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# MIRABILIS COLLECTIVE



## EDUCATION WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

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*Mirabilis Collective acknowledges the Whadjuk People of the Noongar Nation, the Traditional Owners of the land where we create, share, and live our music. We recognise that these lands have been a place of storytelling by First Nations people for thousands of years, enriching the cultural and natural heritage we are privileged to enjoy.*

*We extend our acknowledgement to all First Nations peoples with whom we collaborate and whose beautiful lands we visit throughout Western Australia. We offer our heartfelt respect to Elders past and present, and to all ancestors who have cared for this country throughout the ages. Together, we continue to learn and walk in step towards a future of unity and mutual respect.*

# MIRABILIS COLLECTIVE

## INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION THROUGH WOMEN'S MUSIC

### EDUCATION WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Bring the power of diverse musical voices to your classroom with Mirabilis Collective, a dynamic all-female chamber ensemble dedicated to celebrating women's contributions to music. Our educational workshops offer a unique blend of live performance, interactive learning, and historical insight that aligns perfectly with curriculum goals across multiple subject areas.

Discover how Mirabilis Collective can enrich your school's arts program:

- **Cross-generational expertise:** Our ensemble features musicians at various career stages, providing students with relatable role models and diverse perspectives on musical careers.
- **Curriculum connections:** Our programs seamlessly integrate with music, history, humanities, social sciences and literature curricula, offering interdisciplinary learning opportunities.
- **Diverse repertoire:** From classical masterpieces to contemporary hits, our performances showcase the breadth of women's musical contributions, engaging students with a wide range of musical interests.
- **Interactive learning:** Hands-on activities and guided discussions encourage critical thinking, creativity, and active participation.
- **Empowerment through representation:** By highlighting often overlooked female composers and musicians, we inspire students to pursue their own artistic passions.

Our tailored workshops educate, entertain and empower, leaving a lasting impact on your students' musical appreciation and understanding of women's roles in shaping our cultural landscape.

**Book a Mirabilis Collective workshop today and give your students an unforgettable musical experience that resonates far beyond the classroom!**

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# Aussie Carnival of the Animals (K-4)

**Hop, slither, and waddle into a musical adventure with Mirabilis Collective's *Aussie Carnival of the Animals*!**

Ideal for students in K-4, this delightful program brings the unique creatures of Australia to life through music and poetry. From the bouncy “Kangaroos and Wallabies” to the mysterious “Tiger Snake,” young listeners will embark on a thrilling journey across the diverse landscapes of our continent.

Featuring captivating pieces by Australian composer Fiona Hickie, based on the classic work by Saint-Saëns, this interactive performance invites children to become part of the music. They'll learn fun body percussion, mimic animal movements, and create rhythms inspired by Australia's unique wildlife! From hopping like kangaroos to waddling like penguins, students will bring the music to life through engaging, active participation.

But it's not just about the music – it's about discovery! As we explore the sounds of the blue whale, the antics of the koala, and the mischievous Tasmanian Devil, students will gain a deeper appreciation for Australia's unique wildlife and the power of music to tell stories.

Join us for a wildly entertaining 45-minute program that will have your students roaring with excitement and buzzing with curiosity. It's the perfect blend of education and entertainment, guaranteed to leave lasting memories and a newfound love for Australian music and nature.

Don't miss this chance to bring the wonders of the Aussie bush into your classroom. Book your *Aussie Carnival of the Animals* experience today and watch as your students' imaginations run wild!

**Curriculum Links:** ACAMUM080, ACAMUM081

**Capabilities:** Critical and Creative Thinking, Personal and Social Capability

**Cross-curriculum Priorities:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures





## Music HERstory (Years 5-12)



**Step into a musical time machine with *Music HERstory*!**

Tailored for students in Years 5-10, this empowering program brings the remarkable achievements of women in music to life through dazzling performances and thought-provoking activities.

Featuring a diverse repertoire of works by female composers from around the world, this engaging performance challenges students to analyse, interpret, and create. They'll decode musical elements, explore complex rhythmic structures, and be inspired by the trailblazers we celebrate.

From examining the harmonic innovations of Lili Boulanger to dissecting the songwriting techniques of Missy Higgins, students will actively engage with music history and theory.

As we explore the haunting melodies of Indigenous Australian singers, the innovative Baroque music of Barbara Strozzi, and impact of music by South Africa's Miriam Makeba, students will gain a deeper appreciation for women's contributions to music and the power of artistic expression.

