

PERFORMERS, SPEAKERS & EVENTS

AT CIVIC HALL 1956 – 2002

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60/40 Dance, 1 June 2002: [[Source: Typed playlist, Graeme Vendy](#)]

60/40 Dances held over long period, featuring local and nationally significant performers

ACDC - Giant Dose of Rock and Roll Tour Jan 14 1977

Larry Adler (harmonica), ABC Celebrity Concert Series, 1 November 1961

Laurie Allan - guitar accompanied World Champion boxer Lionel Rose, 1970

The Angels 1990 [[Courier article July 3, 2010. Graeme Vendy](#)]

Archbishop of Canterbury. Concelebrated Mass, 1985. 1 May

Winifred Atwell, (pianist) 29 April 1965; The Winifred Atwell Show – 16 March 1962; 1972

[[Source: Mary Kelly programmes](#)]

Australian Crawl, 1982, December 18, 1983 [[Source: Graeme Plenter photo](#)]

AZIO, 1 December, 2013 (outside steps)

Ballarat College Centenary Celebrity Concert & Official Opening 3 July, 1964. [[Programme, Collection BCC – Heather Jackson Archivist](#)]

Ballarat College Centenary Dinner 4 July, 1964. [[Programme & photos, Collection BCC](#)]

Ballarat & Clarendon College, Speech Night, 1999: [[Source: Program, Graeme Vendy](#)]

Ballarat Choral Society & Ballarat Symphony Orchestra, Handel's Messiah, December 1961 – 1965. 18 Dec 1963, 16 Dec 1964, 15 Dec 1965 [[Source: programs donated by Norm Newey](#)]

Ballarat City Choir 1965,

Ballarat Civic Male Choir 1956, 1965, 1977

Ballarat Ladies' Pipe Band & National Dancing Class

Ballarat Light Opera Company, 1957, 1959, 1960

Ballarat Teachers' College Annual Graduation Ceremony, 9 Dec 1960. Speaker Prof Z. Cowan, Barrister-at-Law [[Source: Invitation to Mrs Hathaway. Coll. Merle Hathaway](#)]

Ballarat Symphony Orchestra, Premier Orchestral Concert, with Leslie Miers (pianist) 1965

Ballarat Symphony Orchestra "Music to Enjoy" concert, 13 Aug 1967, cond. Bruce Keck, with bass Robert Lemke, trumpet Norman Newey [[Poster donated by Norm Newey](#)]

Ballarat Symphony Orchestra Annual Concert, 6 July 1969. Conducted by Bruce Keck with guests Robert Lemke (singer), Norm Newey (trumpet). [[Programme, donated by Norm Newey](#)]

Ballarat YWCA Choir, 1956

The Band of Her Majesty's Scots Guards with Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion, 1964

Daniel Barenboim, 16 August 1958; ABC Celebrity Concert Series) 14 June, 1962

Jimmy Barnes, 1991

Bay City Rollers, 1970's

Beaufort Municipal Band, 1970s (South Street)

B.G.S, 28 September 1963: [[Source: Teentime running sheet, Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]

Adrian Bendall (harp), with Victorian Symphony Orchestra, 1951

Alfred Brendel (Austrian pianist, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 26 July, [19631960](#)

Bobby and Laurie 8th April 1970

Bodyjar 6th Oct 1999

Steve Bracks, launch State Government campaign, September 1999

Adam Brand

Alfred Brendel (piano), ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 15 March, 1960

