

AMEB ONLINE ORCHESTRA

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AMEB'S ONLINE ORCHESTRA TO CONTINUE IN 2021

Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) is pleased to announce that the popular Online Orchestra national music project is continuing. In a first for the project, they have commissioned a new piece of music for the 2021 Online Orchestra. *Morning Star and Evening Star* has been written by **Candace Kruger (nee Levinge)**, a Kombumerri–Ngugi yarrabilgingun (songwoman) and Indigenous ethnomusicologist from south-east Queensland, with co-writers Lann Levinge and Isobella Kruger. The song is based on an Aboriginal lullaby.

Instrumentalists and singers everywhere are invited to join the biggest virtual orchestra in Australia and to start learning the music now, ahead of submissions next year.

With COVID-19 changing the way we do things and many discovering the possibility and ease of doing things remotely and participating online, AMEB is expecting even more entries from all around Australia and further afield.

Online Orchestra 2021 was launched in a webinar held on October 1, which revealed the new song, its background and history, and the release of *Morning Star and Evening Star* on many music and streaming platforms, including a gorgeous music video. [Click here to view the webinar.](#)

Key Dates

October 2020 – Online Orchestra 2021 announced

November 2020 - Teacher Resources available

1 April 2021 – Online Orchestra Entries open

31 July 2021 – Online Orchestra Entries close

October 2021 – AMEB Online Orchestra virtual performance video revealed

The first Online Orchestra in 2018 celebrated AMEB's centenary. *Waltzing Matilda* was performed with over 2000 participants and conducted by Ben Northey. In 2019 the chosen song was *I am Australian* conducted by Jessica Gethin.

ABOUT AMEB

For over 100 years AMEB has been the leading provider of examination services for music, speech and drama, more recently adding dance and performance. They develop high quality syllabuses, publications and educational services for teachers, examiners and students and foster a community of people who love music and the performing arts in all forms.

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