

MAESTROS WITH A MISSION

CONDUCTOR INTENSIVE WORKSHOP – GEELONG, 2019

Who We Are

Maestros With a Mission is an Australian music consulting firm, primarily working within the band genre, bringing to bear a vast base of performance experience to assist the development and growth of all facets of the industry both within Australia and internationally. Our Principals and associate consultants are all professional conductors who have earned a significant profile both within Australia and overseas through decades of artistic practice at the highest levels. We have a common desire and a genuine passion for assisting the development and nurturing the growth of Australia's next generation of conductors and musical leaders.

Our Services

Maestros With a Mission offers a range of specialised professional services including:

- Wind Band Composer Commissioning Consortium
- Boutique Print Music Publishing (with a focus on new works at Grades 4-6 from a diverse range of composers)
- *Conductor Intensive Workshops* (focusing on practical podium skills and a targeted holistic approach to preparation)
- *Conductor's Toolbox Workshops* (focusing on single modules of particular skills and knowledge)
- *Adjudicator Intensive Workshops* (focusing on the development of further capacity and confidence in the complex art of competition adjudication, assessment, and the provision of meaningful feedback)
- Consultant advice for ensembles, music institutions, and competition associations (on request) in the areas of conducting services, music direction, music assessment and adjudication, ensemble development and strategy, and music director searches

Maestros With a Mission is delighted to be working in collaboration with the Victorian Bands' League (VBL) to assist VBL-affiliated applicants to receive support to attend important conductor development activities.

The date for the MWAM Conductor Intensives in Geelong in 2019 is as follows:

Saturday 16- Sunday 17 March Entry-level Conductors with the Geelong Concert Band

Conductor Development Workshop Outline

Maestros with a Mission *Conductor Intensive Workshops* can be tailored to suit the needs of the organising group or body and can cater for novices, more developed conductors and the most experienced conductors in the community. Our goal is to ensure that every participant, whether actively taking part or observing as an auditor, learns new knowledge and skills as well as

developing new ways to effectively apply existing skills. Taking a holistic approach, our *Conductor Intensive Workshops* are held over a weekend so that each participant has time to learn, absorb, practise and apply new skills and knowledge. The topic areas we cover in our *Conductor's Toolbox* sessions may include:

Repertoire Selection, Baton Technique, Score Preparation, Artistic Movement and Gestures, Communication through Imagination and Vocabulary, Rehearsal Techniques, Developing Intonation, Warm-Ups, Conducting and Positive Education Psychology, Character Strengths in Rehearsal

Participants will work with two clinicians over the weekend both on the podium and in class sessions. All footage will be given to the participant on a USB stick and information handouts will be provided in a workshop folder.

Timetable

Saturday	8:00am – 9:00am	Class Session – Introduction and Welcome
	9:00am – 10:00am	Class Session – <i>Conductor's Toolbox 1</i>
	10:00am – 10:30am	Morning Tea
	10:30am – 11:30am	Class Session – <i>Conductor's Toolbox 2</i>
	11:30am – 12:30pm	Lunch
	12:30pm – 2:00pm	Podium Session 1
	2:00pm – 2:15pm	Break
	2:15pm – 3:45pm	Podium Session 2
	3:45pm – 4:00pm	Break
	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Podium Session 3
	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Review of Podium Sessions
7:30pm	Dinner/Drinks/Informal Chat	
Sunday	9:00am – 10:00am	Class Session – <i>Conductor's Toolbox 3</i>
	10:00am – 10:15	Break
	10:15am – 11:45pm	Podium Session 4
	11:45pm – 12:45pm	Lunch
	12:45pm – 1:45pm	Podium Session 5
	1:45pm – 2:00pm	Break
	2:00pm-3:00pm	Class Session 4 – Summary and Future Directions

Ensemble

The ensembles being engaged for this MWAM *Conductor Intensive* workshop will be the Geelong Concert Band (Mark Irwin – Musical Director). The Geelong Concert Bnd is active within the Geelong community in performances and the development of players from beginning to advanced levels. The Geelong Concert Band is affiliated with the Victorian Bands' League. A high and consistent standard of ensemble performance can be expected across the weekend.

