



4TH AURORA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Christchurch, New Zealand | 3rd – 11th April 2010



Photo by: Kieran Scott



Photo by: David Wall

FESTIVAL FOR ORCHESTRAS | BANDS | CHOIRS | STAGE BANDS | JAZZ ENSEMBLES

The Aurora Festival continues a series of successful music festivals hosted by GULLIVERS SPORT & MUSIC TRAVEL

For further details, please contact Delphine Delhaise or Dr Ronald Smart.

Dr. Ronald Smart, former principal of The Sydney Conservatorium of Music and Artistic Director of the Festival, will be joined by a group of internationally known musicians who will present masterclasses, seminars and workshops at the Festival, and judge the competition performances.



Photo by: Kieran Scott

About Christchurch

Christchurch is a graceful city that values its culture and heritage. Founded in 1850 as a Church of England colony, the city still retains a distinctly English flavour. It's a picturesque mix of the old, the quasi old and the somewhat new. Expansive parks lend Christchurch the nickname "The Garden City". The best known landmark is Christchurch Cathedral which stands in the heart of the city. Of special interest are the Canterbury Museum (New Zealand's historic and Antarctic Discovery) and the Botanic Gardens. A tram covers about an eight square block route, from the Cathedral to the Canterbury Museum and Arts Centre.



Photo: Aurora Centre Auditorium

About the Festival

After hosting successful youth music festivals in Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Buenos Aires, Christchurch and Beijing, we are delighted to again host this event in April 2010 at the magnificent Aurora Centre in Christchurch, New Zealand.

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT TIMES:

Orchestra 35 minutes | Band 35 minutes | Choir 25 minutes | Jazz 25 minutes

Music: Your own choice however each group must include an original composition from the group's country of origin. **Awards:** Each participant ensemble will be given a gold, silver or bronze award by the jury according to international festival standards.

You may choose to participate without entering the competition.



Gullivers Sport and Music Travel

Level 8, 283 George Street Sydney NSW 2000 | Tel: (02) 9267 8655

Fax: (02) 9261 4361 | Email: gullivers@gulliverssporttravel.com.au

ABN 30 001 439 685 Lic No. 2TA 001303

Our airline partner:



www.gulliverssporttravel.com.au

AURORA FESTIVAL ITINERARY



Photo by: Peter Morath

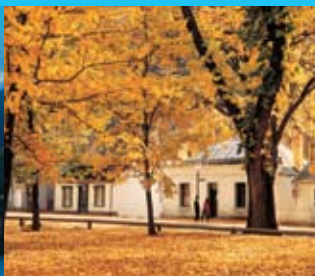


Photo by: Legend Photography

SAT	<u>AUSTRALIA / CHRISTCHURCH</u>
3 April	Depart Australian capital cities. Arrive in Christchurch. Check into accommodation.
SUN	<u>CHRISTCHURCH</u>
4 April	Optional Morning Church Service / Community Performances in local venues & churches when possible.
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Afternoon free for sightseeing.
MON	<u>CHRISTCHURCH AURORA FESTIVAL</u>
5 April	Welcome Lunch. Workshops / Masterclasses. Festival Performances and dinner. Aurora Festival Opening Concert.
TUES	<u>CHRISTCHURCH AURORA FESTIVAL</u>
6 April	Festival Performances and Workshops / Masterclasses. Evening free.
WED	<u>CHRISTCHURCH AURORA FESTIVAL</u>
7 April	Morning free. Afternoon Festival Performances and workshops / Masterclasses. Farewell Dinner and Awards.
THURS	<u>CHRISTCHURCH / QUEENSTOWN</u>
8 April	Depart Christchurch for Queenstown.
FRI	<u>QUEENSTOWN</u>
9 April	Morning visit to Arrowtown, a historic gold mining town with many well preserved buildings. Return to Queenstown in the afternoon. (Various excursions available such as 1½ hour TSS Earnslaw Cruise on Lake Wakatipu AUD\$45 per person).

