

MELBOURNE YOUTH MUSIC LAUNCHES ITS 2011 SUMMER SCHOOL

In recent months, Melbourne Youth Music has announced major appointments to its Board and to the Artistic, Educational and Management teams. These significant developments are helping to ensure the regeneration of Melbourne Youth Music as one of Australia's leading music training and performance organisations.

The growth continues with the launch of the 2011 Summer School program and the appointment of one of Australia's foremost music educators, Richard Gill OAM as inaugural Artistic Director of MYM's Summer School.

MYM Artistic Director Fabian Russell said of this appointment "Melbourne Youth Music is thrilled to have secured Richard Gill as Artistic Director of the 2011 Summer School. Richard is widely considered to be one of Australia's leading music educators and one of our most inspiring and passionate communicators."

MYM Board President, Peter Garnick, commented "Richard's extraordinary insight combined with his boundless and infectious enthusiasm is guaranteed to inject a heightened sense of excitement and passion into our summer music making. The addition of such a powerhouse to the MYM family sustains the momentum generated by the appointments over the past year."

Founded in 1967, Melbourne Youth Music provides opportunities to over 1000 aspiring musicians each year through a range of programs that challenge and inspire young people. 2011 will be Melbourne Youth Music's 39th annual Summer School and will run from January 16 to 22. Some 600 young musicians will participate in 13 ensembles, mentored by an outstanding team of conductors, directors and tutors drawn from across Australia.

In what promises to be a very memorable Summer School, Richard Gill will conduct our Symphonic Orchestra, joined by Sydney Symphony Orchestra Assistant Conductor Nicholas Carter conducting our Philharmonic Orchestra. Australian Chamber Orchestra Principal Viola, Christopher Moore will lead our string program and an extensive Band program is on offer with Melbourne's Andrew Mott and Adelaide's Robert Hower heading a team of specialist conductors.

This Summer School is an opportunity not to be missed: leading Melbourne Jazz musicians Eugene Ball and Jordan Murray take our Stage Band program, Musical Director Curtis Bayliss heads up our Music Theatre ensemble and comprehensive programs are on offer for aspiring conductors and arts administrators.

Summer School 2011 Brochures are now available for download from the MYM website, for further information visit www.mym.org.au. Online applications are now open.