Brendan Britt, singer with Edition, then Chiodo, c late 1970s to 2002

Ray Brown and The Whispers

Brian Cadd
Alfredo Campoli (violinist, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 7 June 1960
Captain Matchbox, at Ballarat Street & Custom Club fancy dress ball. 1976
Chantoozies 1988
Carmina School of Classical Spanish Ballet, 1965
Pat Carroll [[Courier article July 3, 2010. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Prince Charles visit, 1974
Chubby Checker
Group Captain Leonard Cheshire VC, DSO, DFC, bomber pilot, speaker on experiences & work for lepers & sick in India. Programmed for Lower Hall but moved to main hall, & still overbooked. 5 May 1964 [[Copy of poster owned by Leo Rennie, Ryder Cheshire Foundation](#)]
Chiodo, 1979 – 1986 (Brendan Britt)
Maurice Clare & Marta Zalan (violin / piano duo, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 22 August 1962
Cold Chisel 1982
Richard Chugg (flautist) with Victorian Symphony Orchestra, 1958
Crispian St Peters: Dance, 22 November 1966 [[Australian Concert Tours. 1954 to 1975. Compiled by Michael de Looper. Big Three Publications, October 2014](#)]
Barry Crocker, 1972
CWA “Song in Costume”, 2000
Daddy Cool 1971
The Deltones
Diesel [[Courier article July 3, 2010. Graeme Vendy](#)]
The Divinyls
Doug Parkinson in Focus
Mattiwilda Dobbs (international soprano), 1959
Peter Doyle
***Drive a Hard Bargain*, premier performance of Australian play by Oriel Gay, Oct 1957**
Slim Dusty, 1971
The Easybeats
Edition, 1979 – 1986 (Brendan Britt)
Electra Dramatic Group, “Seagulls over Sorrento”, 25 Jan 1957
The Electric Sunkings, 18 May, 2013 (outside steps) [[Rock the Civic poster](#)]
Elizabethan Ball, Myer (Ballarat) Ltd. Staff Social Club Ball, 1967: [[Menu / programme, Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
The Elizabethan Trust Opera Company, (Barbara of Seville), 23 – 25 June, 1966
Loris Elms, contralto soloist with Ballarat Symphony Orchestra & Ballarat Choral Society, “Messiah”, 16 Dec 1964 [[Programmes donated by Norm Newey](#)]
Jon English
Devy Erlih (International violinist), 1959
Eskimo
Joe 6th Oct 1999 ?
The Eurogliders, c 1980s
Betty Fairbank contralto soloist with Ballarat Symphony Orchestra & Ballarat Choral Society, “Messiah” 15 Dec 1965 [[Programmes donated by Norm Newey](#)]
John Farnham [[Courier article July 3, 2010 says he performed there. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Rudolf Furkusny (Czech pianist), 14 May, 1959
Maureen Forrester (contralto, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 9 November 1962
Foster And Allen (Irish)

Malcolm Fraser, [December 1968?](#)
Malcolm Fraser, Caretaker PM, 2 December 1975 [[The Courier, 3 Dec 1975](#)]
Frank Lucas' Orchestra, 1961
Fur, 19th April 1995
Garden City Seven Plus 1, (Lower Hall GV said), 29 Nov, 1956. [[Ballarat Y's Men Jazz Concert programme. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Trevor Gleason, 1960s - 2002
Ida Haendel (violinist), ABC Series, 1958
Governor General Sir Paul, & Lady Hasluck visit & tree planting, 1972
Bob Hawke, 1999
George Hegan, tenor soloist with Ballarat Symphony Orchestra & Ballarat Choral Society, "Messiah" 15 Dec 1965 [[Programmes donated by Norm Newey](#)]
Philip Hobson at Queen of the Begonia Quest, 3 March 1967: [[Ballarat Y's Men programme. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Mark Holden
Hoodoo Guroos
Leonard Hungerford (Australian / international pianist), ABC International Celebrity Series, 1957
INXS, March 1984 & 26 July, 1985 (GP)
[The Iron Sheik – American boxer, match there. \[Source: Mark Hill, unconfirmed\]](#)
The Jail Bird Jokers, 6 April 2013 (outside steps)
Grant Johannsen (Pianist, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 9 August 1960
Mack Jost (pianist) with Victorian Symphony Orchestra, 1962
Col Joy
Kahmal, 15 January 1977 ([or at Her Majesty's?](#)). [[Information: Mary Kelly](#)]
Killing Heidi
Lee Kernaghan, 11 Sep 1999
Beryl Kimber with Victorian Symphony Orchestra, 20 March, 1963
Raymond Lambert, (pianist) 4 August 1961
The Last 60 / 40 Dance, 1 June 2002
Robert Lemke, 1956
Robert Lemke bass soloist with Ballarat Symphony Orchestra & Ballarat Choral Society, "Messiah" 18 Dec 1963, 16 Dec 1964, 15 Dec 1965 [[Programmes donated by Norm Newey](#)]
Robert Lemke at Queen of the Begonia Quest, 3 March 1967: [[Ballarat Y's Men programme. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Robert Lemke soloist with Ballarat Symphony Orchestra 6 July, 1969 [[Programme, donated by Norm Newey](#)]
Richard Lewis (UK tenor). ABC International Celebrity Series, 1957
Reg Lindsay, 12 Sep 1972
Liberal Party of Australia, Victorian section dinner / conference?
Little Pattie [[Courier article July 3, 2010. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Little River Band, 7 July 1976, 14 April 1988
The Living End [[Courier article July 3, 2010. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Luisillo & his Spanish Dance Theatre [[Gold Museum](#)]
Brian Mannix & the Uncanny X-Men [[Courier article July 3, 2010. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Johanna Martzy (violinist, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 5 August 1961
Lois Marshall (singer, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 15 March 1960
Master's Apprentices
Matthew / Ralf Duo, (Violin / piano, ABC Celebrity Concert Series, 3 June 1961

