



*Canberra's  
Eisteddfod*

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### **ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS EISTEDDFOD**

The Australian National Eisteddfod's Bands & Orchestras event, which took place from May 21 to 24, was another great success.

Around 2,700 musicians, primarily youths, took part in 74 groups (concert, school and jazz bands, orchestras and ensembles).

A highlight of the event was the Open Concert and Brass Bands in Llewellyn Hall on Friday 22 May. Twelve Open age (adult) bands from Canberra, the Hunter Valley and Sydney took part. Principal Adjudicator Fiona Gardner, from Christian College Geelong, reflected on the inspiringly high level of performance by A Grade community bands.

Canberra Brass, Hunter Wind Ensemble, Ginninderra Wind Orchestra, ACT Instrumental Music Program Junior Concert Band, Baulkham Hills High School Orchestra and Radford College Corelli Chamber String Orchestra received Platinum awards for outstanding performances.

Awards were evenly spread over the event with 6 Platinum awards, 25 Gold, 33 Silver and 10 Bronze.

Many thanks to the 30 volunteers who made the event happen – from ushers to marshals, sound recordist, ticket sales, catering, adjudicator's secretaries and librarians.

The Australian National Eisteddfod will continue in August and September with Choirs, Piano, Singing, and Speech and Drama events.

For further information, photo opportunities and interviews please contact: Simon Best (Co-Event Director); 0403 827303; [simon@nationaleisteddfod.org.au](mailto:simon@nationaleisteddfod.org.au)



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*Ginninderra Wind Orchestra received a Platinum award for its performance in Open A Grade Concert Bands*

*Photo: Peter Hislop*



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### 2026 BANDS & ORCHESTRAS RESULTS

#### THURSDAY 21 MAY – MELBA COPLAND COLLEGE

##### **Section B 161– 16 Years & Under Jazz Bands (Grade B)**

*Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Marist College Middle Years Jazz Band – GOLD and KAAREN TALTY JAZZ ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
2. ACT Instrumental Music Program Jazz Foundations - SILVER

##### **Section B 162– 16 Years & Under Jazz Bands (Grade A)**

*Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes*

1. Canberra High School Jazz Band - SILVER
2. Gold Creek High School Year 7-10 Jazz Band - BRONZE

##### **Section B 181 – 18 Years & Under Jazz Bands (Grade B)**

*Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Canberra Grammar School Jazz Ensemble - GOLD

##### **Section B 182 – 18 Years & Under Jazz Bands (Grade A)**

*Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes*

1. ACT Instrumental Music Program Jazz Collective - GOLD
2. Canberra Grammar School Big Band - SILVER

##### **Section B 001 Open Jazz Bands Grade B**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes*

1. Prism - SILVER
2. Daramalan College Big Band - GOLD

##### **Section B 002 Open Jazz Bands Grade A**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes*

1. Twilight Jazz Band - GOLD
2. Sonus Big Band - SILVER



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### FRIDAY 22 MAY – LLEWELLYN HALL, ANU

#### **Section B 006 – Open Brass Bands (Grade C)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes*

1. Canberra Youth Brass - SILVER
2. Newbery Brass - SILVER

#### **Section B 007 – Open Brass Bands (Grade B)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes*

1. Victoria Street Brass - GOLD

#### **Section B 008 – Open Brass Bands (Grade A)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes*

1. Canberra Brass - PLATINUM

#### **Section B 003 – Open Concert Bands (Grade C)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 15 minutes*

1. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Junior Concert Band - SILVER
2. John Agnew Band - GOLD

#### **Section B 004 – Open Concert Bands (Grade B)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes*

1. Hunter Wind Ensemble - PLATINUM
2. South Canberra Wind Orchestra - SILVER
3. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Senior Concert Band - GOLD

#### **Section B 005 – Open Concert Bands (Grade A)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes*

1. Canberra City Band - GOLD
2. Ginninderra Wind Orchestra - PLATINUM
3. Cameraygal Wind Symphony - GOLD



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### **SATURDAY 23 MAY – LLEWELLYN HALL, ANU**

#### **Section B PS1 – Primary School Bands**

*Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Canberra Girls Grammar School Bandicoot Concert Band - SILVER
2. Canberra Grammar School Primary Concert Band - SILVER

