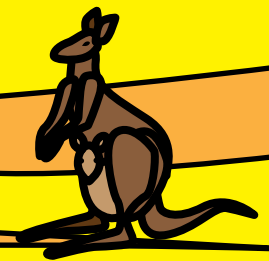




Guest Conductor – Stefanie Smith

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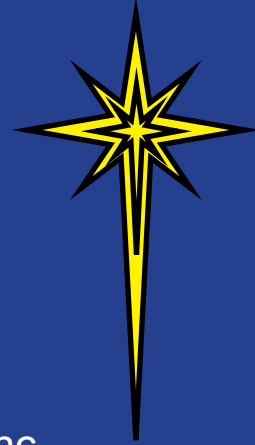


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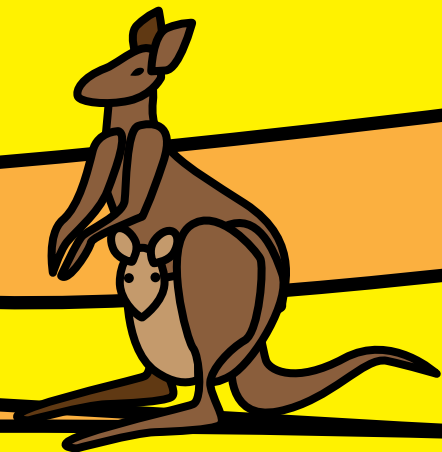
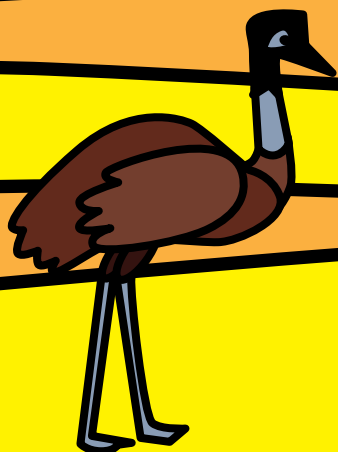
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# President's Message



Christmas is once again upon us! The time for great food, great company and a new pair of socks has arrived for 2021.

Covid-19 has again impacted upon all of our lives however the Ipswich City Orchestras have delivered a variety of concerts through the Ipswich Region and the Greater Scenic Rim.

We congregate throughout the world at festive events, church services and carols to celebrate the gift of Christ's birth or simply enjoy the company of friends and family. We are incredibly fortunate to share with you another curated program of classical and contemporary Christmas music performed by our wonderful musicians.

From all of us here at Ipswich City Orchestras we wish you and your families a very safe and Merry Christmas.

Christopher Trace  
LL.B. (Hons) GDLP MBA MQLS





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# Artistic Director

It brings us great joy to welcome you to our Spirit of Christmas Concert for 2021. Once again this year has posed many challenges and difficulties for people right across Australia, and we certainly don't take for granted how privileged we are to be in a position to share live music with you.

In this year's concert I've once again focused on providing a broad selection of familiar and not so familiar Christmas works to share the joy of the festive season. We are once again joined by a selection of fine singers from the Ipswich and Brisbane area to help lead the carols. Even more exciting is that we would invite our entire audience to join in and sing along with us this year. We are also most fortunate to be joined by members of our Brass and String Sections. Of particular note are some of the members of our Ipswich Brass Quintet who performed in our fabulous Brass on Safari concerts from earlier this year to perform a selection of works arranged originally for the Canadian Brass Quintet.

Christmas can be a time of great joy for many people but also a time of reflection for those who aren't as fortunate. This year I have included a poignant and thought provoking work by Queensland composer Betty Beath. Lament for the Victims of War (previously titled Lament for Kosovo) was written for Adrian Hooper and the Sydney Mandolins in 1999. Beath writes that "While writing this work I was deeply moved by the unfolding events in Kosovo and at the same time experiencing the sad fragility and decline of my mother. Previously I had written for the same ensemble Mikri Thalassa a piece which had been received with enthusiasm by musicians and audiences and I had this in mind as I set out to write the new work. However, the feelings that were uppermost in my heart and mind at that time emerged in what I saw as a 'lament for Kosovo and for the suffering of all those involved in such conflicts around the world'." This piece gives us all a chance to reflect on the trials and challenges we have faced this year, and also to highlight how lucky we are to be sharing in this experience today.

Whilst I would love to be here today to conduct these hard working musicians, it is with great pleasure that I introduce and welcome to the orchestra for the first time Stefanie Smith. Stefanie is an outstanding musician and conductor, and shares a great joy and enthusiasm in all of her musical pursuits.

Finally I want to send my most sincere thanks for your support of the orchestra throughout 2021. We have a number of incredible projects coming up in 2022 and we look forward to sharing these with you all and getting to entertain you again.

