

Bachelor of Music Performance

For students who will specialise in improvisation

(VTAC code 38641)
(International Student VTAC code 38643)

Why study the Bachelor of Music Performance?

As the leading improvisation course within Australia, and one of the finest internationally, the Bachelor of Music Performance offers:

- *A degree that focuses on improvisation* and a wide range of contemporary music styles, tailored to advance your skills and needs in preparation for your significant future life in music.
- *A degree delivered by a prestigious institution* that established and nurtured this contemporary musical direction, and has a reputation for producing outstanding graduates for careers in all aspects of the music profession.
- *An extensive practical program*, offering one-to-one instrumental/vocal tuition, principal study forums, regular master-classes with national and international visiting artists.
- *A comprehensive and musically stimulating suite of performance opportunities* in small and large ensemble; from Jazz Ensemble, Big Band, Latin-American Orchestra, Improvisation Vocal Ensemble, World Music Ensemble, Afro-Percussion Ensemble, Improvisation Guitar Ensemble, Australian Indigenous Ensemble, Gamelan Ensemble to Experimental Ensemble Max.
- *A unique learning experience* where improvisers interact with artists from other disciplines.
- *A student support network* including an extensive orientation program, Mentor and Transition Program, easy access to staff, state of the art computer facilities, practice facilities and the student groups.
- *A active concert life*, with regular lunchtime and evening club and concert performances by current students, alumni, staff, as well as visiting artists.
- *All the advantages of studying at the largest and most interesting School of Music in Australia* but within an environment where your unique talents are also nurtured, appreciated and celebrated.
- *Possibilities for undertaking a semester of study abroad*, as part of the School's formal links with some of the most prestigious music institutions in Europe, the USA and Asia.
- *Opportunities to receive one of the School's substantial fellowships or endowments* to study overseas after having completed your undergraduate degree.

Audition

Students applying for the Bachelor of Music Performance (Improvisation) will need to prepare two contrasting works which demonstrate their skills as performers and improvisers, undergo a performance related studies test (viva voce format) that includes sight-reading a short melodic piece as well as a rhythmic piece, and submit a 100-word statement outlining their musical goals. Further information is available at: http://www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au/school_music.html