



## **Festival Information**

### **HICES Music Festival Years 7-12 and World Music Academy Sunday 16 August – Wednesday 19 August 2020**

The HICES Music Festival held its inaugural concert, conducted by Richard Gill, as part of the Bicentennial celebrations at The Sydney Town Hall in **1988**. From this foundation, the HICES Music Festival established a collaborative musical celebration to give music students an opportunity to perform repertoire that might not otherwise be available to them through their individual schools. The result of this inaugural concert gave focus and direction to the music teachers in HICES schools to develop the Festival as an ongoing event.

The HICES Music Festival is now an established camp and concert program that annually brings together over 400 musicians from across HICES schools in New South Wales. Students work with experienced music staff and conductors at The Tops Conference Centre in Stanwell Tops, and prepare for the Festival Concert. The Festival Concert is held on the last night in Sydney Town Hall.

In 2020, we look forward to the HICES Music Festival Years 7-12, and the World Music Academy.

**Festival Camp commences Sunday 16 August, 6:00pm - The Tops Conference Centre**  
**Festival Concert commences Wednesday 19 August, 7:00pm - Sydney Town Hall**

#### **The Camp – The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops**

The Tops Conference Centre, located in Stanwell Tops is an outstanding venue. The Centre offers excellent accommodation and rehearsal facilities, and provides the perfect music camp location. Students will be housed in cabins, grouped by school where possible. Each full day of the Music Festival will consist of three daytime sessions, and one evening session. Daytime sessions include rehearsal time, tutorials and outdoor activities. Evenings are packed with student concerts, Trivia Night, and a special “Preview Concert”.

#### **The Concert – Sydney Town Hall**

On Wednesday 19 August, all camp participants will be transported to Sydney Town Hall for final rehearsals. The event will culminate with the Festival Concert on the evening of Wednesday 19 August 2020. Tickets to the Festival Concert will be available for purchase online via Humanitix.com, from 1 August.

#### **Supervision**

The Festival is fully supervised by staff from HICES Schools, and each school represented will have staff in attendance. All staff involved in the Festival meet the requirements for working with children.



## Ensembles

There will be seven combined school ensembles at the HICES Music Festival Years 7-12, including the World Music Academy. In addition, all students will be involved in the Festival Finale item.

- Concert Band
- Symphonic Winds
- String Orchestra
- Symphony Orchestra
- Vocal Ensemble
- Honour Choir
- World Music Academy
- HICES Music Festival Finale

Allocation to ensembles will be made by the HICES Music Festival Organisers, based on application, audition, and school feedback.

The World Music Academy is designed for students who have a specific interest in World Music, who play cultural instruments or other instruments not generally or regularly included in a Western Orchestra, Concert Band or Jazz Band. Examples include Sáo (Vietnam), orchestral harp, erhu (China), electric/acoustic guitar, tabla (India), recorder, and uilleann pipes (Ireland).

The HICES Music Festival World Music Academy will be running concurrently with the Years 7-12 Festival. The World Music Academy program includes master classes, ensemble playing and performance, as well as music theory, history and improvisation. Emphasis will be placed upon developing participants' skills and techniques through collaboration.

Suitable students for the World Music Academy are open-minded, flexible and willing to "have a go" to enable them to succeed with improvisation and collaboratively creating musical arrangements. It is preferred that students have some skill in reading traditional notation but it is not mandatory.

## Camp Fees and Inclusions

The cost of the 2020 HICES Music Festival will be **\$535 per student**. All accommodation and meals during the Festival, and a special Festival Hoodie are included in this cost. This also includes transport from Stanwell Tops to Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday 19 August.

Travel to Stanwell Tops on Sunday, and from Sydney Town Hall after the concert, will be arranged by individual HICES schools.

**[Student Applications are now open for the 2020 HICES Music Festival.](#)**



## Apply Now!

### Student Applications

Student Applications are open for the 2020 HICES Music Festival Years 7-12, and World Music Academy.

**STEP 1 – Submit your Online Application ASAP (closes Tuesday 28 April)**

**STEP 2 – Arrange your audition with your HICES School Music Department**

### Online Application (STEP 1)

The form can be located on the HICES Music Festival page, under Events on the HICES website: [www.hices.nsw.edu.au/event.asp?pid=10&id=10](http://www.hices.nsw.edu.au/event.asp?pid=10&id=10)

### Audition (STEP 2)

A video-taped audition is also required, coordinated by your HICES School Music Department. Take a copy of your Online Application to your Music Department to arrange your audition time.

#### HICES Music Festival Years 7-12 - Instrumentalists

- One prepared piece of your choice, unaccompanied, that displays your ability. Duration 1-2 minutes.
- One unprepared sight reading excerpt, provided by your teacher from the HICES Festival Committee.

#### HICES Music Festival Years 7-12 - Vocalists

- Taped recording of Advance Australia Fair, performed with a supplied countermelody recording.

#### HICES Music Festival - World Music Academy

- One prepared piece of your choice, unaccompanied, that displays your ability. Duration 1-2 minutes.

Videos are to be collated and submitted to the HICES Festival Committee by each school. Please note, if you make a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice on the Student Application, a 2<sup>nd</sup> audition is also required for this instrument/voice. Auditions that do not meet the guidelines will be disregarded.

### Placements

Acceptance into the HICES Music Festival, and allocation of ensembles will be determined by the HICES Music Festival Organisers. Offers will be made during Term 2, via your HICES School Music Department. In some instances, additional offers may be made in Term 2, or the beginning of Term 3.

If you require any further information, please contact your HICES School Music Department.