



TERM 1 IN REVIEW



**THE MARY BRYAN
SCHOLARSHIPS**



**PHOTOSHOOT
WITH JO DUNNING**



**SINGING SOIRÉE
& MASTERCLASS**



**KATOOMBA
LIVE & LOCAL**



Hi Everyone,

So, here I am trying something new with this Term 1 In Review! We usually just do our annual newsletter, however it's been such a busy term, which means we have all the more to celebrate now!

So much has happened in such a short time, and I believe all our singers have made great strides in lessons this term. Our first Masterclass of the year and the Sunday Singing Soirée were both successful, our Vocal Ensemble had a great photoshoot with Jo Dunning, our singers were absolutely fabulous at Katoomba Live & Local and I was thrilled to be able to present two of our young singers with the 2018 Mary Bryan Scholarships.

Thank you to all our singers for your dedication this term, and thank you to all our families and friends for your wonderful continued support. I hope you've all had fun and are now enjoying your holiday break - I look forward to seeing you soon!

Amelia Nell

Director at Vocalocity Pty Ltd

Katoomba Live & Local

On Saturday 7th April, Vocalocity participated in the very first Katoomba Live & Local - a free, family-friendly micro-music festival which aimed to stimulate local business, showcase local musicians and gather diverse crowds.

In addition to our own set, the Vocalocity Vocal Ensemble were invited to perform in the Official Opening Ceremony before the Mayor, Mark Greenhill, and Member of Parliament for the Blue Mountains, Trish Doyle.

Then, Create NSW (the NSW Government's Office of Arts, Screen & Culture) shared a clip of our fabulous Alkira Odell's performance to their own Instagram page! Congratulations Alkira! See it here:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BhcWHa0H0-C/?taken-by=creatensw>

Thank you to all our singers who performed so beautifully, and thank you to everyone who came along to support them!



The Vocalocity Vocal Ensemble performing in the Official Opening Ceremony of Katoomba Live & Local 2018



The Vocalocity Vocal Ensemble and Amelia Nell with Mayor, Mark Greenhill, and Member of Parliament for the Blue Mountains, Trish Doyle

Photographs below courtesy of Eames K Photography



Alkira Odell & Amelia Nell



Dave James



Tegan Krempf



Brodie Wyldie



The Vocalocity Vocal Ensemble



Dave James & Allegra Dunning

The Mary Bryan Scholarships

Awarded to

Tegan Krempf and *Allegra Dunning*

I was delighted to offer both Tegan Krempf and Allegra Dunning a Mary Bryan Scholarship for 2018.

These two scholarships were donated by the daughter of a wonderful lady from Ireland, Mary Bryan, who's weekly highlight for many years was her involvement in the local church choir. In donating these scholarships in her mother's memory, Mary's daughter (a dear family friend who lives in Sydney) has said, "I welcome the opportunity to foster young people in their passion for singing because I believe in the power of the voice individually and in a choir to create strong people and united communities."

Tegan and Allegra were selected as the recipients of these scholarships because they demonstrate a great passion for singing and dedication to learning. They are both writing their own songs and they embrace every performance opportunity that is offered to them. Their engagement with, and support of others, whilst singing in a group is reflective of everything Mary Bryan loved about singing, as well as her daughter's reason for giving these scholarships.

It is our hope that this opportunity will help Tegan and Allegra to nurture and develop their voices and further assist them in reaching their singing and performance goals. The Mary Bryan Scholarship entitles them to weekly singing lessons with me at Vocalocity for the duration of 2018.

Congratulations Tegan and Allegra. Both Mary's daughter and I believe you are very worthy recipients of the Mary Bryan Scholarships and we look forward to seeing where they can take you in your creative journeys.

Amelia Nell

Director at Vocalocity Pty Ltd



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Sunday Singing Soirée & Masterclass

Our Sunday Singing Soirée, and the preparation Masterclass leading up to it, were all about giving singers the opportunity to gain some valuable performance experience and show the audience what they've been working on in lessons this term. Singing in front of other people is not an easy thing to do! As we discussed in Masterclass, some nerves are totally natural and everyone did well in their performances and should be very proud of themselves, as I am of them. Events like these are not just about singing. They are also designed to build confidence and encourage students to support each other and work together. I believe everyone had a positive learning experience and most importantly, had FUN!



