

Western Australian Wind Symphony

Flute

Minami Uemoto
Peyton Hawkins
Charlie Sigston

Piccolo

Chelsea Davis
Rachel Hicks

Oboe

Jiyu Yang

Bassoon

Merina Chen
Yanika O'Brien

E♭ Clarinet

Eugene Tan

Clarinet

Lorenzo Italiano
Lydia Almeida
Margaret Goldsmith
Vivian Fu
Stella Sawyer
Jing Yi Foo
Karina Preston
Jessica Knight
Stephanie Winter

Bass Clarinet

Clarine Arlidge
Imogen Bibby

Saxophone

Sean Hayes
Naoko Uemoto
Bridget Cleary
Meg Davidson

Soprano Cornet

Kayla Samson
Imogen Behan

Trumpet

Finn Jackson
Bob Tweedie

Horn

Sandra McKenna
David Souman
Daniel Almeida

Trombone

Thomas Gilmore
Alasdair Vincent

Euphonium

Justin Freeman
Dillon Clegg

Tuba

Jeremy Dekker



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Thank you also to the volunteers, partners, committee, and all other people who helped to make this performance a possibility. We couldn't do it without you!

Charitable Community Projects



Music is a powerful tool that can be used to uplift, comfort, and inspire us. That is why we have launched our new charitable community projects.

These projects will see groups of musicians visiting hospitals, underprivileged schools, prisons, and nursing homes to bring sunshine into the lives of those who need it. We are also granting local charities with some tickets to each concert to give to their beneficiaries.

By purchasing your ticket today you are helping WACO to fund these projects and to change lives through music.

Thank you for your support!

WACO Committee Members

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Samuel Parry

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A Decade of Changing Lives Through Music

Our Story

In 2007 Samuel Parry began studying classical performance at university. Throughout his first year of study he was impressed by the high standard of his colleagues and of everyone's enthusiasm to make as much music as possible. He'd also noted the then lack of musical opportunities over the summer holiday period, and decided that something needed to be done! As a result, the Western Australian Charity Orchestra was born.



Faye, Sam, Mel and Jordan celebrate backstage in the Perth Concert Hall after the successful February 2009 concert.

The orchestra and choir presented their first ever performance in February 2008 in the Perth Concert Hall under the direction of Burhan Güner and Donna Taylor. The performance was given to raise funds for the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation. The whole event was met with such enthusiasm that many performers requested for this once-off project to become an annual event. In February 2009 the ensemble again performed in the Perth Concert Hall to raise funds for charity.

Despite many enthusiastic volunteers, the project was put on hold following the February 2009 performance as Sam served as a full-time missionary for his faith in Auckland, New Zealand from 2010-2012.

After returning to Australia and continuing his music studies at university, many old WACO participants expressed their enthusiasm for the WACO concerts to start up again. The annual concert project began again and the orchestra and choir performed in the then brand-new Churchlands Concert Hall in February 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. WACO fundraised for various charities including Legacy, Youth Focus, The Esther Foundation, CanTeen, DreamFit, Redkite and Guide Dogs WA. From 2008-2016, WACO raised in excess of \$100,000 for these organisations.

In December 2015 Sam experienced a personal tragedy through the accidental death of his 21-month old son, River. The event caused Sam to re-evaluate his future plans, and after much thought he decided that WACO needed to become a focus of his life, and much more than an annual event.



The Wind Symphony rehearses *The Planets*

WACO CHOIR

Soprano

Retha Agenbach**
Lydia Almeida
Donaira wa Azaro
Jane Beaverstock
Rose Belford
Sarah Beresford
Eliza Bourgaull du Coudray
Morgan Dignam
Anezka Hamdani
Kyra Harvey
Greta Hays
Laura Holloway
Vivienne Horley
Leanne Hussey
Gabiella Ibrahim
Emma Kealey
Esther Lee
Esther Luce
Vanessa Ma
Heather Mackay*
Julia Nicholls
Lila Raubenheimer
Barbara van Rooyen
Kady Scott
Katelyn Southon**
Lee Bing Tan
Zoë Thornton
Serena Tsen
Hannah Tungate

