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INTRODUCTION

The Launceston Chamber Music Society was formed in November 1963. After only two years the number of subscribers reached almost 250, with early committee member Max Oldaker writing reviews of the Society's concerts for the *Examiner*. According to information in the records of the second Launceston Chamber Music Society, the first Society folded due to financial difficulties in 1973, but its records only cover the years 1963 to 1966.

A new Launceston Chamber Music Society was established in 1975. The Society was a non-profit body dedicated to the promotion of interest in fine music in the community, and particularly the presentation of chamber music concerts by artists and ensembles of international standing to members and the general public. It also aimed to attract student interest to ensure continuing appreciation of chamber music concerts in the north of Tasmania. All administration was voluntary on an honorary basis.

Artists usually appeared in association with Musica Viva. Financial assistance was provided by the Music Board of the Australia Council, the Tasmanian Government through the Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board and later through the Arts Tasmania Board. Funds were raised by committee members and assistance also came from sponsors in and around Launceston.

In 1997 the Launceston Chamber Music Society changed its name to Musica North. The new name expressed a vision of presenting a wider variety of musical styles for the northern region and the link with Musica Viva Australia which provide most of Musica North's concerts. J B Were & Son was the major sponsor of Musica North in 1999 and 2000. Support also came from private individuals, the business community, federal, state and local government, together with funds raised by committee members.

A number of the second Launceston Chamber Music Society records were included in a donation to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in October 2004. Further records were donated in May 2006. Records of the first Launceston Chamber Music Society were donated in November 1994: they are listed separately at the end of records. The Launceston Chamber Music Club records were donated in July 2005 and the Peter Sculthorpe items were donated in 1999.

Launceston Chamber Music Society (1975-1997)

1. Legal Records

1/1	Launceston Chamber Music Society, proposed constitution	nd
1/2	Application for incorporation of an association and related items	1991
1/3	Launceston Chamber Music Society Inc, certificate of incorporation	1992
1/4	Launceston Chamber Music Society Inc., resolution for amendment to the rules of the association	nd
1/5	Rules of association, version 3, 13 th March 1996	1996

2. Minutes of Meetings

2/1	Minutes of meetings	1975-1977
2/2	Minutes of meetings	1980-1990
2/3	Minutes of meetings, 6 May 1991-5 February 1997	1991-1997

3. Correspondence

3/1	Correspondence	1974-1981
3/2	Correspondence	1983-1988
3/3	Correspondence	1989-1991
3/4	Correspondence, 1992-1993, 1995-1996	1992-1996
3/5	Correspondence etc concerning Nancy Wake fundraising dinner	1990-1991
3/6	Correspondence etc concerning Professor Fred Hollows fundraising dinner	1992

4. Annual Reports

4/1	President's report (lacking some years)	1976-1996
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5. Financial Records

5/1	Financial records, 1975-1977, 1982-1987, 1989-1992, 1995-1996	1975-1996
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6. Newsletters

6/1 Newsletters (lacking some issues), 1975-1992, 1995-1996 1975-1996

7. Programs

7/1 Programs 1975-1987

7/2 Programs 1988-1991

7/3 Launceston Chamber Music Society and Musica Viva programs 1992-1996

7/4 Various Musica Viva and other programs nd

8. Posters

8/1 Posters for concerts *Some are oversize items* 1990-1992, nd

9. Miscellaneous Records

9/1 Newspaper cuttings re concerts; article on Dr Dr Hardy Wilson's resignation from the Society, *Examiner* 23/12/1992 1975-1996

9/2 Guidelines for the Society nd

9/3 Applications for grants, 1976, 1987, 1992, 1996 and conditions of grant for 1975 and 1987 1976-1996

9/4 Committee members, 1976, 1980, 1983, 1991, 1992, 1997 1976-1997

9/5 List of sponsors, 1983-1985, 1988, nd; letters to sponsors, 1982-1984 1982-1988

9/6 List of subscribers, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992; group bookings St Cecilia School of Music, 1988, 1989; register of interested persons, 1988 1986-1992

9/7 Musica Viva information sheet 1990, 1992

9/8 Report on cashing in on concerts seminar Melbourne, 28 March 1992 1992

9/9 Proposed subscription ticket system for 1993 1993

9/10	Subscription tickets season 1982, 1987-1991; subscription form; letterhead; luncheon invitation	1982-1992, nd
9/11	Musica Viva Australia, photographs of performers, 1988, 1990, 1992, nd	1988-1992, nd
9/12	<i>Reflections on Peter Sculthorpe's String Quartet No. 12</i> , photocopy from <i>Siglo</i> 10, Autumn/Winter 98	1998

