

# MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF QLD GOLD COAST BRANCH

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## From the Presidents Desk....

Another school year is well under way and we are busy planning events for 2009.

At the time of writing this, we are still without a Social Convener or Treasurer for our Branch of MTAQ. Joanne Byrnes has agreed to act as interim Treasurer until another person can take over the role. She has also agreed to train the new Treasurer and help them out until they feel confident to go it alone.



Unfortunately for us, Joanne has to leave this position because of other commitments, and also because she has held the position for four years, which is the maximum time allowed in our constitution. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jo for all her hard work during the past several years. She has not only done a great job as Treasurer and Secretary, but has updated both roles to make them more efficient and easier to manage for each of the new office bearers.

As I review the activities of our branch in 2008, I am surprised at the number and success of events we manage to host. While other branches throughout Queensland are facing closure through lack of participation, our branch continues to be vibrant and active. We are always in need of more volunteers for our various functions, and even the smallest contribution can help spread the workload considerably. Outlined in this newsletter are some of the events we will be holding in the early part of the year, and a summary of the tasks for which you may volunteer.

If you are able to help with anything, please call the relevant contact person.

Wishing you all the best for a successful teaching year, and I hope to see many of you throughout 2009.

Miriam Dawood

### Up and Coming Events:

- **28TH FEBRUARY**  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE
- **29TH MARCH**  
MAX OLDING & PAMELA PAGE  
RECITAL AND WORKSHOP
- **26TH APRIL**  
STUDENT RECITAL AT 2PM
- **11TH MAY**  
NEXT MEETING 10.30AM
- **24TH MAY**  
COMPOSERS COMPETITION  
ALBERT WATERWAYS  
COMMUNITY CENTRE
- **20TH JUNE**  
ASKM PIANO COMPETITION

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## Gold Coast Eisteddfod 2009

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The 2009 Gold Coast Eisteddfod Syllabus will be available at the end of February. Dates for the Eisteddfod are August 6<sup>th</sup> – September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sections include Dance, Speech, Drama, Piano, Bands, Orchestras, Vocal, Instrumental Groups, Strings/Wind/Brass and Special Needs.

Entries close May 8<sup>th</sup> and the Syllabus on line at [www.goldcoasteisteddfod.com.au](http://www.goldcoasteisteddfod.com.au)

Hard copies will be sent by contacting the office on 55 704431 or email: [mail@goldcoasteisteddfod.com.au](mailto:mail@goldcoasteisteddfod.com.au)

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## Membership Renewals DUE NOW

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Your Gold Coast Membership Renewals are due now. If you send in your renewal notice (included in November Newsletter), by the 28th February, you are eligible to receive your 2009 membership at a discounted rate.

If you require another renewal form, please email Jo. [jo@jumpin2musik.com.au](mailto:jo@jumpin2musik.com.au)

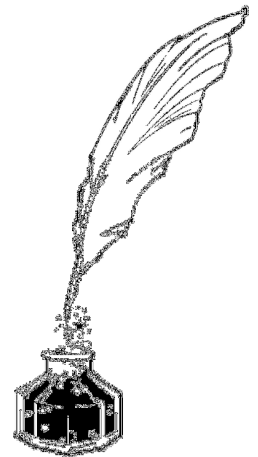
## Composer Competition 2009

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On the 24th May, we will present this years Annual Composers Competition and we are proud to announce that this is our 21st year.

Students of all ages can enter the competition with works of any genre, or instrument/voice. Sections are in age categories for the Gold Coast Area, and an Open Junior and Open Senior for all areas.

A copy of the score is to be provided for the Adjudicator, and students or a representative perform the work at the event. Those who are not able to attend may submit a recording.



Special awards and encouragement awards are presented and the Composer/Adjudicator will also give a talk on composition at the event. Each year the Adjudicator has commented on how unique this event is and how amazing and creative all of the students have been with their many and varied compositions.

For more information, see the orange brochure enclosed or visit our website:

**<http://www.composerscompetition.com.au>**

### ***Enquiries:***

Ve Helgeson (07) 55 382 874  
Jennifer Newcomb (07) 55 733 833.

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WOULD BE A  
MISTAKE”.

~FRIEDRICH  
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## Max Olding and Pamela Page WORKSHOP

After the concert, MTAQ Gold Coast will be hosting a Master Class with Max and Pamela featuring several of our young gifted pianists.

For those attending the A.S.K.M. concert, tickets for the Master Class (payable at the door on March 29) are:

**Adults/concession \$10 — Students \$5**

For those attending the Master Class only, tickets will be available on the day

**Adults/concession \$30 — Students \$15**

**We hope that we will see you there for a fabulous afternoon.**

## AMEB 2009 Syllabus

In 2009, either the 2008, OR the 2009 Syllabus is available. Teachers are advised to consult the AMEB federal website for clarification and corrections on matters pertaining to the 2009 Practical and written syllabus.

