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## ***2007 Australian Orchestral Awards***

Presented in Sydney on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December as part of Orchestras Alive Symposium, the 2007 Australian Orchestral Awards were presented by Mr Mal Hewitt, Chairman of Orchestras Australia. Awards are given in recognition to those individuals, orchestras and organisations that have made a difference to the orchestral sector through their inspired contribution to orchestral music making. Receiving an Australian Orchestral Award represents a well deserved accolade that is acknowledged amongst peers within the Australian music, and particularly the orchestral sector.

The recipients of the 2007 Australian Orchestral Awards were:

### **Pembroke Symphony Orchestra, Pembroke School, Adelaide: School Orchestral Award**

*This Award is given to a School which has achieved recognition within its school and/or wider community.*

This Pembroke Symphony Orchestra endeavours to encourage excellence in music education by bringing to the attention of educators and musicians around Australia the accomplishments of the Directors and staff of the Music Department of Pembroke School. The 2006 season celebrated the anniversaries of Mozart and Shostakovich, presented a performance with Kamahl and toured to the National Orchestra Forum in Melbourne to perform the world premiere of 'Fast Ride in a Suave Machine, by Katy Abbott.

### **Lane Cove Youth Orchestra: Youth Orchestral Award**

*This Award is given to a Youth Orchestra which has extended the public's perception of Orchestras.*

Lane Cove Youth Orchestra received the Award for their project "Lost and Found" which involved the commissioning and premiere performance of a new work, which incorporated both traditional orchestral instruments and instruments such as thongaphones, bottles, pipes and mag wheels specifically made for the performances by musicians and friends of the orchestra. The phased project culminated in a public performance in Lane Cove Plaza as part of the 2006 Camaraygal Festival .

### **Ku-Ring-Gai Philharmonic Orchestra: Community Orchestral Award**

*This Award is given to a Community Orchestra which has extended the public's perception of Orchestras.*

Ku-Ring-Gai Philharmonic Orchestra successfully executed a strategy to expand its audience and supporter bases. KPO's program includes a 4 concert program, Children's Prom concerts, the NSW Secondary Schools Concerto Competition and a Community Benefit Concert.

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