

AUDITIONS

JOIN MBSO IN 2024



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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!

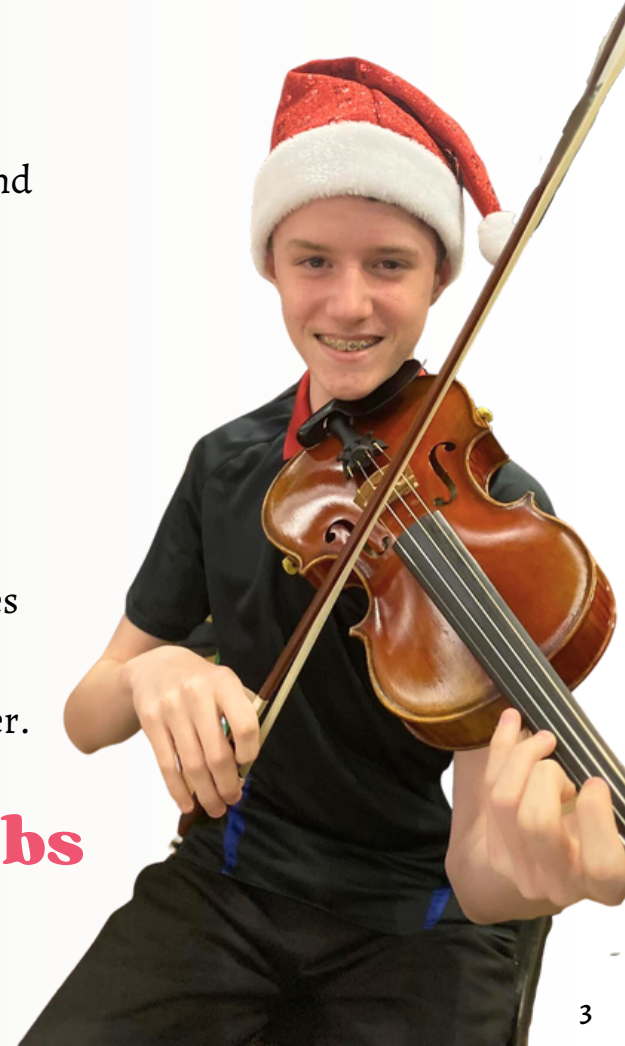
I would encourage anyone playing an orchestral instrument to join MBSO and experience a different side of playing in an orchestra. Members also perform in smaller chamber groups and have the chance to perform solos, duets, and trios in larger ensembles throughout the year.

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



Youth Symphony



Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra



MBSO JUNIOR STRINGS

JS INFORMATION

- 25-member string orchestra
- Standard string repertoire and arrangements
- Conductor: Katie Lawton (since 2015)
- Rehearsals: Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm at Clontarf Beach State High School

ELIGIBILITY

- Violin AMEB Grade 1-3 (guide only)
- Viola AMEB Grade 1-3 (guide only)
- Cello AMEB Grade 1-3 (guide only)
- Double Bass AMEB Grade 1-3 (guide only)
- Maximum age limit as at 31 December 2024: 15 years

INSTRUMENTS

Violin 1 (8), Violin 2 (6), Viola (4), Cello (4), Double Bass (3)

MBSO Junior Strings has 25 positions available to string players aged up to 15 years, designed for primary and early high school-aged string performers to give them more experience in playing as an ensemble. Conductor Katie Lawton programs standard string repertoire and arrangements. JS performs in conjunction with the Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra (MBSO) in venues around the Moreton Bay and north Brisbane regions including Clontarf Beach State High School and the Redcliffe Entertainment Centre. For JS, positions are offered 'within the section' and seating orders will be arranged by the conductor within the first few rehearsals. Players in the MBSO Junior Strings ensemble progress on to playing in the MBSO Youth Symphony



MBSO YOUTH SYMPHONY

MBSO Youth Symphony was formed in 2012 to meet the needs of young musicians wanting to play in a symphony orchestra. YS is the ideal stepping stone for students leaving school and young adults who wish to return to the enjoyment of music-making with others. Young musicians are encouraged to be involved in an activity that is enjoyable, self-satisfying and socially interactive. You will meet other like-minded people who share in your enthusiasm to produce wonderful music. Within this program, you will have the opportunity to develop, refine and apply your musical skills in a supportive environment with peers and with older, more experienced musicians. YS performs in conjunction with the Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra (MBSO) in venues around the Moreton Bay and north Brisbane regions including Clontarf Beach State High School and the Redcliffe Entertainment Centre.

