

team of pianists

Spring Piano School 2012

Junior Program *for primary school students*
Senior Program *for secondary school students*

The 2012 Spring Piano School is for Primary School and Secondary School piano students, ages 6 to 18.

Students attend either the **Junior Program for Primary School** age students (**Tuesday September 25 & Wednesday September 26**) or the **Senior Program for Secondary School** (**Thursday September 27 & Friday September 28**). The young pianists work intensively to consolidate their musical and pianistic skills, polish their repertoire pieces and also socialise with their musical peers. Students explore the world of the piano in the renovated historic National Trust property *Glenfern*. The *Spring Piano School 2012* is a wonderful school holiday preparation for AMEB, ANZCA, VCE and other examinations, as well as for competitions. It is a valued social and educational opportunity for piano students.

Junior Program

for primary school students (and some Year 7 students)

Dates and Times

Tuesday September 25, 9.30am to 4.00pm

Wednesday September 26, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Students should normally have experienced a minimum of 2 years individual piano tuition. Junior Program participants should bring 3 – 5 works prepared to a secure standard. Year 7 students may attend either the Junior program or the Senior program. Parents of Year 7 students should contact the Director Robert Chamberlain to determine which program is best for their child.

Daily Schedule

Tuesday September 25

9:30 Workshop and group lessons
11:00 Recess (refreshments provided)
11:30 Workshops and group lessons
1:00 Lunch, practice, play in the Glenfern gardens (BYO lunch)
2:00 Workshops, group lessons, masterclass
4:00 End of tuition, followed by optional event
4pm – 5.30pm: Recital by gifted piano students & Forum for parents and teachers (see details below).

Wednesday September 26

9:30 Workshop and group lessons
11:00 Recess (refreshments provided)
11:30 Workshops and group lessons
1:00 Lunch, practice, play in the Glenfern gardens (BYO lunch)
2:00 Workshops, group lessons, masterclass
3:00 Final concert for family and friends (all junior participants are asked to perform)
4:30 End of Junior Program

Extra Event: Tuesday September 25, 4:00pm-5:30pm

Forum for parents and teachers & Recital by gifted young pianists.

Forum topic: "Supporting and directing piano studies for bright motivated children, whilst providing for others as well". Forum panel will include Prof. Max Cooke OAM, Betty Vergara-Pink, Yoon Sen Lee, Darryl Coote, chaired by Robert Chamberlain.

Forum and recital are open to parents of any student enrolled for the 2012 the Spring Piano School (junior or senior program), plus to any teacher who books a Teacher Observer place for any one day or more of the 2012 Spring Piano School. Questions from parents and teachers will be invited for the Forum.

(Junior Program Continued) Tutors and Program

Prof Max Cooke OAM, founder and partner, *Team of Pianists*

- Workshop: *Playing Baroque music on the harpsichord*
- Masterclass for advanced Junior Program performers

Yoon Sen Lee, (Perth WA, director of West Australian Pianists' Competition)

- Lessons in small groups on repertoire pieces
- Workshop: *Fun and Effective Piano Practice!*
- Masterclass for advanced Junior Program performers

Darryl Coote, partner, *Team of Pianists*

- Lessons in small groups on repertoire pieces
- Workshop: *Playing expressively: How to make good sounds*

Robert Chamberlain, partner, *Team of Pianists*, director, *Spring Piano School*

- Lessons in small groups on repertoire pieces.



Senior Program *for secondary school students*

In the Senior Program for Secondary School students, each student will work with the tutors, as part of a small group, thereby experiencing a range of teaching styles. Intensive teaching and coaching will ensure that each student will have the skills and ideas to take their performance to the next level. This program is ideal preparation for upcoming exams and recitals.

Secondary School students will receive:

- Intensive tuition in small groups to improve learning, practice, technique and performance skills
- Masterclasses
- A public recital, including scholarship presentation

Participants in the senior program should bring 3 - 4 works prepared to a secure standard.

Dates and Times

Thursday September 27, 10am to 5pm

Friday September 28, 10am to 5pm

Daily Schedule

Thursday September 25 and Friday September 28

- 10:00** Group lessons with morning tea break
- 1:00** Lunch break (BYO Lunch)
- 2:00** Tuition continues
- 3:15** Afternoon tea break
- 3:30** Masterclasses on Thursday, Final Recital on Friday for family and friends (includes certificate presentation)
- 5:00** End of program for the day

Tutors

- **Darryl Coote**
 - **Robert Chamberlain**
 - **Prof Max Cooke OAM**
 - **Betty Vergara-Pink**
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Observer places for Piano teachers or parents at the 2012 Spring Piano School

A maximum of eight places are available each day for piano teachers or parents to observe the 2012 Spring Piano School. Cost: \$100 per day.

