



Ipswich City Big Band

Music Director

Position description

Position: Music Director

Location: Ipswich

Commencement Date: 19th July 2017

Responsible to: ICBB Executive Committee

Your opportunity:

Ipswich City Big Band (ICBB) requires a new Musical Director. This is a paid ongoing role which, together with the ICBB committee, oversees the education, development and extension of community-based amateur adult musicians from Ipswich and surrounding areas.

About ICBB:

Ipswich City Big Band is a non-profit incorporated adult community big band that has been performing since 2004. The band rehearses Wednesday nights from 7:30pm to 9.30pm at Bremer State High School, Ipswich and currently consists of 19 members. ICBB regularly performs in Ipswich and Brisbane at both community and private functions. ICBB has undertaken tours to regional Queensland for festivals. The band performs a range of traditional and modern big band music in various styles including swing, latin, pop and funk.

ICBB's patron is Ipswich Councillor Andrew Antonioli, who has provided long term support to the band.

Band vision:

ICBB seeks to be a high level community music ensemble, where its members are musically developed and challenged through repertoire and performance opportunities in a positive and supportive atmosphere.

Band membership:

Traditional big band: saxophones, trumpets, trombones and rhythm, with up to 4 vocalists.

Music Director skills and experiences:

The following skills and experience are desirable:

- A passion for big band jazz
- Experience leading jazz big band and as a jazz improviser (instrumental or vocal)
- Experience teaching or coaching adult community groups
- Ability to conduct rehearsals in a proactive and positive manner
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills to manage and develop ICBB members
- Ability to liaise with external organisations to secure and arrange performances

Reporting:

The Music Director reports to the ICBB Executive committee.

Key responsibilities:

In collaboration with other members of the ICBB Executive Committee, the Music Director will:

- Lead the overall musical direction of the band
- Chose repertoire
- Develop the musical abilities of members in positive manner
- Participate in Executive Committee meetings and AGMs
- Assist in securing performance opportunities (paid and unpaid)
- Work in the best interests of the band and its members
- Develop ongoing relationships with Band Patron, Ipswich Council and Events Ipswich staff, Brisbane Jazz Club staff and other organisations to assist in providing paid performance opportunities for the band in order to meet its financial obligations

Remuneration:

The Musical Director position is a paid ongoing role. Remuneration fee and schedule of payment will be discussed with applicants.

Probation:

3 months

Termination of position:

If the Musical Director chooses to leave the post, a written submission with 3 months' notice is requested to ensure a smooth successful handover to next incumbent.

The Music Director serves at the pleasure of the ICBB Executive committee.

Application:

Send your Expression of Interest outlining your skills and experience with a resume to ICBB President Chris Thomas at gilbertjames@live.com.au by 30/4/2017 to be considered for the role.

Shortlisting and interview process:

The ICBB Executive committee will review all applications and make contact with all applicants. Pending the number of applications, shortlisting and test rehearsal may occur through May/June 2017.

Further information:

For further information on the ICBB Music Director position contact to ICBB President Chris Thomas at gilbertjames@live.com.au

ICBB Executive Committee

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