#### **Section B 141 – 14 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade B)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Canberra Girls Grammar School Sapphire Concert Band - SILVER
2. Marist College Year 8 Concert Band - GOLD
3. ACT Instrumental Music Program Primary Concert Band - BRONZE

#### **Section B 142 – 14 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade A)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes*

1. ACT Instrumental Music Program Junior Concert Band - PLATINUM

#### **Section B 163 – 16 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade C)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Belconnen Youth Band - SILVER
2. Radford College Holst Concert Band - BRONZE
3. Canberra Grammar School Barrett Concert Band - GOLD
4. Marist College Year 9/10 Concert Band - SILVER

#### **Section B 164 – 16 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade B)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes*

1. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Junior Concert Band - SILVER

#### **Section B 183 – 18 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade C)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Canberra Girls Grammar School Holst Concert Band - SILVER
2. Canberra Grammar School Middleton Concert Band - SILVER



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### **Section B 184 – 18 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade B)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes*

1. Baulkham Hills High School Symphonic Wind Orchestra - BRONZE
2. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Senior Concert Band - GOLD
3. Radford College Bernstein Symphonic Wind Ensemble - GOLD
4. Daramalan College Senior Concert Band - BRONZE
5. Canberra Girls Grammar School Empire Concert Band - GOLD

### **Section B 185 – 18 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade A)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes*

1. Canberra Grammar School Fischer Concert Band - GOLD
2. Baulkham Hills High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble - BRONZE
3. Northern Youth Symphonic Wind - SILVER
4. ACT Instrumental Music Program Senior Concert Band - GOLD

### **Section B PS2 – Primary School Orchestras**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Canberra Grammar School Primary String Orchestra - GOLD
2. Canberra Girls Grammar School Alma String Orchestra - SILVER
3. Canberra Grammar School Sinfonia - SILVER

### **Section B 166 – 16 Years & Under Orchestras**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Canberra Grammar School Senior String Orchestra - GOLD

### **Section B 186 – 18 Years & Under Orchestras**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Baulkham Hills High School Orchestra - PLATINUM

### **Section B187– 18 Years & Under String Orchestras**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Canberra Grammar School Senior Chamber Strings - GOLD
2. Baulkham Hills High School String Ensemble - GOLD
3. Radford College Corelli Chamber String Orchestra - PLATINUM
4. Hunter School of the Performing Arts String Orchestra - SILVER
5. Canberra Girls Grammar School Holland String Orchestra - SILVER



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### **Section B 010 – Open Orchestras**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes*

1. Daramalan College Orchestra - SILVER

### **Section B 008 – Open String Orchestras**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes*

1. Hunter School of the Performing Arts String Orchestra - GOLD

## **SUNDAY 24 MAY – LLEWELLYN HALL, ANU**

### **Section B PS1 – ACT Primary School Age Bands**

*Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Maribyrnong Primary School Year 6 Band - GOLD

### **Section B HS1 – ACT High School Bands (Beginner)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes*

1. Gold Creek High School Year 7-10 Beginner Band - SILVER
2. Canberra High School Year 7 Band - SILVER
3. Lyneham High School Year 7 Beginner Concert Band - SILVER

### **Section B HS2 – ACT High School Bands (Novice)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes*

1. Mount Stromlo High School Junior Concert Band - GOLD
2. Lyneham High School Year 7 Continuers Band – SILVER
3. Canberra High School Year 8 Band - SILVER
4. Belconnen High School Band - BRONZE
5. Melba Copland Secondary School Year 7 Concert Band - BRONZE

### **Section B HS3 – ACT High School Bands (Intermediate)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes*

1. Mount Stromlo High School Senior Concert Band - BRONZE
2. Melba Copland Secondary School Combined Concert Band - SILVER
3. Canberra High School Senior Band - SILVER
4. Lyneham High School Year 9 Concert Band - SILVER
5. Gold Creek High School Year 7-10 Band - BRONZE
6. Lyneham High School Year 8 Concert Band - SILVER





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### **Section B HS4 – ACT High School Bands (Advanced)**

*Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes*

1. Lyneham High School Year 10 Concert Band - GOLD
2. Melba Copland Secondary School Senior Concert Band - SILVER

**Masling Encouragement Trophy: Melba Copland Secondary School**



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