About our guest tutors for 2012

Betty Vergara-Pink's teaching career began in Germany at the Freiburg Musikhochschule/University of Music, continued at the Kelvin Grove Campus of QUT in Queensland and then continued further with a professorship in piano and piano pedagogy at the Freiburg Musikhochschule in Germany. Betty has performed with orchestra, given solo and chamber music recitals in Australia, Malaysia, Japan, Russia and Germany. In recent years she has followed her first love, piano chamber music. Having retired from the Musikhochschule in Freiburg in 2010, she has recently returned to Australia.

Yoon Sen Lee was born in Singapore and came to Australia in 1991 completing his Bachelor and Master of Music degree with distinction in performance at the University of Western Australia. He also studied performance on fortepiano in Holland with Stanley Hoogland, Bart Van Oort and Geoffrey Lancaster. A highly regarded music educator, his piano students have won prizes in many local and international piano competitions and have also been admitted into top institutions in USA, such as the New England Conservatory of Music and the Juilliard School of Music. He has been awarded many teaching awards at national and international level including Teacher Certificate of Excellence award – American Association for the Development of the Gifted and Talented - Passion of Music 2009 and also in 2010. He is also the director of the West Australian Pianists' Competition over the past 12 years. As a performer, Yoon Sen performs as pianist and fortepianist and in duo, and with chamber orchestras around Europe, Australia and Asia. He and a few other young musicians recently formed the YSL ensemble, performing concerts regularly in Perth. In 2011, Yoon Sen was awarded the Excellence Award in Promoting Chinese Culture through performance and education in music for the Chinese community.

For biographies of **Max Cooke**, **Darryl Coote** and **Robert Chamberlain** please see

www.teamofpianists.com.au/partners/

Cost

Student Participant: \$260 (Junior Program or Senior Program)

(Enrolments only accepted for the full two-day program either Junior or Senior, one day attendance not possible due to space limitations)

Additional participants from same family: \$180

Teacher or parent observer: \$100 per day

Morning and afternoon tea provided. BYO lunch.

Due to high demand, places are strictly limited and applications will be processed in order of receipt.

Enrolment cut-off: Friday September 7 or when all spaces are filled.

Some scholarships, donated by the Friends of the Team of Pianists Inc. (FOTOPS), will be awarded by the tutoring staff.

The Spring Piano School 2012 takes place at Glenfern, corner of Inkerman and Hotham Streets (417 Inkerman Street), East St Kilda (Melway Ref. 58 F10)



Evaluations from past years' Spring Piano Schools

"The concerts were excellent and gave students the opportunity to perform and listen and appreciate other students work in a supportive environment" (from a teacher observer)

"All the pianos at the School are a dream to play on and without beautiful instruments it would be hard to imagine the beautiful sounds we are all trying to achieve"

"Really enjoyed learning about the harpsichord, how it works, etc. and playing it."

"I liked socialising with the people in my group"

"...supportive friendly environment"

"Time went too fast!"

Further reading

Go to www.teamofpianists.com.au/events/old.html for detailed reports and information on previous Spring Piano Schools.

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SPRING PIANO SCHOOL (Applications close September 7th)

___ Full Participant: \$260 \$ _____
___ Extra participant from the same family: \$180 \$ _____
(Enrolments only accepted for the full two day program, either Junior or Senior Program)

___ Observer: \$100 per day
Requested Day(s) to observe _____ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Participant 1:

Name: _____ Age (at 25/09/12): _____

Piano Grade Level: _____ Years of Piano Tutition: _____ Year level at School: _____

I am applying for: [Junior Program](#) / [Senior Program](#) (Please circle)

Current Piano Teacher(s): _____

Participant 2 (if from same family):

Name: _____ Age (at 25/09/12): _____

Piano Grade Level: _____ Years of Piano Tutition: _____ Year level at School: _____

I am applying for: [Junior Program](#) / [Senior Program](#) (Please circle)

Current Piano Teacher(s): _____

CONTACT DETAILS

Name: _____

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Applications will be processed strictly in order of receipt. Closing date: earlier of either September 7th 2012 or when all places are filled
