

Jazz Program Lead Information pack



Thank you for your interest in the role of Jazz Program Lead at WollCon.

The Jazz Program at WollCon has an impressive reputation thanks to the tireless work of Eric Dunan over many years. To continue to build on Eric's legacy at WollCon, we are seeking a highly motivated, enthusiastic jazz musician/educator to Lead the Jazz Program which;

- delivers the highest standards of music education and instrumental technique in jazz for our students
- actively encourages our students to engage in a broad range of repertoire and jazz styles/techniques
- integrates individual studio tuition with ensembles and small group learnings for all enrollees
- coaches and mentors a talented team of teachers to excel in teaching delivery and performance
- partners with our Schools Team to deliver and expand the jazz bands across the region's Dept of Education schools
- collaborates closely with instrumental teachers and other program leads across WollCon to ensure the Jazz Program is integrated into the life of the Conservatorium and the whole WollCon community
- brings Jazz to our community through performances and events



WollCon's vision is to deliver positive change through music.

WollCon is one of NSW's largest regional conservatoriums located in the beautiful surrounds of Wollongong's Botanic Gardens, just 10 minutes from the City and beautiful Illawarra beaches. For 50 years, WollCon has provided excellence in music education to students of all ages and backgrounds.

WollCon offers lifelong engagement in music education and music activities. WollCon's breadth of activities includes; early childhood music, music therapy, individual music tuition, music theory, group playing (orchestras, ensembles, bands, small groups), community music activities, performance opportunities, and the promotion of concerts/event. We have over 600 enrollees in our program at WollCon. In addition, we deliver a busy program of music in 25 local schools, including school bands/ensembles and classroom music teaching.

Jazz Program Lead | Experience and qualities the successful candidate will bring to the role

- A practicing musician and inspiring jazz music-educator
- Experience of leading and inspiring colleagues and students of all ages. Willingness to act as a visible, creative, motivating leader; committed to encouraging others individually and in teams
- Experience of leading/conducting jazz ensembles from small combos to large bands, in and out of schools
- Experience of studio teaching
- Commitment to and understanding of how to achieve great outcomes based on quality teaching
- A hands-on attitude to leading/ensuring the delivery of all aspects of the program

- Knowledge of recent developments in the theory and practice of music that specifically applies to teaching Jazz
- Passion for supporting Australian jazz and delivering contemporary practice in Australian jazz education
- Commitment to diversity and equality in Jazz

- Extensive networks within the field of Jazz and deep knowledge of artistic and professional opportunities available to students

- Outstanding interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively with the WollCon music staff

- Confidence in the use of technology and a willingness to embrace contemporary practices to enhance communication, teaching, learning and performance

- A vision for WollCon's jazz program and its role in promoting live jazz events, underpinned by a knowledge of event promotion/management and audience engagement

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Essential qualifications/experience

- Bachelor's degree in music
- Greater than 5 years professional experience in music education/teaching predominately in jazz

Also essential...

- An understanding of and willingness to embrace WollCon's vision and values

Desirable qualities

- Published recorded works and performances – especially of original work
- Performance practice and/or post-graduate academic work
- Understanding the requirements of HSC/AMEB for those students opting for these pathways

For more information about the jazz program please visit

www.wollcon.com.au



Terms:

Employment status/hours may be negotiated to suit the successful candidate.

This role is offered as a permanent part-time position. The part-time contract hours are negotiable and will depend on the extent to which the successful candidate wishes to build a portfolio of hands-on teaching/leading ensembles and bands alongside agreed hours for overseeing and developing the program.

We anticipate between 10 - 25 hours per week. There is an expectation that the successful candidate will be a visible leader at WollCon.

The salary range for this position is \$85,450 - \$105,560 pa, **pro-rata** depending on agreed contracted hours. Superannuation is additional.

Terms and conditions are in accordance with the National Employment Standards which covers leave provisions.

Questions

If you would like to talk with WollCon about the role please email Sara Ryan sara.ryan@wollcon.com.au who will arrange a suitable time for a phone conversation with the CEO.

To apply

Please forward your C.V. and a statement (not more than two pages of A4) outlining why you believe you would be the ideal candidate for this role.

Please apply by sending your CV and covering statement to Sara Ryan: sara.ryan@wollcon.com.au with the subject line JAZZ PROGRAM LEAD.

Application deadline **5pm (AEST), Thursday 16th May 2024.**

First interviews to be held w/o Monday 20th May 2024 in Wollongong.

Prior to employment at WollCon, this position requires the successful applicant to have:

- *A Working with Children Check clearance in accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*