



Welcome to the Mitchell Optimist Music Festival April 10-20, 2012

Sponsored since 2003 by the Optimist Club of Mitchell

This is an open invitation to neighbouring schools, families and musical groups to join West Perth's schools, families and musical groups for the 66th annual Mitchell Optimist Music Festival. Our festival is open to young people up to and including secondary students enrolled in the school term of the April 2012 festival. There is a non-competitive class that encourages family groups of all ages to take part.

The Mitchell Optimist Music Festival Community promotes a gentle Music Festival competition and performance experience in which the talents of each child are celebrated and enhanced. The family, the music teacher(s) and the appraiser(s) act in unison in supporting the child's positive growth in musical skills, enjoyment of and appreciation for music. This mutual nurturing covers all aspects of the child's participation in the Mitchell Optimist Music Festival. It is not about winning, but rather it's about the nurturing of a life-long appreciation for the value of music as the universal language of humanity. While our music festival is, for some participants, a stepping stone to higher levels of competition elsewhere, it is first and foremost promoted as an annual community tradition - 66 years and counting - that celebrates the musical talents of our young people.

If you are interesting in being a first time participant in our music festival, please connect with us (see below). We'd love to help you with the various classes, and let you know about the traditional routines of our music festival. You'll be glad you came!

If you are one of our hundreds of returning participants, welcome to another year of music, community spirit and renewed friendships. We're glad you are taking part.

We're excited about the new classes we are offering this year. Please check out the syllabus, enter often, invite someone new to take part, and most of all, help each other to be the best that each of you can be.

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