

Local Music Students Fine-Tune Their Skills

Local music students of advanced ability will take part in Orchestra Victoria's mOve! (Mentors of Orchestra Victoria Education) workshops next week.

On 29 and 30 May, 44 music students from Melbourne's western suburbs will come together to make music alongside professional musicians of Orchestra Victoria.

The workshops will take place at Sunshine College, Senior Campus with students from Albion, Ascot Vale, Essendon, Flemington, Hoppers Crossing, Kealba, Keilor, Kings Park, Maidstone, Melton, Mill Park, Moonee Ponds, Mount Cottrell, Newport, Princes Hill, Seddon, St Albans, Sunshine, Sydenham, Taylors Hill, Werribee, West Lake, Williamstown and Wyndham Vale.

After two days spent enhancing their skills, the students will perform a concert of a selection of works for the community.

The concert provides an opportunity for the students to showcase their workshopped skills as they perform alongside their mentors, and under the baton of professional conductor Peter Moore OAM, who is undertaking his fourth year as *mOve!* conductor.

The concert also provides an opportunity for the community to enjoy the sounds of a full orchestra featuring local rising stars.

Proudly supported by Western Chances, 2007 marks the third year that *mOve!* has been held in Melbourne's west.

Founding Chair of Western Chances, Terry Bracks, is thrilled to see the ongoing partnership between Orchestra Victoria and Western Chances and proud of the continuation of the program to assist young people in the western suburbs.

"This program gives a deeper understanding to many young people about how they can enhance their skills and talent and make music a bigger part of their life," Mrs Bracks said.

"All students are already gifted in this area so it is a wonderful opportunity for them to be recognised and mentored by Orchestra Victoria," she said.

Many of the students have qualified for Grade 6, and above, with the Australian Music Examinations Board.

The free concert will take place on **Wednesday 30 May at Sunshine College, Senior Campus, Graham Street, Sunshine at 6.30pm**. Admission is free and the event will not be ticketed. Simply turn up and take a seat! Everyone is welcome.

Peter Moore is Senior Lecturer, Head of Wind Studies and Orchestral Conductor at The University of Western Australia's School of Music. Peter has been Musical Director for the Western Australian Youth Orchestra Association since 1988. He is also a talented bassoonist and a casual player with the Tasmanian and Sydney Symphony Orchestras. In 2000 Peter was awarded the OAM for services to music and music education and he has recently been awarded the Centenary Medal.