

**Pearl Beach Music & Irvine Family Piano Scholarship Concerts celebrate 15 years.
The scheduled May concerts are postponed due to the current Corona Virus
pandemic**

The annual Scholarship concert has been jointly sponsored by the Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Irvine Family since the inaugural concert held in May 2005 in conjunction with the Central Coast Conservatorium to offer performance opportunity to students who have excelled in their chosen field. The Pearl Beach community have continued to enthusiastically support the concerts and enjoy these rising young music stars.

Patrick Brennan, Artistic Director, Central Coast Conservatorium comments “this prestigious event is an excellent opportunity for Conservatorium students to perform for their local community and deliver truly breath taking performances”. He continues, “the Central Coast Conservatorium is most grateful for the financial awards totalling \$2,000 that is given by the Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Irvine Family to the winners of this important event. The prize money will help them further their musical studies at the CCC”.

The Junior Showcase concert was introduced in 2013 to celebrate solo instrument and vocal performance by the Central Coast Conservatorium junior students. Patrick Brennan comments, “the showcase concert embraces the concept of “pure performance” rather than “competitive performance” and allows our younger musicians to perform with focus, passion and conviction”.

In 2015 to celebrate ten years a new initiative was introduced “***The People Choice***” award with a scholarship valued at \$250 jointly sponsored by the Irvine Family and the Progress Association. This concept has become extremely successful and offers the audience the opportunity to choose a performance of their choice.

We are hopeful that the Showcase and Scholarship concerts can be re-scheduled for later in the year.

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Photo: Bee Haslam, Scholarship winner 2019