Wendy Matthews, 1993
Matty Chaps, 1 December, 2013 (outside steps)
The Mavis's, c 1999
The Meanies, 19 April 1995
Arthur Mee, 1956,
Loris Mee, 1956 -
Men At Work, "Two Hearts Tour", 30 October 1985
Mental as Anything
Midnight Oil [Courier article July 3, 2010 says they performed there for *Diesel & Dust Tour*, quoting Hap Heyward. Graeme Vendy]
Graeme Mills at Queen of the Begonia Quest, 3 March 1967: [[Ballarat Y's Men programme, Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
The Models, 1985 (GP)
Mondo Rock
MPD Ltd, 1965
Norm Newey trumpet soloist with Ballarat Symphony Orchestra & Ballarat Choral Society, "Messiah" 18 Dec 1963, 16 Dec 1964, 15 Dec 1965 [[Programmes donated by Norm Newey](#)]
Olivia Newton John, 1964 [Courier article July 3, 2010 says she performed there at 16 yrs. Coll. [Graeme Vendy](#)]
Elena Nickolaidi, 1958
Raymond Nilsson (tenor) with Victorian Symphony, ABC Celebrity Concert Series, 1961
Nina and Frederick, 4 October, 1966. Presented by Arthur J.Tait. [[Australian Concert Tours. 1954 to 1975. Compiled by Michael de Looper. Big Three Publications, October 2014](#)]
Noiseworks
Patrick O'Hagan (Irish ballad singer), ABC Series, 1958
[Jack O'Hagan? Composed dog on tuckerbox](#)
Johnny O'Keefe [[Courier article July 3, 2010. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Olympic Games events, 1956
Olympic Ball to celebrate close of rowing events, 1956. [Wendouree Ballarat Rowing Club webstie. http://www.wbrc.com.au/page-18119](#)
Stanislau Ostoja-Kotkowski sound & light projections on outer walls, (Begonia Festival or Winter Festival?) 1984 [[Online information – State or National Library archives?](#)]
Placebo Cure, 1 December, 2013 (outside steps) [[Rock the Civic poster](#)]
Leontyne Price (USA soprano), ABC International Celebrity Series, 1957
Pseudo Echo, May 1986 (GP) [[Courier article July 3, 2010. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Queen of the Begonia Quest, 3 March 1967: [[Source: Ballarat Y's Men programme. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Ruggiero Ricci, (USA), ABC International Celebrity Series, 1957
Lynne Randall
Navaja Negra, 18 May, 2013 (on entrance steps)
Rock n Roll, Victorian Championships, 1997
Normie Rowe and The Playboys
Normie Rowe [[Courier article July 3, 2010. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]
Regurgitator, 19 April 1995
Ron Rosser's Orchestra, 1959
Lional Rose speaker, World Champion boxer 1970. Laurie Allan - guitar accompanied
Rudolph Firkusny (international pianist) 1959
The Seekers

Septette

John Shaw (baritone, Victorian Symphony Orchestra, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 16 August 1963

Sherbert

Val Schrader, 1965

Silverchair, 17 Dec 1997

Abbey Simon, (pianist, ABC International Celebrity Concert Series), 1 May 1961

Skyhooks, 24 Nov 1973

Gerard Souzay (International baritone) 1959

Split Enz, 1 Dec 1983

St John's Eisteddfod, Grand Opening Concert, Lower Civic Hall, 20 April 1964. Ballarat City Choir, Ballarat YWCA Choir, Robert Lemke, Norm Newey, Geoffrey Smith (Trumpet duo), Dorothy Higgins (elocution), Nazareth House Choir, Norma McHenry (vocalist), Keith Young (organ). [[Source: Programme. Coll. Gold Museum](#)]

St Pat's Palais Orchestra

Governor General Sir Ninian Stephens & Lady Stephens visit, 1986

Loris Sutton (soprano), soloist with Ballarat Symphony Orchestra & Ballarat Choral Society, "Messiah" 15 Dec 1965 [[Programmes donated by Norm Newey](#)]

The Swing, 1985

The Ted Mulry Gang

Billy Thorpe and The Aztecs [[Courier article July 3, 2010. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]

Uncanny Xmen, 21 September, 1984 (GP)

Tibor Vaga (violin, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 3 June 1963

Vibratones Orchestra, 1967

The Vibratones, 1962 - 2002

Victorian Symphony Orchestra 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963

Vienna Boys' Choir 1959, 22 August 1967

Vinegar Hill, 6 April, 2013 (outside steps)

Wang Chung (UK), 1980s

The Wiggles

Camilla Williams (soprano, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 8 May, 1962

Geoffrey Williams, 18 May, 2013 (outside steps)

John Williamson

Kurt Woess (VSO conductor) International Celebrity Series, 1957, 1958

Xylaphobia, 1 December, 2013 (outside steps)

Yarrowee Jazz Band 1967 [[Source: Elizabethan Ball menu / programme. Coll. Graeme Vendy](#)]

Yi Kwei Sze (bass baritone, ABC Celebrity Concert Series), 12 July 1960

John Paul Young 1976/77?

Johnny Young

Young Talent Time Performers