



ACCOMPANISTS' GUILD
OF QUEENSLAND INC.

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Dear fellow accompanists and Guild members,

Once again, the months are passing by at an alarming rate, and most of us are probably now submerged in semiquavers and dotted minims, with the exam season in full swing! I hope that everyone has plenty to do in the weeks ahead, before the starving months of December and January!

Two important events have occurred since my last contact in July, both of them unsurprisingly disregarded by the majority of members and poorly attended. I must say at this point that in my 3 years as President of this association there are accompanists whom I have never met. Our few functions are a great opportunity to network and meet fellow accompanists. It is just unfortunate that members have such a reluctance to "show" themselves!

In early August, the second Master Class for Young Accompanists was held at the MTAQ Auditorium, and attended by 3 of our 61 members (an improvement on last year!). There were 8 young, promising pianists who presented themselves before an appreciative audience made up mostly of parents and friends. It was wonderful to see our invited flute teacher, Janine Grantham, play with them some unusual and attractive repertoire and discuss the finer points of performance, which would also have been of benefit to many of us, professionals.

The Annual General Meeting took place a couple of weeks later and was attended by 12 members. It was preceded by a Special General Meeting in which the revised and updated Constitution of the Guild was introduced and adopted by those present. There are few changes which would affect members directly. One of the differences concerns the fact that members of the executive can now hold their positions for longer than 3 years. As a result, and lack of forthcoming nominations, the current members of the executive have all retained their positions for another year, and one new person has joined the Committee. We welcome Barbara Clifford to our group.

Many members will have noticed that this Newsletter is now headed by a "refreshed" logo for the Guild. We thank sincerely Jo Gibson who has been working with the Guild to give a cleaner look to our logo, which is now with well-drawn keyboard keys and without a tail for the "Q"! The name next to it confirms directly who we are. We hope you like the revised design!

The Committee is now considering ideas for next year so that we can present some interesting activities. Please let the Committee know of any inspired suggestions you may have.

Finally, a friendly warning to any member who still hasn't paid their dues at this stage, that your name has been deleted (or is about to be) from the lists of accompanists on our website and the mailing list. We hope that we do not "lose" anyone this way! Please remember that "*L'union fait la force*" (unity makes strength). The Guild needs everyone's support!

All the best from the Committee!

Regis Danillon - President
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