Musica North

10. Minutes of Meetings

10/1	Musica North, minutes of meetings, 26 February 1997-25 November 1998	1997-1998
10/2	Minutes of meetings	1999-2000
10/3	Minutes of meetings, 2001-2003 (incomplete), 29 March 2006	2001-2006

11. Annual Reports

11/1	President's report, 1997-2000, 2006	1997-2006
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12. Financial Records

12/1	Financial records, 1997-2001, 2006	1997-2006
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13. Newsletters

13/1	Newsletters	1997-2000
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14. Programs

14/1	Programs, 1997-2000, 2004	1997-2004
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15. Posters

15/1	Posters for concerts <i>Some are oversize items</i>	1997-1999, nd
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16. Miscellaneous Records

16/1	Newspaper cuttings	1997-1998, 2000
16/2	Members list; interested persons list; mailing list, 2004	1998, 2004

16/3	Arts Tasmania grant	1999, 2006
16/4	Committee members	2004, nd
16/5	Sponsors	1998- 2000
16/6	Marketing strategy	2000/2001
16/7	Letter to Friends of Musica North re continuing operation and concerts	2007

Launceston Area Music Lovers' Co-operative

17. Various Records

17/1	Letter of agreement between the Tasmanian Arts Council and the Launceston Arts Council Branch re grant for music newsletter	nd
17/2	Tasmanian Arts Council, Launceston Branch, correspondence re and conditions of grant for directory of musical events	1985
17/3	Launceston Music Lovers' Co-operative, minutes of meeting no.2, 17/2/[1985]	[1985]
17/4	Launceston Music Lovers' Co-operative, newsletter no.1, 2, 1985, Launceston Area Music Lovers' Co-operative, newsletter no.1, 2, 1986	1985-1986
17/5	Arts Council of Australia, Tasmanian Division, Launceston Branch, list of identified Launceston music groups	1985
17/6	Launceston District Music Lovers' Information Co-operative, list of interested persons	nd
17/7	Launceston Area Music Lovers' Co-operative, letter informing the Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board that the Co-operative has folded	1986

Launceston Chamber Music Club

18/1	Launceston Chamber Music Club, scrapbook	1979-1987
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Launceston Chamber Music Society (1963-1973)

19/1	Launceston Chamber Music Society, agenda for committee meetings	1964-1966
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20. Correspondence

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| 20/1 | Launceston Chamber Music Society, correspondence, November 1963-May 1964 | 1963-1964 |
| 20/2 | Correspondence, June-December 1964 | 1964 |
| 20/3 | Correspondence | 1965 |
| 20/4 | Correspondence, 1966, also one letter for 1972 | 1966 |

21. Annual Reports

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| 21/1 | President's reports | 1964-1966 |
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22. Financial Records

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| 22/1 | Financial records | 1964-1966 |
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23. Programs

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| 23/1 | Programs, 1964-1966, also one program for 1968 and program for 1972 season which includes membership form | 1964-1972 |
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24. Membership Records

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| 24/1 | Lists of members; application for membership form; subscribers' tickets for 1964, 1965 and 1966 seasons | 1964-1966,
nd |
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25. Newspaper Cuttings

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| 25/1 | Newspaper cuttings | 1964-1966 |
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Peter Sculthorpe Records

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| 26/1 | Peter Sculthorpe, <i>Little Song</i> , for string quartet, photocopy of score signed by Peter Sculthorpe | 1944 |
| 26/2 | Peter Sculthorpe, <i>Port Arthur: in Memoriam</i> , for chamber orchestra, photocopy of score signed by Peter Sculthorpe | 1996 |
| 26/3 | Peter Sculthorpe, <i>String Quartet No. 14</i> , photocopy of score signed by Peter Sculthorpe | 1998 |
| 26/4 | Peter Sculthorpe, <i>My Country Childhood</i> , for string orchestra, photocopy of score signed by Peter Sculthorpe | 1999 |

- 26/5 *Peter Sculthorpe, Irkanda IV, for solo violin, strings and percussion*, Faber Music, London, 1967, signed by Peter Sculthorpe 1999 1967
- 26/6 *Peter Sculthorpe, list of works, discography*, Faber Music Limited, London, 1979 1979
- 26/7 *Peter Sculthorpe, one of our greatest living composers...*, Faber Music, London, Spring 1993 1993
- 26/8 Peter Sculthorpe, *The 1993 Stuart Challender Memorial Lecture*, Sydney, 11 March 1993, signed by Peter Sculthorpe 1993
- 26/9 Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, *electrifying! Celebrating Tasmania's Orchestra* (includes Peter Sculthorpe's *Little Suite*), CD 1998
- 26/10 Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, *Peter Sculthorpe 70th Birthday Concert*, Hobart 19/10/1999, Launceston 20/10/1999, program signed by Peter Sculthorpe 1999

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