Join us for a mind-expanding 50-minute program that challenges perceptions, sparks discussions, and inspires creativity. This immersive blend of music education, cultural studies, and social history is designed to resonate with students long after the final note fades. It's an eye-opening exploration designed to cultivate a deep appreciation for the diverse voices that have shaped music history.

Don't miss this opportunity to bring the revolutionary sounds and stories of remarkable women into your classroom. Book *Music HERstory* and see your students develop a deeper understanding of music's role in shaping our world.

**Curriculum Links:** Years 5-6: ACAMUM088, 89 and 90 | Years 7-8: ACAMUM092, 93 and 94  
Years 9-10: ACAMUR097, 98, and 99

**Capabilities:** Critical and Creative Thinking, Intercultural Understanding, Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Understanding

**Cross-curriculum Priorities:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures



# Choral Collaborations & Special Projects

## Create powerful shared musical experiences with Mirabilis Collective

Mirabilis Collective partners with schools, choirs, and community ensembles to create inspiring collaborative performances celebrating music by women. These projects combine workshops, mentorship, rehearsals, and live performance opportunities, allowing students to perform alongside professional musicians in meaningful and memorable artistic experiences.

From large-scale school concerts to community collaborations and festival performances, our projects are designed to build confidence, strengthen ensemble skills, and foster connection through music-making.

Each collaboration is tailored to the needs of your school or organisation, with repertoire carefully selected to suit the age, experience level, and artistic goals of the performers.

Our collaborative projects can include:

- Combined performances with Mirabilis Collective musicians
- School choir and vocal ensemble collaborations
- Workshops and rehearsal intensives
- Learning tracks and sheet music provided
- Opportunities for student soloists and featured performers
- Mentorship from professional women musicians
- Cross-generational and community music-making experiences
- Flexible formats for primary, secondary, tertiary, and community groups

Recent Collaborations Include:

- Her Sound, Her Story with choirs from St Mary's Anglican Girls' School
- Regional choir collaborations through Mirabilis Collective's Wheatbelt projects

These projects create lasting artistic experiences while encouraging students to see themselves as confident performers, collaborators, and creative voices within their communities.

**Bring your choir or ensemble together with Mirabilis Collective and create something unforgettable.**





# Building Stage Confidence (Years 5-12)

**Shine bright on any stage with Mirabilis Collective's transformative workshop!**

From budding musicians to seasoned performers, this dynamic 60-minute session empowers artists of all ages to command the stage with confidence and grace. Through a blend of professional demonstrations, interactive exercises, and tailored coaching, participants will unlock the secrets of captivating performances.

In this immersive workshop, you'll:

- Witness the power of polished stage presence through Mirabilis Collective's showcase
- Learn from "what not to do" examples, understanding common pitfalls to avoid
- Gain hands-on experience applying techniques with your own instrument
- Master strategies for conquering performance anxiety
- Develop skills for seamless integration with orchestras and ensembles
- Receive personalised coaching

Whether you're preparing for your first recital or refining your professional presence, this workshop provides a toolkit for success. You'll leave with renewed confidence, practical skills, and a positive approach to musical presentation that will serve you throughout your artistic journey.

Note: This workshop can be customised to suit specific age groups and skill levels.

We offer focused sessions for soloists preparing for upcoming performances, providing invaluable one-on-one coaching and peer learning opportunities.

Book your Building Stage Confidence workshop today and watch your students' performance skills soar to new heights!

**Curriculum Links:** Years 5-6: ACAMUM088, ACAMUM089

Years 7-8: ACAMUM092, ACAMUM093 | Years 9-10: ACAMUR097, ACAMUR098

**Capabilities:** Critical and Creative Thinking, Personal and Social Capability





# Introduction to Arranging Music (Years 5-9)

## Unlock the magic of musical transformation!

Perfect for students in Years 5-9, this engaging program demystifies the art of arranging and empowers young musicians to reimagine their favourite tunes.

