

Musicale showcases local talent

Berry Musicale has over the past five years become an important event in Berry's cultural calendar. It has woven its way into the fabric of our town. Its importance in providing an avenue to showcase our young local talent and to bring people to Berry cannot be underestimated. This year has been no exception, with its largest program to date, it provided six weeks of musical events.

Twenty events were held throughout the ambitious program. Beginning with a wonderful opening celebration, at Berry Public School, which epitomised the foundation of the Musicale (to celebrate our talented youth) and ending with jazz and blues at Coolangatta Estate. During the festival over 1,200 tickets were sold drawing on locals as well as bringing people from Wollongong, Sydney and further a field.

The Musicale catered to all tastes in music from classical and jazz to rock'n'roll, making the festival truly an event for us all. The intimacy of the venues only adding to the wonderful atmosphere the Musicale enjoys.

An example of Berry's talented youth who performed at several events during the Musicale is Scott Borg. Scott is an ex-Berry Public School student and was the first Australian to be invited to attend the Juilliard School of Music in New York on a guitar scholarship. Providing such talent with a platform to perform in their home town, so that we can all participate and enjoy in his success, is what the Musicale is all about.

The Musicale plays an important ongoing role in fostering and providing scholarships

to young musicians as they strive to reach their potential in an extremely competitive field.

The Musicale for 2004 may have ended but the committee is not resting on its laurels. We have already begun planning for Musicale 2005. The support of the Berry community and the on-going support of the businesses of Berry in the form of sponsorship is the key to the continued success of this wonderful musical festival.



This column will become a regular feature to keep you up-to-date on the Berry Musicale's exciting progress and the even better program being planned for 2005.

Berry Musicale...an experience you can't do without.

Proudly presented by The Berry Musicale Committee
Berry Chamber of Commerce

September 9th
BERRY SCHOOL OF ARTS
7.30 pm

East meets West: the influence of Chinese and Japanese art on European Decoration

ADFAS Shoalhaven is pleased to announce the upcoming lecture at Berry School of Arts on Thursday September 9th at 7.30 pm. This will be presented by Amanda Harris archaeologist, anthropologist and former curator of the Museum of London.

This lecture is a broad examination of the background to the influence of the East in Europe. Starting from the 15th Century the lecture will cover the fascinating development of European trade with the East and the huge excitement caused by the import of Oriental Art. Following the story of porcelain and lacquer in particular, the slide show will demonstrate the range of influences in a thriving European trade that gradually infiltrated every aspect of life.

As usual there will be a light supper and wine after the lecture with an opportunity to 'meet and mingle'. New members are welcome, whilst guests may attend any three lectures at cost of \$15.00 per lecture. For further details contact **Denis Lovelock Tel: 44642918** or visit the website on **www.adfas.org.au**



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