Patrick Burns



# Program Act I

Vocal Ensemble, Brass Quintet & Percussion

*Hodie Christus natus est*

Sandra Milliken

Full Company

*Joy to the World*

Lowell Mason arr. J.Rutter

String Orchestra, Piano & Percussion

*Polar Express Medley*

Glen Ballard & Alan Silvestri  
arr. P.Lavender adpt. L.Moore

Vocal Soli & Ensemble, String Orchestra & Organ

*O Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam arr P.Burns

Brass Quintet & Organ

*I Saw Three Ships*

Traditional arr. L.Henderson

Full Company

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Felix Mendelssohn arr. D.Willcocks

String Orchestra, Piano & Percussion

*Somewhere In My Memory*

John Williams & Leslie Bricusse  
arr. L.Moore

Brass Quintet & Piano

*Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella*

Traditional arr. L.Henderson

String Orchestra

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Traditional arr. L.Anderson

*Away in a Manager*

Traditional arr. L.Anderson

*Wassail Song*

Traditional arr. L.Anderson

Full Company

*The First Noel*

Traditional arr. D.Willcocks



*Interval*

*Program Act II*

String Orchestra

*Adagio for Strings*

Betty Beath

Brass Quintet & Piano

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Spiritual arr. L.Henderson

Troy Castle, String Orchestra, Piano & Percussion

*Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*

Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane arr. P.Burns

Full Company

*God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

Traditional arr. D.Willcocks

String Orchestra, Piano & Percussion

*Celtic Carol*

Lindsey Stirling arr. S.O'Loughlin

Frances O'Sullivan, Michael Hogg,  
Julie Sibley & Ensemble, String Orchestra & Organ

*The Holy City*

Stephen Adams arr. P.Burns

Full Company

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

J.F. Wade arr. D.Willcocks



# *Stefanie Smith*



Stefanie Smith is a Freelance conductor based in Brisbane where she works regularly with Queensland Symphony Orchestra undertaking a broad range of duties, Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra and Brisbane Symphony Orchestra as well as a number of ensembles across the state.

Stefanie has acted as assistant conductor for the Opera Beatrice and Benedict and as a sessional academic at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University where she assists with conducting duties with the Symphony Orchestra and Wind Orchestra and teaches the undergraduate conducting courses.

She is the founder and conductor of the ensemble Consorte Eclettica, which supports emerging local artists in South-East Queensland, premiering and performing chamber orchestra works in collaboration with other art forms. As a DMA candidate at Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, Stefanie is researching the careers of emerging Australian conductors.

# Credits



Conductor  
Master of Ceremonies

Stefanie Smith  
Selina McMahon

Vocal Ensemble

Julie Sibley  
Madeleine Short  
Frances O'Sullivan  
Maria Woolford  
Tom Holownia  
Ronan King-Rose  
Troy Castle  
Michael Hogg

String Orchestra

Leader  
Violin I

Helen Carvolth  
Celine Crellin  
Laura Thomson  
Hayden Burton  
Amy Phillips  
Alys Rayner

Violin II

Marguerite Sopinski  
Samuel Andrews  
Donna Jones  
Sarah Trenaman

Viola

Kathryn Fletcher  
Teena Sullivan  
Thomas Riethmuller

Cello

Alex McPherson  
Allan Hall  
Amy Allen

Double Bass

Michael O'Loghlin  
Elias Kokkoris

Brass Quintet

Trumpet

Tony Lashmar  
Michael McKay

French Horn

Andrew Kopittke

Trombone

Michael Ingle

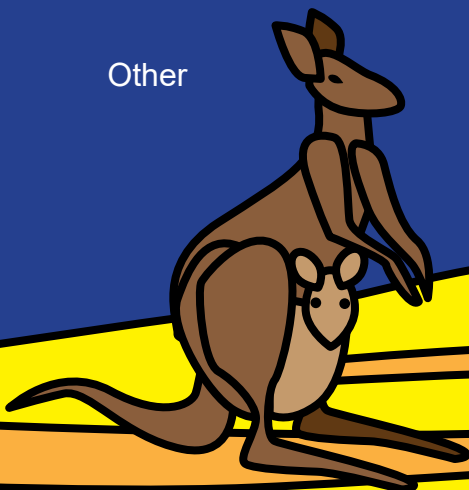
Bass Trombone

John Cosic

Other

Organ / Piano  
Percussion

Eduarda van Klinken  
Alanna Ritchie



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Organisation Name: **Amberley Brass**  
Description: Community brass band originally formed in 1941  
Website: [www.amberleybrass.com](http://www.amberleybrass.com)

Organisation Name: **ArtsConnect Ipswich**  
Description: Connecting and supporting community arts organisations and activities  
Website: [www.artsconnectipswich.com.au](http://www.artsconnectipswich.com.au)

Organisation Name: **Blackstone-Ipswich Cambrian Choirs**  
Description: Established in 1886, Ipswich's oldest choral organisation offers a range of choirs catering for every age.  
Website: [www.cambrianchoir.org.au](http://www.cambrianchoir.org.au)

Organisation Name: **Fusion Arts**  
Description: Vocal performance groups for youth aged 4-25yrs  
Website: [www.studio188.com.au/show/fusion-arts-inc/](http://www.studio188.com.au/show/fusion-arts-inc/)