In this hands-on workshop, students will:

- Explore the fundamentals of arranging using *Yinyarr Mulana Winyarr* by Indigenous songwriter Madi Colville-Walker
- Learn how to adapt melodies for different instruments
- Experiment with texture, dynamics, and orchestration
- Discover how to expand a simple chord progression into a rich musical landscape
- Develop critical listening skills by analysing professional arrangements

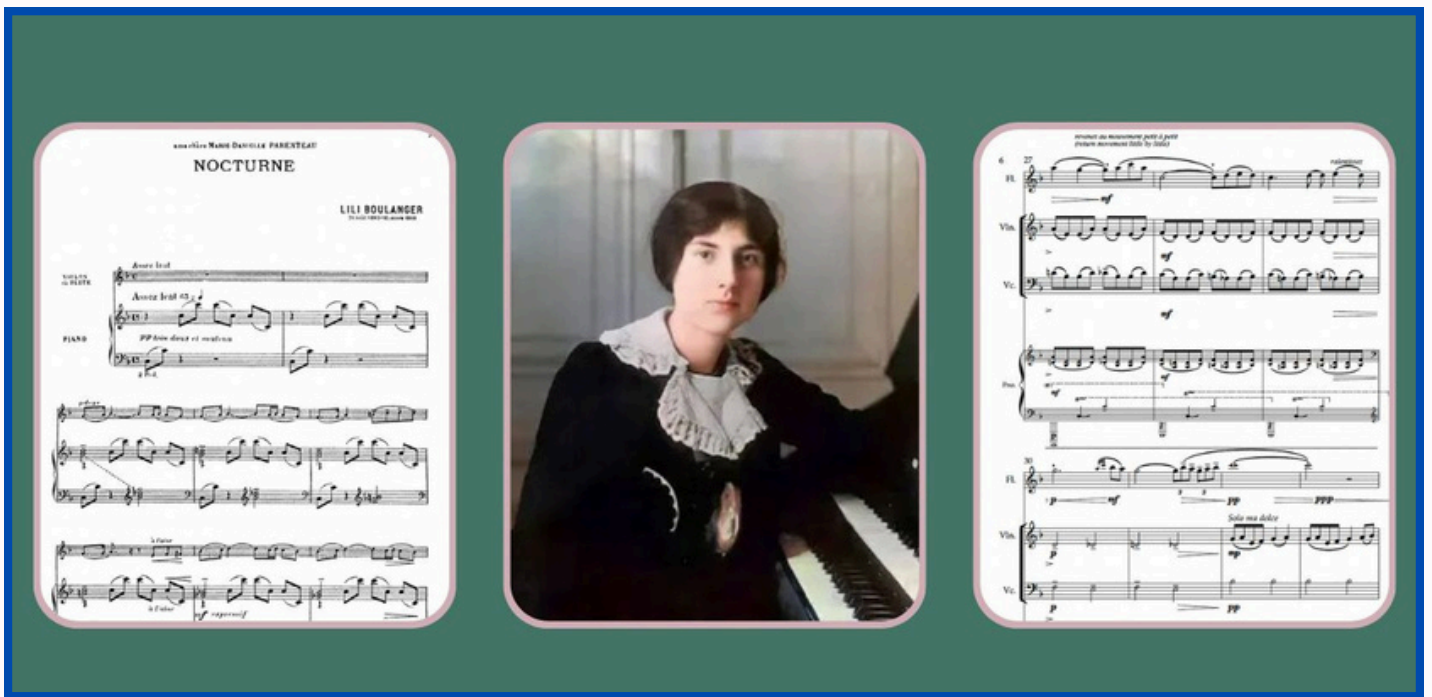
Through interactive activities and guided exploration, students will gain confidence in their ability to shape and transform music. They'll leave the workshop with a new appreciation for the power of arrangement and the tools to start creating their own unique versions of beloved songs.

**Curriculum Links:** ACAMUM088, ACAMUM089, ACAMUM090, ACAMUR091, ACAMUR095, ACAMUR100, ACAMUR102

**Capabilities:** Critical and Creative Thinking, Intercultural Understanding

**Cross-curriculum Priorities:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures





# Advanced Arranging (Years 10-12)

## Take your arranging skills to the next level!

Designed for students in Years 10-12, this in-depth program challenges young musicians to push the boundaries of musical transformation and develop their unique artistic voice.

In this intensive workshop, students will:

- Dive deep into advanced arranging techniques using two contrasting pieces: *Yinyarr Mulana Winyarr* by Madi Colville-Walker and *Nocturne* by Lili Boulanger
- Explore complex harmonic structures and how to manipulate them
- Learn to create dramatic shifts in mood and style through innovative orchestration
- Experiment with blending diverse musical traditions and genres
- Develop a keen ear for idiomatic writing across a wide range of instruments

Guided by the expert musicians of Mirabilis Collective, students will stretch their creative muscles and gain invaluable insights into the professional world of arranging.

This workshop is perfect for aspiring composers, future music educators, and anyone looking to expand their musical horizons.

