

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The West Australian Music Teachers' Association is a non-profit making organisation existing solely for the benefit of its members. It was founded in 1910 and has members throughout the State.

There are five categories of membership, according to qualifications and experience:

1 **Accredited Teaching Members.** Teachers who, at the time of applying, have any of the following teaching qualifications, have attained the age of 21 years, are engaged in the teaching and practice of music and have been so engaged for a period of at least three years.

- (a) A degree in music from a university or recognised tertiary institution
- (b) A diploma in music teaching from a recognised conservatorium or tertiary institution
- (c) A licentiate teaching diploma from a recognised institution
- (d) A licentiate performing diploma from a recognised institution and five years experience in music teaching
- (e) A long and distinguished teaching record
- (f) Eligibility for acceptance as an Accredited Teacher within a nationally accepted accreditation system.

2 **Teaching Members.** Teachers who, at the time of applying hold qualifications other than those listed above, who have attained the age of 21 years, are engaged in the teaching and practice of music and have been so engaged for a period of at least three years.

3 **Provisional Members.** Teachers without suitable teaching qualifications may be accepted as Provisional Members for three years during which time they will be expected to partake of all activities of the Association and to take EITHER (1) the full number of correspondence courses in *Aural Training, History of Music, Rudiments and Elementary Harmony* and *Teaching Principles* offered by the Association OR (2) a music teaching degree or diploma. Satisfactory completion of either will lead to acceptance as an Accredited Teaching Member.

4 **Student Members.** Open to any person who is a music student working towards the above qualifications. The term of Student Membership is four years with the possibility of an extension. The Council reserves the right of granting the time and number of extensions.

5 **Companion Members.** Open to any person interested in the objects of the Association.

The following must in all cases be submitted to the Council with the application for membership:

- **DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF QUALIFICATIONS (PERFORMANCE, THEORY AND ACADEMIC)**
- **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

COURSES AND LECTURES. The Association arranges seminars and lecture/demonstrations at regular intervals throughout the years as well as recitals and master classes. Courses in

rudiments and elementary harmony, aural training, teaching principles and history of music are run by correspondence for teachers wishing to revise or to update their skills.

DIRECTORY OF MUSIC TEACHERS. Accredited and Teaching members may choose to list their name, telephone number and instruments and subjects taught on our website. There is an annual charge. We must have written permission from members who wish to take advantage of this service.

RECITAL AND CONCERTO COMPETITION. The Association runs the *Recital and Concerto Competition* annually, giving an opportunity for students to perform in quasi-concert situations.

STUDENT FORUM. Students of members are encouraged to perform at regular informal recitals arranged by the Association.

TEACHING CONDITIONS AND FEES. The Association offers the standards and prestige of a professional association, thus safeguarding teaching conditions. Teaching fees are established each year at the Annual General Meeting.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDIO MUSIC TEACHER MEMBERS. The Association's purpose is to conserve and promote the interests of its members. It endeavours to safeguard conditions and general aspects of teaching. These principles are contained in the *Guidelines* a copy of which is sent to all new members.

The Association is represented on the WA State Committee of the Australian Music Examinations Board.

NEWSLETTER The Association regularly publishes a Bulletin, which is mailed to all members.

DISCOUNTS. At some music stores teaching members may be offered discounts on certain printed music for teaching purposes. Please show your membership card at the store.

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