- Second instrument of the same instrument family (e.g., flute & piccolo): free
- Current members: no audition fee

MULTIPLE INSTRUMENTS

- To audition on 2 different instruments (eg. cello and clarinet), you must submit 2 separate application forms and pay \$45 for an audition.
- To audition on 2 instruments within the same instrument group (eg. flute and piccolo), you must submit 2 forms, pay a single fee of \$20 and play both instruments at the audition.
- You will receive an audition time and 2 sets of excerpts you will be required to peform at the audition.

ELIGIBILITY AND AMEB GRADES

- The suggested minimum AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) grades are a guide to the equivalent standard for applicants to be able to play the musical excerpts (provided by MBSO for the orchestra of your preference) at a suitable standard and tempo.
- Applicants are not required to have completed exams.



MEMBERSHIP INFO

2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES

2024 membership fees are as follows:

Membership:

Uniforms:

Junior Strings - \$100

MBSO shirt - \$45

Students - \$120

MBSO scarf - \$25

Concessions - \$130

Adults - \$150

COMMITMENT

Acceptance of a MBSO position is an important commitment for the entire year. Before accepting, applicants must consider carefully their ability to comply with regular attendance at rehearsals and concerts.

FUTHER INFORMATION

Please visit the MBSO website for further information on audition procedures & policies, FAQs, audition tips and conductor biographies. You can like the MBSO Facebook and Instagram pages for regular updates, photos and videos.

FUTHER INFORMATION

For all audition enquiries, please contact: enquiries@mbso.org.au



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