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## *A New Season For Love of Music*

The Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra launches it's 2010 'For Love of Music' Season with a concert of optimism and light. The Radiant Melody concert on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March will focus on joyous and tuneful music for the New Year. The Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra seeks to bring new music experiences to all audiences and provide a platform for both experienced and up-and-coming soloists and performers.

The March concert will be the first for Ron Prussing as the new Artistic Director of the Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra. Announced last year, Mr. Prussing has spent some time with the orchestra and found that it needs more players.

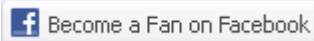
“We especially need string players. It's time to dust off the violin and start the New Year as a Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra player”, he said. “With the fine standard of school music in this area, there must be many people who have played to an advanced standard. Playing a musical instrument is a hugely enriching addition to life and promotes health and wellbeing.” The orchestra rehearses each Tuesday evening; those interested should contact KPO Concertmaster Anne Marie Braid on 0410 497 648.

Killara resident Katie Sharp joined the Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra last year after putting her violin playing on hold when having children. “When I first joined the Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra I found that it is great ‘me’ time, away from the pressures of work and family. The standard of the players and conductors is high yet they seem happy to put up with players like me returning to form at the back of the 2nd fiddles!”

“The first rehearsal was very exciting: I was introduced to various players including a cellist and after several minutes of thinking that our English accents sounded familiar (northern England), we stopped mid-sentence and realised that we recognised each other from our days in the Lancashire Schools Symphony Orchestra and hadn't seen each other for 26 years!” said Katie.

Every year the Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra performs four major symphony programs, in addition to the 2010 NSW Secondary Schools Concerto Competition, Kids Proms concerts, a Popular Classics Benefit Concert for St Ives Rotary Club and other community performances. The wide range of concerts harnesses the orchestra's strong focus on community engagement, lifelong music education and nurturing artistic expression.

This year's season is extremely exciting and the orchestra is gearing up to a fantastic series of concerts. Stories of love and romantic composers are central to the 2010 series. Top Australian soloists will perform with the orchestra, including Daniel Herscovitch, Maria Lindsay, Elizabeth Neville and Claire Edwardes.



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2010 is also only the second year that the Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra is offering subscriptions to all of its' major concerts. By subscribing and saving, you receive a guaranteed seat and preferred seating at all major concerts.

The Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March concert will take place at 8pm at Ravenswood Centenary Centre, Gordon and launch the Ku-ring-gai Orchestra's 2010 season. More information can be found at [www.kpo.org.au](http://www.kpo.org.au) Tickets are available through MCA-TIX 1300 306 776.

Photo 1: Katie Sharp before her first Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra concert

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