



Victorian College of the Arts

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## VCA Music Concert Calendar – Semester 1, 2007

*“Take a music bath once or twice a week for a few seasons, and you will find that it is to the soul what the water bath is to the body”* Oliver Wendell Holmes

The Victorian College of the Arts is proud to launch the **VCA Music Concert Calendar - Semester 1, 2007**. VCA Music attracts outstanding young musicians and boasts one of the most superb performance programs in Australia. VCA Music employs an integrated program of education and training to assist students on their journey to become leading practitioners in the field.

The **VCA Music Concert Calendar, 2007 – Semester 1** program, runs from March to June. The concerts are performed by current VCA Music students, in the heart of the Southbank arts precinct, and feature a young, fresh and innovative approach to music performance. The program embraces an exciting and eclectic selection of musical styles and genre.

This is a unique opportunity to experience the work of Australia's finest emerging musicians, doing what they love most, at some great Melbourne venues including Federation Square, NGV International, The Palms at Crown, the Iwaki Auditorium: ABC Southbank, Bennetts Lane and Paris Cat Jazz Clubs and St Johns Southgate.

All performances are open to the public and include free and ticketed events. On the bill are Free Lunchtime Concerts; Classical Cantatas; performances by the VCA Symphony Orchestra; the VCA Jazz Series and a performance by VCA Music Improvisation students during the Melbourne Jazz International Festival.

**VCA Music** was established in 1974. Initially with a focus on classical repertoire and performance, VCA Music has expanded over the years to embrace improvisation, composition and music theatre. VCA Music's programs promote the highest standards in music enquiry, creativity and performance and are supported by a regular program of workshops and master classes, throughout the year.

The Victorian College of the Arts is Australia's premier visual and performing arts training institution. The College is unique in Australia as it offers training across major artistic disciplines. Students are encouraged to develop their own artistic language and consequently graduate as self-determined and autonomous artists.

On January 1, 2007 the Victorian College of the Arts became a faculty of The University of Melbourne.

**Dates, times and venues:** Various

**Admission:** A combination of free and ticketed events are on offer

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**Download the VCA Music Concert Calendar:** <http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/musicabout/>

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