Child Protection

Maestros With a Mission has a zero tolerance approach to all forms of child abuse and inappropriate behaviour. The Practitioners and all participants will hold appropriate working with children checks and will present these credentials before participation is confirmed.

Prices

Conductors with podium time: \$440.00 (including GST) for 40 minutes of mentored podium time (with opportunity for video) plus 5 hours of coursework activities and discussion, conducting places strictly limited to 12 conductors.

Auditors (observers): \$110.00 (including GST) for attendance at all Saturday and Sunday coursework activities and observation of rehearsals.

Lunch, Dinner and Drinks each day are at participants' own arrangements and expense.

Tea and Coffee with biscuits provided for breaks.

Prices include a course workbook, resource book, and a Certificate of Participation for all participants.

VBL Involvement and Commitment – for VBL members

MWAM welcomes the involvement, endorsement, and financial support of the VBL, particularly regarding supporting its members to attend this *Conductor Intensive* Workshops. The following process will take place:

- Please complete the attached *Application Form* and return to the VBL via email vbl@vbl.org.au by **Friday 16 November**.
- The VBL will consider applications and will offer a limited number of full participant positions – these applicants will receive a 50% subsidy (\$220.00 each) from the VBL to attend this *Conductor Intensive*
- If funds permit, the VBL will consider applications and select auditors – these applicants receive a 50% subsidy (\$55.00)
- In the event that there may be qualified applicants not chosen by the VBL for a subsidised place, a full-fee place as a participant or auditor may be offered by MWAM.



Conclusion

Thank you for your interest in Maestros With a Mission. We look forward to working with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Cameron', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr Kevin Cameron

Director - Education and Professional Development

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APPLICATION FOR VBL SUBSIDY

Maestros With a Mission Conductor Intensive Workshop - Geelong

The Victorian Bands' League will support VBL members interested in further developing their conducting and rehearsal management skills by providing a limited number of 50% subsidies of \$220.00 for Full Participants and \$55.00 for Auditors/Observers to attend the following *Conductor Intensive Workshops* presented by *Maestros With a Mission*.

To be eligible for consideration for this VBL support, all applicants must:

- Read the accompanying information about the MWAM *Conducting Intensive Workshops*
- Be a current member of the Victorian Band's League
- Complete this *Application Form*
- If your application is successful, you must attend all sessions of the *Conducting Intensive Workshops*

Name:

Band:

Email:

Contact Phone:

Please tick as applicable: *I wish to be considered for a Full Participant place*

I wish to be considered for an Auditor/Observer place

Briefly outline your banding experience:

List any previous conducting experience:

What are your conducting goals?

Maestros With a Mission *Conductor Intensive* – what our Launceston participants said...

To have two passionate and compassionate mentors guide and advise my development has been invaluable.

A highly valuable weekend with two compassionate and passionate maestros. I built skills and confidence through podium sessions and observations over the weekend in a safe and nurturing environment.

Matt and Kevin provided a wide-ranging overview of how to grow and develop as a conductor. Their methodologies were effective and valuable.

A safe and positive workshop to grow and learn with your conducting colleagues under the leadership of some of Australia's finest maestros.

Honestly I've loved all of it. Your approach to conducting is amazing and I've always felt safe even when being challenged with something new/different.

This would be an experience I would recommend to conductors both starting out and those wishing to extend and challenge themselves. Great clinicians, fantastic material, and an inspiring way to encourage further pursuit of the 'magic' that is conducting.

The Conductor Intensive provided me with not only the technical aspects of HOW to conduct but a more holistic approach to WHY we conduct. I now have more of an understanding of the skills required to not just improve myself but also my band.

I learned so much more about conducting than I thought was available to learn. The best thing you can do to improve the standards of your ensemble is to enrol into the next Maestros With a Mission course.

The Conductor Intensive workshop was exactly that – intense! The presenters – Matt and Kevin – were inspiring, knowledgeable, fun, insightful and most importantly respectful of all conductors and their personal experiences and prior knowledge. This was an amazing opportunity and experience that I would highly recommend and definitely attend again!

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