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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
2/4	Minutes of meetings, 1993	1993
2/5	Minutes of meetings, 1993-95	1993-1995
2/6	Minutes of meetings, 1996-97	1996-1997
2/7	Minutes of meetings, 1998	1998
2/8	Minutes of meetings, 1999	1999
2/9	Minutes of meetings, 2000	2000
2/10	Minutes of meetings, 2001-02	2001-2002

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
3/7	Correspondence, general, 1996-1999	1996-1999
3/8	Correspondence, general, 1998	1998
3/9	Correspondence, general, 1999	1999
3/10	Correspondence, general, 2000	2000

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
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7. Programs

7/1	Programs	1970-1989
7/2/1	Programs	1988-1999
7/2/2	Programs	1988-1999
7/3	Launceston Chamber Music Society and Musica Viva programs	1992-1996
7/4	Various Musica Viva and other programs	nd
7/5	Launceston Chamber Music Society season leaflets, 1988-1992	1988-1992

8. Posters

8/1	Posters for concerts	1990-1992, nd
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9. Miscellaneous Records

9/1	Newspaper cuttings re concerts; article on Dr Dr Hardy Wilson's resignation from the Society, <i>Examiner</i> 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

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10. Minutes of Meetings

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

11. Annual Reports

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

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

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| 13/1 | Newsletters | 1997-2000 |
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14. Programs

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

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| 15/1 | Posters for concerts | 1997-1999,
nd |
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16. Miscellaneous Records

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| 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

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| 17/1 | Letter of agreement between the Tasmanian Arts Council and the Launceston Arts Council Branch | nd |
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re grant for music newsletter

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| 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

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

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| 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

22/1 Financial records 1964-1966

23. Programs

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

24. Membership Records

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

25. Newspaper Cuttings

25/1 Newspaper cuttings 1964-1966

Peter Sculthorpe Records

26/1 Peter Sculthorpe, *Little Song*, for string quartet, photocopy of score signed by Peter Sculthorpe 1944

26/2 Peter Sculthorpe, *Port Arthur: in Memoriam*, for chamber orchestra, photocopy of score signed by Peter Sculthorpe 1996

26/3 Peter Sculthorpe, *String Quartet No. 14*, photocopy of score signed by Peter Sculthorpe 1998

26/4 Peter Sculthorpe, *My Country Childhood*, 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

26/6 Peter Sculthorpe, *list of works, discography*, Faber Music Limited, London, 1979

26/7 Peter Sculthorpe, *one of our greatest living composers...*, Faber Music, London, Spring 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* 1999
70th Birthday Concert, Hobart 19/10/1999,
Launceston 20/10/1999, program signed by Peter
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