

Media Release

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Conservatorium takes show on the road

The University of Tasmania Conservatorium of Music Big band and Southern Colleges/University Wind Ensemble Regional Tour 2015 is coming.

The two large Conservatorium ensembles will be performing a series of public and school performances and workshops for secondary and senior secondary audiences in schools and regional centres from **Thursday 27 August to Saturday 29 August**.

The Conservatorium Big Band and Southern Colleges/UTAS Wind Ensemble are to undertake a two night/three day tour to the North and North West of Tasmania.

This is a joint collaboration between the Conservatorium of Music and Southern Colleges; Elizabeth College, Rosny College, Hobart College and Claremont College.

The partnership provides a unique learning opportunity for talented young musicians.

The tour commences in Launceston with a workshop and performance at Newstead College. They then travel to Latrobe High School for workshop with students and the next stop is in Burnie where they participate with the Burnie Concert Band rehearsal/workshop at Cooe Memorial Hall Thursday evening.

They then perform a series of three concerts on **Friday 28 August**, first at Parkland High School, then Marist Regional College with a final concert on Friday night at the Cooe Memorial Hall, open to the public, a free event.

Director of the University's Conservatorium of Music, Associate Professor Andrew Legg, said the Conservatorium is really pleased to be working so closely with the southern colleges on this amazing project.

"The sounds our students make is remarkable, full of energy, precision and passion," Associate Professor Legg said.

"Everyone should be trying to see these people in action and catch their concerts - there is nothing like live music, and this is simply the best there is."

About the Conservatorium Big Band

Directed by Alistair Dobson, Lecturer in Contemporary Music, the Big Band is a core ensemble within the Conservatorium's contemporary music program and provides a unique experience in large-scale jazz ensemble.

About the Southern Colleges/Wind Ensemble

Coordinated by Les Johnston from Elizabeth College, this ensemble brings students from the four southern colleges and the Conservatorium together under the baton of highly regarded conductor, performer and pedagogue, Sean Priest. Both ensembles will perform exciting programmes, with repertoire from the stalwarts of Big Band and Wind Ensemble composition through to popular pieces accessible to a varied tour audience.

Pre-Tour Concert

Wednesday 26 August 2015, 7pm, Conservatorium of Music, Recital Hall, Sandy Bay Hobart

Farewell concert as both ensembles depart the following day on a regional tour to North West Tasmania. The pre-tour concert provides a wonderful opportunity to hear a great concert - the culmination of an intense rehearsal period.

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