Alto

Brittany Bardsley
Rensha Bosman
Dominique Bresser
Hollie Burbage
Dallas Campbell
Jocelyn Campbell*
Shanae Campbell
Louise Carson
Sophie Cassidy
Hannah Coopes
Sarah Coopes
Tyresa Cruthers
Philipa Curtis
Rachel Guizzo Dri
Kristin Gibbon
Annabelle Gleeson
Crystal Haig**
Peyton Hawkins
Jessica Hazeldine
Sarah Hussey
Jasmine Kealey
Maddison Lekias
Avelynn Low
Jess Mackay
Eliza Malcolm
Sharon Malcolm
Jenny Mikucki
Miriam O'Neil
Susan O'Neil
Caitlin Overton
Caitlin Telford
Teresa Thom
Naoko Uemoto
Bella Walters
Birgit Warland
Ingrid Waters
Sharon Wong
Tina Wood
Hayley Zehnder

Tenor

Kalia Campbell
Nathaniel Crouch
Ashley Dunne
Thomas Filmer*
Jason Ji
Oliver Kaiser
Matthew Kiely
Mathew Leak**
Christopher Leak
Amy Liddicoat
Felix Malcolm
Alanna van Mierlo
Kimberley Phoon
Lindsay Ramsay
Lex Randolph
Claire Russo
Jeremy Skinner
Ben Small
Lennox Southon
Leesa Steele
Daniel Thomas
Chelle Weedon
Nathan Wells
Sally White
David Yoo
Chris Zappa

Bass

Tom Almeida
Jonathon Astbury
Benjamin Bardsley**
Chris Barker**
Tim Chang
Jack Claey's
Jeremy Dekker
Angus Edwards*
Kohsei Gilkes
Alan Gill
Kai Han
Joseph Hays
Grant Malcolm
Blake Mathieson
Jerry Pang
Daniel Pushpanathan
Daniel Smith
Caleb Smith
Benjamin Tsen
Bob Tweedie
Harry Walters
Alex Warland



* Denotes Section leader

**Denotes Soloist

Western Australian Charity Orchestra

Concertmaster

Runa Murase

1st Violin

Brittany Williams
Sera Lee
Yasmin Omran
Olivia Bryce
Chiarene Cooper
Leyton Hilmer
Samantha Ion
Shayla Costello
Lewis Lee

2nd Violin

Emma Jane Shum
Elise Rosenberg
Rachael Ho
David Maconochie
Thomas Mahoney
Paul Foss
Claire Russo
Claire Taylor
Kendra Smith

Viola

Scott Trethowen
Aaron Dungey
Gillian Crawford
Rachael McMinn
Amadea Foss
Elyse Williams
Bourby Webster
Cristina Filgueira

Violoncello

James Maley
Darsha Kumar
Cameron Wright
Maia van Kampen
Stephanie Vuduris
Rachel Williams
Melinda Forsythe

Double Bass

Sophie Cornforth
Rowan Swarbrick
Thomas Kleinfelder
Oakley Paul
Morgan Wright

Flute

Megan Barbeti
Tarmon Simpson
Lyndon Abbott
Rachel Hicks

Piccolo

Tarmon Simpson
Lyndon Abbott

Oboe

Laura Biemmi
Simon Church
Esther Lee

Cor Anglais

Anne Phillips

Clarinet

Eljo Agenbach
Rebekah Ellis
Lorenzo Italiano
Clarine Arlidge

Eb Clarinet

Rebekah Ellis

Bass Clarinet

Lorenzo Italiano

Bassoon

Stephanie Sheridan
Melissa Mikucki
Merina Chen
Yanika O'Brien

Contrabassoon

Melissa Mikucki

Saxophone

Sean Hayes
Naoko Uemoto
Bridget Cleary
Meg Davidson

Horn

Mark Warrenner
Inez McGinley
Aishah Chadwick-Stumpf
Jim Gunson

Trumpet

Tracey Harris
Benjamin Lim
Mathew Leak
Belinda Gibbon

Cornet

Tracey Harris
Belinda Gibbon

Trombone

Elise Jeffrey
Jeremy Mazurek

Bass Trombone

Ewan Potter

Tuba

Matthew Dekker

Timpani & Percussion

Thomas Robertson
Germaine Png
Jesse Vivante
Lauren Jolliffe
Pavan Hari
Carissa Soares

Harp

Kira Gunn
Eliza Bourgault du Coudray
Christopher Leak

Piano & Keyboard

Danielle Gunders-Hunt

Electric Violin

Shayla Costello

Guitar & Banjo

Jack Maher

Bass Guitar

Morgan Wright



The WA Wind Symphony receiving applause following their winning performance at the state band championships.