Ruby C was wonderfully animated in her performance of 'The Candy Man'.



Our rapper, Richard, tackled the challenging 'I'll Find You' like a champ.



Mila gave a beautiful rendition of 'Someone Like You' from Jekyll and Hyde.



Ruby F sang with such soul and spirituality in her lovely performance of 'Oceans'.



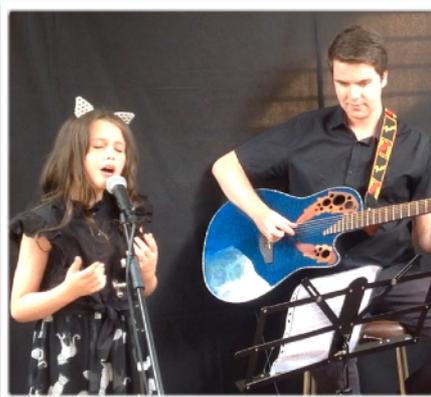
Lexie brought her fabulous drama skills to 'In The Big Blue World'.



The Vocalocity Vocal Ensemble were so in sync in the first performance of their brand new repertoire for this year - they never fail to bring it!



Tegan treated us to her gorgeous original song 'Flicker'.



Allegra and Dave showed just how much they've accomplished together in rehearsals for Allegra's Katoomba Live & Local Set.



Blue-haired Beauty, Alkira, hit the *extremely* high notes in her song like a pro.



Belinda told the story in her country pop song 'Love Story'.

Photoshoot with Jo Dunning

In preparation for Katoomba Live & Local, we needed to take some promo shots for the program and Jo Dunning kindly offered to help. So, Murray Dunning and I took our Vocal Ensemble on a little excursion during their rehearsal time one afternoon to meet Jo at Lincoln's Rock in Wentworth Falls and it was great! Jo is very talented - check out some of her fabulous shots below!

Thank you to both Jo and Murray Dunning for your generosity.



In Other News...

Congratulations to **Tegan Krempl** who was shortlisted as a finalist in the Music Australia 'Count Us In' National Songwriting Competition for her original song, 'Flicker'. What an incredible achievement!



Congratulations to **Allegra Dunning** who performed her own set, including her original song 'Willow', at Katoomba Live & Local - she was absolutely fabulous!

Massive thanks to **Dave James** for the time he devoted to very sensitively accompanying Allegra on guitar - he has been just wonderful! Check out this clip of Allegra and Dave performing together at Platform Gallery: https://www.instagram.com/p/BhXietpnhU/?taken-by=allegra_dunning

Dave has also started doing some solo gigs, so please follow him on Facebook & Instagram **@davemusicau** to be kept up to date with what he's doing and go along to a gig or two to support him!



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← We were in the Blue Mountains Gazette for Katoomba Live & Local!

It was great to catch up with Mark from HAZE Magazine after Allegra's set! →



Important Dates

**Term 2 Commences on
Monday 30th April, 2018**

Sydney Eisteddfod

Wednesday 13th or Monday 18th June, 2018 (TBA)

Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood

Event No. 104 - Small Vocal Ensemble

Event No. 116 - Youth Vocal Ensemble

Tuesday 19th June, 2018 (TENTATIVE)

Petersham RSL Club

Event No. 51 - Contemporary Vocal Duets/Trios/Quartets

Event No. 53 - Contemporary Vocal Groups

Soloists, please check the website for your individual event dates: <https://sydneyeisteddfod.com.au/events/category/contemporary-singing>

STOP THE TRAFFIK! Singing Concert

Sunday 19th August, 2018

Venue TBA

Penrith Eisteddfod

Thursday 23rd August, 2018 (TENTATIVE)

AUSACA (for IF we get through to Finals)

**Friday 7th - Sunday 9th September, 2018
in Melbourne**

ANATS National Conference

**Thursday 4th - Sunday 7th October, 2018
Fairmont Resort, Leura**



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