YS INFORMATION

- 70-member symphony orchestra
- Standard orchestra repertoire and arrangements
- Conductor: Bronwyn Gibbs (since 2012)
- Rehearsals: Thursdays 6:00-8:15pm at Clontarf Beach State High School

ELIGIBILITY

- Strings minimum AMEB Grade 4 (guide only)
- Double Bass minimum AMEB Grade 2 (guide only)
- Woodwind minimum AMEB Grade 4 (guide only)
- Brass minimum AMEB Grade 4 (guide only)
- Percussion minimum AMEB Grade 4 (guide only)
- Maximum age limit as at 31 December 2024: 25 years

INSTRUMENTS

Violin 1 (10), Violin 2 (10), Viola (8), Cello (6), Double Bass (4), Flute (4), Piccolo (1), Oboe (4), Clarinet (4), Bassoon (2), French Horn (4), Trumpet (4), Trombone (4), Tuba (1), Timpani (1), Percussion (3)



MORETON BAY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra has existed under various names since 1978 and was established to allow adults to play in a local symphony orchestra. MBSO welcomes new members who play string, woodwind, brass and percussion orchestral instruments. The music we play ranges from medium to advanced levels; therefore players need to be approximately at AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) or Trinity College of Music Grade 6 standard. MBSO has toured and performed throughout Australia and planning is underway for a tour. Audition is through a trial period during which prospective members come and play with the orchestra.

MBSO INFORMATION

- Full-member symphony orchestra
- Standard professional orchestral repertoire
- Conductor: Bronwyn Gibbs (since 2011)
- Rehearsals: Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm at Clontarf Beach State High School

ELIGIBILITY

- Strings minimum AMEB Grade 6 (guide only)
- Woodwind minimum AMEB Grade 6 (guide only)
- Brass minimum AMEB Grade 6 (guide only)
- Percussion minimum AMEB Grade 6 (guide only)
- Open to all ages

INSTRUMENTS

Violin 1 (10), Violin 2 (10), Viola (8), Cello (6), Double Bass (4), Flute (8), Piccolo (1), Oboe (4), Clarinet (4), Bass Clarinet (2), Bassoon (2), Alto Saxophone (2) French Horn (4), Trumpet (4), Trombone (4), Euphonium (2), Tuba (2), Timpani (1), Percussion (4)



HOW TO APPLY

APPLY

Please apply and pay online at <http://www.mbsso.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 perform 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.



AUDITION DATES & VENUE

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023

Afternoon Auditions

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023

Auditions All Day

All dates and venues are subject to change. **Check our website and social media for a confirmed venue.** Some auditions may be held at Clontarf Beach State High School, Isobel Street (opposite end of Weaver Street), Clontarf or St. Paul's School in Bald Hills.

If you know in advance that you are unable to attend, you must contact the office as you may be able to reschedule your audition time.



AUDITION PREPARATION

- Applicants will receive notification on Friday 20 October 2023, of the scheduled audition day, time and venue.
- Each audition is 3 to 5 minutes in duration.
- Applicants will play excerpts for the orchestra of their preference (available MBSO website)
- Listen to recordings and take the excerpts to your teacher for preparation.
- Learn about the musical and technical concepts, and aim to demonstrate these in your audition.

AT THE AUDITION

- Applicants will play excerpts for the orchestra of their preference (available MBSO website)
- Notification of audition date, time, venue and orchestra of first preference will be sent to all applicants, by email, by Friday 20 October 2023

AUDITION PANEL AND ASSESSMENT

All positions are declared vacant and then filled through the audition process.

For each instrument, the audition panel consists of two or more professional musicians who are music teachers or conductors.

The panel ranks each audition by assessing the following:

- Intonation, rhythm, dynamics and tone production
- Choosing an appropriate tempo, musical style and phrasing
- Staccato & sautillé bowings (Strings)
- Legato & tonguing (Wind and Brass)
- Tempos & rhythms (Percussionists)



MEMBERSHIP INFO

2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES

2024 membership fees are as follows:

Membership:

Junior Strings - \$100

Students - \$120

Concessions - \$130

Adults - \$150

Uniforms:

MBSO shirt - \$45

MBSO scarf - \$25

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 QYO Facebook and Instagram pages for regular updates, photos and videos.

FUTHER INFORMATION

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



SAVE THE DATE

SUN 1 OCT 2023

Closing date for online applications

FRI 20 OCT 2023

Applicants receive audition venue, date and time notice

SAT 28 OCT 2023

Afternoon auditions

SUN 5 NOV 2023

Auditions all day

MON 20 NOV 2023

Applicants receive audition results

THURS 25 JAN 2024

First rehearsal of 2024

MON 29 JAN 2024

Balance of fees due



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