**Curriculum Links:** ACAMUM099, ACAMUM100, ACAMUM101, ACAMUR104, ACAMUR105

**Capabilities:** Critical and Creative Thinking, Intercultural Understanding

**Cross-curriculum Priorities:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures





# Masterclasses and Coaching



## Ignite your musical passion with personalised guidance from Mirabilis Collective!

Experience the power of one-on-one instruction from Western Australia's leading music educators. Our masterclasses and coaching sessions offer students of all levels the opportunity to refine their skills, explore new musical territories, and receive expert feedback in a supportive environment.

Led by experienced educational leaders Tresna Stampalia and Stephanie Nicholls, our team brings a wealth of expertise to every session:

- Sessional lecturers from UWA Conservatorium of Music and WAAPA
- AMEB examiners and respected adjudicators
- Stephanie, one of Western Australia's most sought-after collaborative pianists, specialises in ATAR Music exam preparation

In these personalised sessions, students will:

- Receive individual instruction on technique, interpretation, and performance skills
- Explore repertoire suited to their individual goals and abilities
- Gain insights into effective practice strategies and musical development
- Benefit from our team's extensive experience in nurturing young musicians

What sets us apart:

At Mirabilis Collective, we excel at bringing out the best in our students. Our passion for music education shines through in every interaction, as we strive to connect with each student's unique musical journey. We pride ourselves on our ability to inspire, encourage, and provide that crucial "kick in the right direction" that propels students forward in their musical development.

Whether you're preparing for an exam, refining a piece for performance, or seeking to broaden your musical understanding, our masterclasses and coaching sessions offer the guidance and support you need to reach your full potential.



# Chamber Music Masterclasses and Coaching

**Elevate your ensemble skills with Mirabilis Collective's immersive Chamber Music experience!**

This dynamic workshop offers musicians of all ages the opportunity to refine their collaborative abilities, develop their musical interpretation, and experience the joy of chamber music performance alongside professional musicians.

In this enriching session, participants will:

- Observe Mirabilis Collective's expert performances, showcasing the nuances of chamber music artistry
- Receive personalised coaching on ensemble techniques, balance, and musical interpretation
- Engage in side-by-side playing with Mirabilis Collective members, gaining real-time insights and inspiration
- Explore a diverse range of chamber music repertoire, from classical masterpieces to contemporary works
- Learn effective rehearsal strategies and communication skills essential for small ensemble success
- Perform in a supportive environment, receiving constructive feedback to enhance their musical growth

Whether you're part of an established ensemble or a solo player looking to explore chamber music, this workshop caters to all skill levels. Our experienced musicians will guide you through the intricacies of chamber music performance, helping you develop a deeper understanding of this intimate and rewarding musical form.





# Sectionals and Clinics for Orchestra, Band, and Wind Ensemble

**Elevate your ensemble's performance with Mirabilis Collective's innovative clinics!**

Transform your orchestra, band, or wind ensemble into a cohesive musical force with our dynamic, interactive clinics designed for primary and secondary school groups of all skill levels. Our unique approach blends expert instruction with hands-on experience, developing musicianship, communication, and collaborative skills that will elevate your ensemble's performance.

In this engaging clinic, your students will:

- Participate in targeted exercises to develop good musicianship and ensemble communication
- Learn essential techniques for breathing, movement, and non-verbal cues
- Refine their listening skills to create a unified group sound
- Experience side-by-side playing with Mirabilis Collective members
- Gain insights into effective section leadership and ensemble dynamics

What makes our clinics special:

- Hands-on approach: We don't just tell, we show and do! Our members play alongside your students, offering real-time advice and inspiration.
- Focus on collaboration: We emphasise the importance of working together to achieve a cohesive ensemble sound.
- Tailored instruction: Whether you're a developing primary school group or an advanced secondary ensemble, we adapt our techniques to suit your needs.
- Emphasis on non-verbal communication: Learn to connect musically beyond the notes on the page.

Watch as your ensemble transforms before your eyes! Students will leave our clinic with a new sense of unity, improved listening skills, and the tools to continue developing as a cohesive musical unit.





# Open Rehearsals

**Peek behind the curtain and experience the magic of music-making with Mirabilis Collective's exclusive Open Rehearsals!**

Ever wondered how a professional ensemble prepares for a performance? Now's your chance to witness the artistry, dedication, and collaborative spirit that goes into crafting a polished musical production. Our Open Rehearsals offer a unique, immersive experience for students of all ages, perfect for aspiring musicians, composers, and anyone passionate about the performing arts.

