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## **APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR MELBOURNE YOUTH MUSIC'S 2012 SUMMER SCHOOL**

Melbourne Youth Music has begun accepting applications for its 40<sup>th</sup> annual Summer School, being held from 16 – 21 January 2012.

Now an institution in itself, the MYM Summer School offers young musicians an exciting selection of programs encompassing orchestral, string, concert band, music theatre and jazz ensembles. Aspiring conductors and administrators are also catered for through specialist courses.

Chris Clark, General Manager of Melbourne Youth Music commented:

*"In its 40<sup>th</sup> year, the MYM Summer School brings together an outstanding range of esteemed conductors, tutors and educators from across Australia. The program, unlike our weekly Saturday Ensemble Program, provides an excellent opportunity for students to get the highest quality music education experience in a concentrated period. This is ideal for students who are unable to travel to Melbourne each week to participate in our other programs, or for those who have weekend commitments during the school term."*

*"Many students will experience in this Summer School as much music making as they will for the remainder of the year, immersed in a program of full and tutorial rehearsals with more than 700 like-minded young musicians from across Victoria."*

Prominent music educator Andrew Mott has been appointed as Artistic Director of the 2012 Summer School, bringing his wealth of knowledge gained over more than two decades at the helm of some of Victoria's leading music training programs.

Under Andrew's guidance, importance will be placed on developing the complete musician, with non-instrumental aspects of music making being enhanced through movement, vocal and rhythm workshops facilitated by some of Melbourne's most inspirational music educators.

*"The priority of the Summer School is on students from all backgrounds coming together and acquiring skills through interaction at the highest level – it is not just about preparing works for a concert. With this process in mind, the final stage presentations should be all the richer – and the skills acquired, the more profound."*

Andrew Mott, Artistic Director, 2012 Summer School

MYM's 2012 Summer School is an opportunity not to be missed. Full program details, e-brochure and online application form are available from MYM's website [www.mym.org.au](http://www.mym.org.au). For further information call the MYM office on 03 9376 8988. Applications close 09 September.

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