Some examples include:

- accidental inclusion of Aural and Sight Reading in Diploma
- Examinations;
- Repertoire re-listing
- Reduction of some areas of material in Music Craft aural and written (Particularly Grade 4 Music Craft).

Access this information via: [www.ameb.edu.au](http://www.ameb.edu.au) -  
and then the *syllabus clarifications* link.

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## The Nancy Weir Scholarship for All Instruments

The above fund was established in 1979 in recognition of the contribution by Dr Nancy Weir to music and in particular, her work as a performer and teacher. The purpose of the fund is to assist young children, aged 12 years or under, residing outside the Brisbane Metropolitan area and exhibiting outstanding musical talent to pursue their musical studies.

Whilst assistance may be granted towards the cost of tuition fees, assistance may also in some cases, be granted to assist with travel expenses or other costs associated with involvement with or participation in musical experiences such as Eisteddfodau, music festivals, auditions or workshops. Such experiences should take place outside the greater Brisbane area.

**Applications for the Nancy Weir Scholarship close on 7th August 2009.** To make an application, please contact MTAQ Brisbane for an application form.

“MUSIC  
EXPRESSES THAT  
WHICH CANNOT  
BE SAID AND ON  
WHICH IT IS  
IMPOSSIBLE TO  
BE SILENT”.

~VICTOR HUGO

## Help required for Composers Competition

Helpers needed for the Composers competition for the following roles:

- Assistant to the Adjudicators Secretary – compiling certificates and results
- Help with promoting composers competition
- Help with finding sponsors for composers competition
- Help with distributing brochures and printing of the program
- Trophy and Certificate preparations
- Helpers at the door for music taking and admission fees

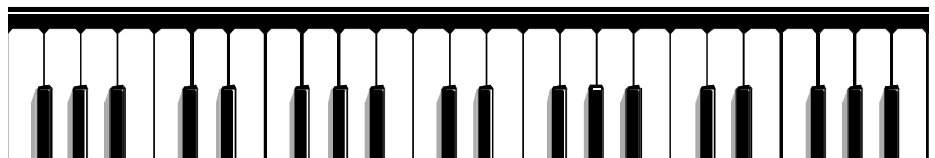
If you can spare some time over the day of the event or in the preparations before the event contact Jennifer on:

[jennifernewcomb@bigpond.com](mailto:jennifernewcomb@bigpond.com).

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## Student Recital

Venue: Gold Coast Piano's and Music  
Date: 26th April, 2009  
Time: 2pm  
Cost: Free

Please remember to call MIRIAM DAWOOD to reserve your spot by the 19th April.  
55304663 or [mdawood@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mdawood@bigpond.net.au)

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PAINTS PICTURES  
ON CANVAS.  
BUT MUSICIANS  
PAINT THEIR  
MUSIC ON  
SILENCE"  
- LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI

## ASKM Local Piano Competition

Date: Saturday June 20  
Venue: Robina Community Centre  
For students age 10-21 years of Gold Coast and  
Hinterland Teachers

Entries close May 8th.  
See brochure enclosed, or visit

[www.askmgoldcoast.com.au](http://www.askmgoldcoast.com.au)

## Next MTAQ Gold Coast Meeting:

We would love to see you at our next meeting.

Date: 11th May, 2009  
Time: 10.30am  
Venue: Debbie Hinton's Home  
91 Bridgman Drive  
REEDY CREEK 4228  
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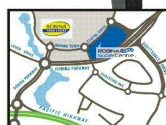
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## The Casio Challenge 2009

**30th & 31st May 2009**

**Ellaways Music Auditorium : 39-45 Compton Road, Underwood**

Competition Event for piano and keyboard students aiming to give performers of all ages an opportunity to play to a friendly audience in competitive and non-competitive events.

Performers can play in a maximum of two sections – 1 SOLO( digital piano/keyboard and karaoke) and one ensemble event chosen from the following categories

- Section A – Solo: one person playing either Casio digital keyboard or digital piano Choose between Classical and contemporary styles;
- Section B – Ensemble: Between two and six performers using one supplied digital piano and one supplied digital keyboard, plus any other instrument you wish to bring (Microphone available upon request).
- Section C – Karaoke: Casio digital piano or digital keyboard and vocal (play and sing).

**Event categories include:**

- Non competitive (everybody receives an award) ;
- Competitive Novice (learning less than 2 years) ;
- Competitive Open (learning over 2 years).

**Closing 28 March 2009**

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WHAT  
FEELINGS  
SOUND LIKE”

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