In 2017 WACO launched its first year-long season including 9 performances in the year. The organisation grew to include the WA Wind Symphony and the NHarmonic Chorale. In its first ever public performance, the WA Wind Symphony participated in the WA State Band Championships and took home the A division championship trophy. The WACO ensembles continued to reach for higher standards tackling works such as Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 5*, Philip Sparke's *Music of the Spheres*, Gustav Holst's *The Planets* and John Rutter's *Requiem*.

Rather than fundraising for other charities, WACO is now a charity itself that seeks to do its own work in the community and to partner with other charities to *change lives through music*. For all performances at Churchlands, 10% of tickets are given away to charity partners to pass on to their beneficiaries.

In 2018 WACO's membership has grown to be the largest it has ever been with over 200 volunteers. In March and April this year WACO will run its first nursing home concert series tour, bringing a variety of chamber ensembles to many nursing home residents across the Perth metropolitan area. The organisation is currently developing a prison concert series and educational programs, as well as looking to expand its impact in the community.



WACO musicians with rescue dog Carmen at the Dog's Refuge Home after visiting with, and playing for the rescue dogs.

Samuel Parry - Music Director



Sam founded the Western Australian Charity Orchestra in 2008, and is now the music director of the organisation. In 2017 Sam was awarded the Pride of Australia Medal for his contribution to the community through WACO.

In 2009, Sam graduated from WAAPA with a Bachelor of Music in Multiple-Woodwind Performance. He was the first student at the academy ever to study flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone and bassoon in a single performance degree. Sam graduated with a Bachelor of Music Honours in 2017 with first-class honours for his research into community and charity orchestras of Australia.

Sam is the woodwind and brass tutor at St Peter's Primary School in Inglewood. He is a casual oboist with the West

Australian Symphony Orchestra and the Perth Symphony Orchestra. Sam has performed with the WA Youth Orchestra, Fremantle Chamber Orchestra, WAAPA Faith Court Orchestra and UWA Symphony Orchestra.

Six months ago, Sam decided he wanted to learn the tuba. He now plays in a brass band and a brass quintet. He prides himself on his collection of weird and wonderful musical instruments from around the world, with his current favourites being the otamatone, hulusi and melodica.

Adrian Soares - Guest Artist

Adrian is a music student at UWA, and is a recipient of the prestigious Tunley Scholarship at the university, studying piano with Graeme Gilling. He began learning piano at the age of 7, and also studied clarinet and saxophone through high school at Trinity College.

Adrian has competed and won prizes in numerous eisteddfods, competitions and festivals in Perth. He completed his A.Mus.A (AMEB) for piano in 2012, received the Waveney Wansborough Prize at UWA in 2016, and has performed in many masterclasses with many highly regarded pianists and musicians from Australia and internationally.



Adrian currently works with many ensembles, instrumentalists and singers in Perth, including the WA Youth Orchestra, WA Opera, UWA Orchestra, UWA Symphonic Chorus, Perth Choral Institute, Fremantle Women's Choir, and WACO. He regularly sings with VOYCES, Giovanni Consort and Schola Aedis Christi, and sang in the National Youth Choir of Australia in 2017.

In 2017, Adrian made his debut with WASO performing Ravel's Piano Concerto in G. He has played with WASO for WA Ballet's production of Great Gatsby, and will be playing with the WASO Chorus on their China tour this May.

10th ANNIVERSARY Celebration

~ Programme ~

"O Fortuna" from *Carmina Burana*
Carl Orff

"Infernal Dance", "Berceuse", "Finale", from *The Firebird*
Igor Stravinsky

Bohemian Rhapsody
Freddie Mercury arr. Samuel Parry

1812 Overture
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

~ Interval ~

Rhapsody in Blue
Featuring guest artist Adrian Soares
George Gershwin

When You Believe from "The Prince of Egypt"
Stephen Schwartz arr. Audrey Snyder & Samuel Parry

The Typewriter
Leroy Anderson

The Lion King Suite for Choir and Orchestra
Elton John and Tim Rice arr. Crafton Beck