SAT	<u>QUEENSTOWN</u>
10 April	Day at leisure in Queenstown (Various excursions available such as Kawarau Jet AUD\$62 per person or Gondola and 2 luge rides AUD\$27 per person).
SUN	<u>QUEENSTOWN / CHRISTCHURCH / SYDNEY</u>
11 April	Early morning coach from Queenstown to Christchurch and depart for home city.
The following extension to Queenstown and Fox Glacier is also possible:	
THURS	<u>CHRISTCHURCH / QUEENSTOWN</u>
8 April	Depart Christchurch for Queenstown.
FRI	<u>QUEENSTOWN</u>
9 April	Day at leisure. (Various excursions available)
SAT	<u>QUEENSTOWN / FOX GLACIER</u>
10 April	Coach from Queenstown to Fox Glacier. Afternoon guided ice walk on Fox Glacier.
SUN	<u>QUEENSTOWN / CHRISTCHURCH / SYDNEY</u>
11 April	Early morning coach from Fox Glacier to Christchurch and depart for home city.

Our thanks to Tourism New Zealand for photo images provided.

AURORA FESTIVAL TOUR COSTS

Tour cost based on a minimum of 30 students and three staff travelling together on the above itinerary Ex Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane from AUD\$1,710.00 per person. Fox Glacier extension is at a supplement of AUD\$140.00 per student.

Tour cost based on a minimum of 40 students and four staff travelling together on the above itinerary Ex Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane from AUD\$1,650 per person. Fox Glacier extension is at a supplement of AUD\$130.00 per student.

Tour cost includes:

- Return economy airfare Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne to Christchurch flying Air New Zealand.
- Meet and Greet in Christchurch with transfer to your accommodation.
- Eight nights accommodation based on good youth hostels in Christchurch and budget accommodation in Queenstown – Multi share for the students, twin share for staff.
- Continental breakfast each day.
- Rental of the Aurora Centre on 5, 6 & 7 April.
- Daily return transfers to and from the Aurora Centre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Two lunches and two dinners at the Aurora Centre.
- Exclusive coach charter with driver from 8 to 11 April Christchurch/Queenstown/Christchurch.
- Hire of Steinway piano during the festival.
- Participation of International Jury Members.
- A Gullivers Sport and Music Travel Bag.

Tour cost does not include:

- **Airport taxes / Fuel Surcharges / Airline Levies** – (these can only be determined at time of the ticket issuance but they are currently about \$222 per person + a departure tax of NZ\$25 per person to be paid locally on departure at Christchurch International Airport. Subject to change).
- Meals other than stated.
- Items of a personal nature eg: laundry, phone calls, room service etc.
- Passport and visa costs – please check with Gullivers Sport and Music Travel if you require visas for your tour. If you are travelling on a non Australian passport please check if you require a re-entry visa.
- Travel insurance – Highly recommended and available through Gullivers Sport & Music Travel.

All costs are subject to alteration due to currency fluctuations and increases in land and air costs, which may arise between now and the date of departure. Costs will also depend on availability of accommodation quoted on. These costs are subject to the group travelling together throughout the tour. Any variation will incur an amendment fee and may also jeopardise the cost of the rest of the group.

Land costs are based on an exchange rate of 1.20 NZ Dollar against one Australian dollar.

Please note tour costs are based on a minimum of 150 Festival participants.

DEADLINES

30 October 2009

Photograph of the Ensemble – high gloss photo in which faces can be seen clearly with good contrasting colours.

Photograph of the Conductor - high gloss photo in which face can be seen clearly with good contrasting colours.

Biography of the Ensemble – short biography (half page max) which should include description of the school, music department, accomplishments of the ensemble such as other festivals, awards, competitions etc.

Biography of the Conductor – short biography (half page max) which should include education, adjudication experience, conducting posts held and other items of interest.

12 February 2010

Programs – Programs are to be within the stated times for the Festival performances.

Stage Plan and/or seating outline of where you require seating or how the stage should be set up.

Name List – A complete list of names to include performers with ages and conductor.