What to expect:

- Pre-rehearsal talk: Gain insights into the featured works and the musicians' preparation process
- Live rehearsal observation: Watch as our ensemble fine-tunes our performance, experiencing the evolution of the music in real time
- Interactive Q&A session: Engage directly with Mirabilis Collective members, asking questions about their creative process, careers, and musical insights
- Program creation insight: Learn how we curate our diverse repertoire, blending classical and contemporary styles
- New music workshopping: Witness the exciting process of bringing a new composition or arrangement to life

This is an unparalleled opportunity for students to:

- Understand the rehearsal process of a professional ensemble
- Witness on-the-spot problem-solving and musical refinement
- Gain inspiration for their own musical journeys
- Explore potential careers in music performance, composition, and production

Whether your students are budding musicians, aspiring composers, or simply music enthusiasts, our Open Rehearsals offer a rare glimpse into the world of professional music-making. It's an experience that will inform, inspire, and ignite a deeper appreciation for the art of musical performance.





# Composer Readings and Workshops

**Nurture the next generation of musical voices with Mirabilis Collective's innovative Composer Readings and Workshops!**

As champions of Australian music, particularly works by West Australian women composers, we're passionate about fostering new talent and bringing fresh compositions to life.

Our unique workshops offer aspiring composers the rare opportunity to hear their creations performed by professional musicians, receive expert feedback, and refine their craft in a supportive environment.

What we offer:

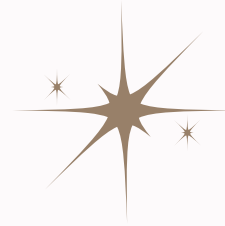
- Professional readings: Hear your composition or arrangement performed live by Mirabilis Collective members
- Expert feedback: Receive constructive critique and guidance from experienced composers and performers
- Collaborative refinement: Work alongside our musicians to fine-tune your piece
- Insights into commissioning: Learn about our process for commissioning works from West Australian women composers
- Exposure to diverse Australian repertoire: Experience a wide range of contemporary Australian music

Workshop highlights:

- One-on-one guidance: Personalised advice to help develop your unique compositional voice
- Group sessions: Learn from peers and share experiences in a collaborative setting
- Performance opportunities: Possibility for refined works to be included in future Mirabilis Collective concerts

Whether you're a student taking your first steps in composition or an emerging composer looking to refine your skills, our Composer Readings and Workshops offer an unparalleled opportunity to develop your craft with professional guidance.





# Outreach Performances

**Bring the magic of live music to your school with Mirabilis Collective's captivating Outreach Performances!**

Experience the power and beauty of women's voices in music through our engaging 45- to 60-minute concerts. These performances blend classical and contemporary works, showcasing the rich tapestry of compositions by women across time and cultures.

Choose from our themed performances:

- *She Said What?:* Experience iconic Australian songs by women reimagined through bold acoustic arrangements, storytelling, and powerful live performance.
- *The Ties that Bind:* Discover the universal themes of family, friendship, and community through music that celebrates our shared human experiences.
- *Her Sound, Her Story:* An empowering journey through works that amplify women's voices and stories, from historical figures to contemporary changemakers.
- *Shimmer:* Immerse yourself in a glittering soundscape of music inspired by light, reflection, and transformation.

What makes our performances special:

- **Diverse repertoire:** A carefully curated mix of classical and contemporary works
- **Storytelling:** Engage with the stories behind the music, bringing context and depth to each piece
- **Interactive elements:** Opportunities for student participation and questions
- **Professional musicianship:** Experience the artistry of Mirabilis Collective up close

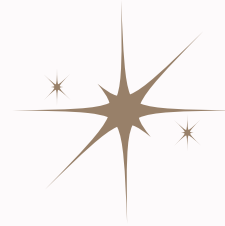
Our outreach performances are designed to:

- Inspire students' interest in diverse musical styles
- Introduce young audiences to works by women composers
- Provide context for music within historical and cultural frameworks
- Demonstrate the power of music as a form of expression and communication

Bring the concert hall to your school! Book a Mirabilis Collective Outreach Performance today and immerse your students in a world of musical discovery. Choose your preferred theme or contact us to discuss a customised program that fits your curriculum needs.