Organisation Name: **Ipswich Art Society**  
Description: Visual arts group  
Website: [www.ipswichartsociety.com.au](http://www.ipswichartsociety.com.au)



# Community Arts continued.

Organisation Name: **Ipswich City Big Band**  
Description: Community jazz big band  
Website: [www.icbb.org.au](http://www.icbb.org.au)

Organisation Name: **Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod**  
Description: Annual eisteddfod - instrumental, vocal, speech & drama and dance  
Website: [www.ipswichjunioreisteddfod.com](http://www.ipswichjunioreisteddfod.com)

Organisation Name: **Ipswich Little Theatre**  
Description: Community theatre company  
Website: [www.ilt.org.au](http://www.ilt.org.au)

Organisation Name: **Ipswich Model Band**  
Description: Adult concert band for woodwind, brass and percussion established in 1906  
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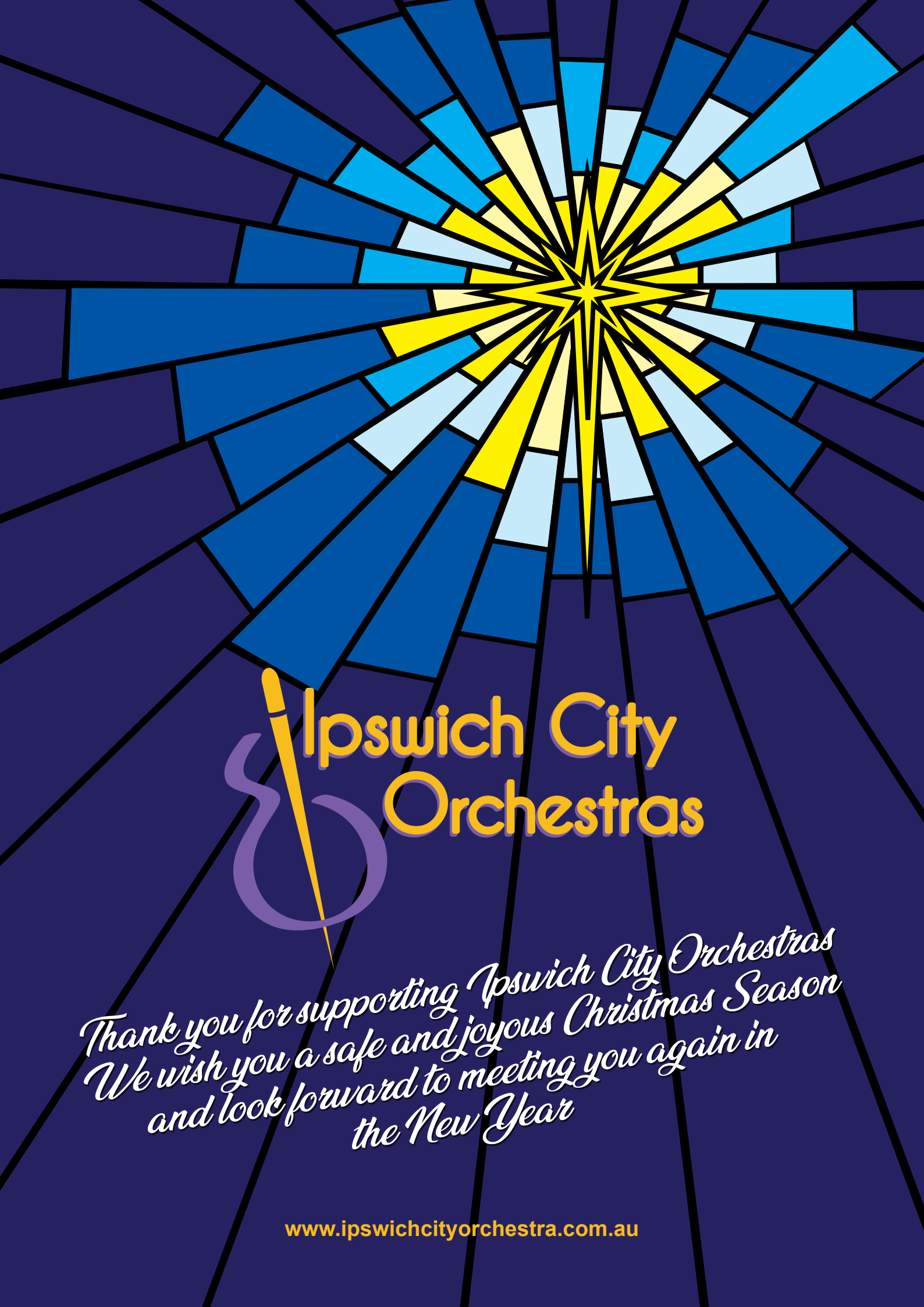
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Description: Musical Theatre activities for all ages  
Website: [www.ipswichmusicaltheatrecompany.com.au](http://www.ipswichmusicaltheatrecompany.com.au)

Organisation Name: **Ipswich Orpheus Chorale**  
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Organisation Name: **West Moreton Coutry Music Association**  
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