

South East Queensland Symphonic Winds



Membership Booklet



Our band was originally formed in 1984, under the name Logan City Youth Orchestra Inc (LCYO) by a group of dedicated people who wanted to provide an extension to the school instrumental programs for young musicians in the Logan area. The LCYO has gone through a number of changes and now operates as a concert band out of Bracken Ridge as the South East Queensland Symphonic Winds (SEQSW), catering for musicians of all ages.

Repertoire and Concerts

SEQSW performs a wide variety of music from light classical to popular and contemporary concert band arrangements, and movie and Broadway themes. We perform at various venues throughout the year, including Brisbane City Council events, community festivals, and for local churches and aged care facilities.

Eligibility

While SEQSW does not hold formal auditions, applicants should be at grade five AMEB or equivalent for entry into the ensemble. Members are expected to practise at home if they are having difficulty with a particular piece. Practise copies of your part can be provided upon request.

Rehearsal Details

- Where: Bracken Ridge Scout Hall - Tomah Road, Bracken Ridge.
- When: Monday Evenings, arrival at 7pm to assist with setup, rehearsal from 7.15 til 9.15pm.
- What to bring: Your own instrument, and a music stand. Percussionists are asked to provide their own drumsticks and mallets, though the band provides all percussion equipment.

Code of Conduct

All members of SEQSW are expected to abide by the following rules of conduct. Non-compliance may result in termination of membership. Please note that membership fees WILL NOT be refunded in the event of dismissal

- While new ideas and opinions are welcomed and encouraged, the conductor's decision is final as to how a piece will be performed, and any decisions relating to the composition or setup of the ensemble itself
- Members should strive at all times to help the band sound as good as it possibly can
- Players should be mindful of the language they use around and towards other members, and to keep in mind that children may be present
- Our band is a place for encouraging others. All members are expected to help create a comfortable learning and development environment
- If at any time the conductor has asked for full attention, normal band etiquette asks that members pay attention to the conductor or other person who is addressing the band
- Mobile phones must be switched off during performances, and must be set to silent and not used during rehearsals
- All players are asked to assist with setting up and packing down of equipment at both performances and rehearsals

Personal Commitment

Successful operation and quality performances depend on the regular attendance and reliability of its members.

As such, acceptance as a member of the SEQSW must be a genuine commitment for the whole year. Decisions are made based on the number of musicians in the band, and performances are booked with those numbers in mind. This includes attending as many rehearsals as possible throughout the year. As a community group, the band accepts that work, study and personal commitments arise from time to time, however it is expected that members give as much notice as possible if they will need to miss a rehearsal, and that missing rehearsals is not a frequent occurrence.

It is expected that members attend all performances, and all major rehearsals leading up to the performance. The member must give as much notice as possible to the Musical Director if they are unable to attend a performance so that alternative arrangements can be made.

As a non-profit organisation, the SEQSW draws a percentage of its revenue from fundraising. As a member of the band, you will be asked on occasion to donate some time towards assisting with a fundraising activity.

Band Fees

Membership fees for each ensuing calendar year are determined at the AGM of LCYO Inc. For ongoing members these fees are then due and payable at the commencement of the calendar year. Payment options with the band are possible – please speak to our treasurer. All members, including associate members, must be financial prior to attending any band activities, rehearsals or performances due to insurance requirements (see below). For new members, fees are due and payable upon acceptance to the band. These fees go towards hall hire and insurance and the purchase of much needed equipment and music. Please note that fees are not refundable.

Full fees are \$175 per person. Please ask the treasurer for a full fee schedule (pensioner and family discount rates are available).

Uniforms

Casual – Black dress trousers/slacks, black socks and shoes (not joggers), band polo shirt is available from the band for a \$25 deposit – refundable upon return of the shirt when you leave the band).

Formal – Black dress trousers/slacks, black socks and shoes (not joggers), black microfiber shirt (to be purchased by the member). The band provides a yellow tie or scarf.

Management Committee

While all members are encouraged to participate in the running of the band, the Management Committee is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, and may be drawn from playing members, supporters, and parents or guardians of band members. All financial members are entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings of the SEQSW and in the case of members under 18yrs of age, a parent or guardian may be nominated to attend and vote on their behalf. Associate membership is open to any person willing to take an active role in the promotion of the band.

Insurance

LCYO/SEQSW has insurance policies as follows:

Public Liability: While engaged in activities that are officially organised and under the control of LCYO Inc/SEQSW, members (including volunteers) are covered if through some neglect by the member (or volunteer) a member of the public should suffer personal injury or loss or damage to property, and a liability to pay damages should arise. This policy does not include personal accident insurance giving monetary compensation to individuals who are members of the LCYO Inc (or volunteers), for injuries received. Individuals should seek their own separate insurance cover if personal accident insurance is required. Public Liability insurance cover is only applicable to individuals who are paid up members or special members for that day.

Business Special risk: Insurance cover is provided for instruments, music, uniforms and equipment, but in each case, only items owned by the SEQSW. Members who use instruments owned by SEQSW should understand that the insurance policy only covers against accidental loss or damage. Misuse or mistreatment will cause repair or replacement costs to be directed to the user of the instrument.

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Application Form

***Please complete and return to
the Secretary or Musical Director***

AGREEMENT: If I am accepted into the South East Queensland Symphonic Winds, I agree that involvement in this ensemble is a genuine commitment for the whole year and I will endeavour to attend all rehearsals, concerts and activities when possible. I understand that I will be required to play a wide range of music as directed. I agree that this is essential for the proper running and advancement of the band.

From time to time, photos and/or videos may be taken of the band during rehearsals, performances, or other activities. By signing this form, I hereby give my permission for my images and recordings to be used to promote the band through advertising and media (including newspaper, social media or web)

Signature:

Date:

(if member is under 18, signature should be of parent/guardian)

BAND FEES:

An applicant may wish to hand deliver the completed application form along with their band fees in cash or by cheque. Please hand directly to the band's treasurer or mail cheque to:

The Treasurer
South East Queensland Symphonic Winds
PO Box 3433
Bracken Ridge QLD 4017

Cheques to be made out to: South East Queensland Symphonic Winds

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Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of first rehearsal with SEQSW: _____

Address:

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone (H): _____ (M): _____

Email: _____

If under 18 years of age please nominate parent or guardian to vote on your behalf at meetings

Name of Parent/Caregiver:

Address of Parent/Caregiver:

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone (H): _____ (M): _____

Email: _____

INSTRUMENT(S):

Primary/Preferred Instrument: _____

Years playing primary instrument: _____

Secondary Instrument: _____

Years playing secondary instrument: _____

INSTRUMENTAL HISTORY:

Current AMEB grade or equivalent:

If school student – please answer the following:

School or College you attend:

School or College instrumental teacher's name:

BAND and/or ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE:

Please give a brief history of any playing experience that you have had.

Name of Band or Ensemble	Instrument & Position	Year/s of involvement