# Tailor-Made for your School



## Craft a bespoke musical experience with Mirabilis Collective!

At Mirabilis Collective, we understand that every school, every classroom, and every student has unique needs and aspirations. That's why we're excited to offer our *Tailor-Made* workshops, designed specifically to align with your educational goals, curriculum requirements, and students' interests. Our flexible approach allows us to create a customised musical journey that perfectly suits your school:

- **Curriculum Integration:** We'll work closely with you to develop content that complements and enhances your existing music program or broader curriculum objectives.
- **Mixed-Format Experiences:** Combine elements from our various workshops — from performance techniques to composition, arranging to music history — to create a multifaceted learning experience.
- **Skill-Level Adaptation:** Whether you're nurturing beginners or challenging advanced students, we'll tailor our instruction to match and elevate your students' abilities.
- **Cross-Disciplinary Connections:** Integrate music with other subjects like history, literature, or visual arts for a rich, interdisciplinary experience.
- **Special Event Preparation:** Need help preparing for a school concert, competition, or community event? We'll design a workshop to get your students performance-ready.

What sets our *Tailor-Made* workshops apart:

- **Collaborative Planning:** We work directly with teachers and music directors to understand your specific needs and goals.
- **Flexible Duration:** From single sessions to ongoing programs, we'll create a timeline that fits your schedule.
- **Diverse Expertise:** Draw upon our collective experience in performance, composition, music education, and more.
- **Interactive and Engaging:** We ensure each workshop is hands-on, fun, and memorable for your students.

Don't settle for one-size-fits-all. Contact Mirabilis Collective today to start designing your perfect *Tailor-Made* musical workshop! Together, we'll create an experience that resonates with your students and enriches your school's musical life.



# Testimonials

## Inspiring Educators, Transforming Students

Don't just take our word for it – hear from the educators who have experienced the Mirabilis Collective difference firsthand. Our workshops and performances have left a lasting impact on schools across Western Australia, igniting creativity, broadening perspectives, and fostering a deeper appreciation for music.

- The concerts for our Year 7 students were simply outstanding. Mirabilis Collective kept our youngest students engaged and curious throughout the entire performance — no small feat! Their repertoire was a wonderful mix that appealed to different tastes and showcased various musical styles. What really stood out was the insightful commentary provided by the ensemble members. They offered context and explanations that helped our students connect with the music on a deeper level. I really also enjoyed the session where Mirabilis Collective unpacked their approach to rehearsing in ensembles. This was super valuable for all our young musicians to hear!*

Elissa Fleming — Hale School

- Mirabilis Collective's workshop at Hale School was an eye-opening experience for our students. It's crucial for young men to be exposed to diverse music written and performed by women, and Mirabilis delivered this brilliantly. Their arrangements of both classical and contemporary repertoire were excellent and intriguing. It was a powerful demonstration of the often overlooked contributions of women in music, and I believe it broadened our students' perspectives significantly.*

Gavin Kerr — Hale School

- The arrangement workshop by Mirabilis Collective was a highlight for our students. It was fascinating to see how they used idiomatic writing for their instruments, creating a variety of orchestrations that brought the piece to life. The way they manipulated texture and dynamics demonstrated the power of arrangement in elevating a simple song into a complex, engaging piece. The impact of this session extended far beyond the day itself — my students were inspired for weeks afterward, constantly discussing ideas from the workshop and eagerly seeking feedback on compositions and arrangements they had been motivated to write. It has been remarkable to see how this single workshop sparked such creativity and enthusiasm in our students. Mirabilis Collective ignited a passion for composition and arrangement that continues to flourish in our music department.*

Melissa Skinner — Hale School

# Inspire, Engage, Transform: Bring Mirabilis Collective to Your School!

Ready to elevate your music program and inspire your students?

Mirabilis Collective offers a range of dynamic, educational experiences tailored to suit your needs and budget. From masterclasses to outreach performances, composer workshops to bespoke programs, we're here to ignite musical passion and foster creativity in your school.

## Experience the Mirabilis Collective Difference

- Professional expertise: Learn from experienced musicians and educators
- Diverse repertoire: Explore a rich blend of classical and contemporary works
- Focus on women's voices: Celebrate the contributions of female composers and musicians
- Interactive learning: Engage students through hands-on experiences and live performances
- Curriculum alignment: Enhance your existing music program with targeted workshops
- Flexible options: Choose from our range of programs or create a custom experience

Get in touch to request a customised quote for your school.

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We offer flexible options to suit various budgets and educational needs.

Let's make music together and inspire the next generation of artists, listeners, and music lovers! Book your Mirabilis Collective experience today and watch your students' musical worlds expand!



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