

## Alumnite

### *Alumnite – A Special Anniversary Concert Celebrating 30 Years Of Faith.*

I have been asked many times in recent months why the anniversary concert is called **ALUMNITE**. Alumni refers to a former student of a school. Given the concert features a number of past students (Alumni) and the concert is in the evening (Night) ..... with a little tweaking this became **ALUMNITE**.

At Faith's 10th Anniversary Concert on the main stage of the Adelaide Festival Theatre, 200 students featured in this event showcasing numerous music ensembles, choirs, dance and drama. One of the guest alumni that performed on this night was Matt Lauener while Ben Leske was a member of the male choir.

Our 20th Anniversary Concert in 2005 was on the main stage of the Brenton Langbein Theatre. This concert again featured our current students in the various bands, choirs and dance groups and not surprisingly also featured numerous alumni who took the audience on a walk down memory lane performing songs from all the musicals we had presented as a school to date.

In 2015, **ALUMNITE** will follow a similar trend.....featuring our current students in music, voice, dance and technical theatre.

### *Our guest Alumni are:*

**Daniel Koek** – since graduating from Faith in 1999 has followed a dream which recently saw him awarded the role of Jean Valjean in the West End Production of Les Miserables, and at 32 made him one of the youngest

men to have played the part. While back in Australia he will also perform in the Adelaide Cabaret Festival.

**Eleanor Blythman** – graduated from Faith in 1998 and has worked as a professional performer internationally in both opera and musical theatre. She is a graduate of the Royal College of Music in London and the Elder Conservatorium of Music in SA.

**Matt Lauener** – a founding student of Faith, graduating in 1989, will be the only alumni to have performed in all three anniversary concerts. Matt has recently gone back to writing and recording his own music, one of which he will perform for the first time at **ALUMNITE**.

**Ben Leske** – graduated from Faith in 1997, is a freelance choral conductor, facilitator, composer and arranger with a particular interest in choral singing and social inclusion. In 2012, aged 31, he was diagnosed with a brain tumour. If you have time please read his story at the link below.

[Ben-Leskes-Journey-With-Cancer](#)

**Sam Brittain** – graduating in 2007, Sam grew up with the ambition of putting pen to paper and turning his words into beautifully crafted melodies. This has resulted in him recently releasing his debut album "Our Shining Skin" and subsequently touring the country.

**Blake Parham** – graduated from Faith in 2005. He has performed and studied in Poland, Germany, France, Great Britain and Australia. He is currently completing his PhD at the Sydney Conservatorium and holds a master's degree and a Bachelor of Music with Honours from the Elder Conservatorium.

**Celeste Hueppauff** – graduated in 2008 and for as long as I can remember

has always had a beautiful voice and a keen interest in the performing arts. Having completed a Bachelor of Education she is currently working at Tanunda Lutheran Primary School as the Performing Arts teacher.

**Robert Bell** – graduated in 2010 and is keenly remembered as Captain Hook in Faith's 2010 production of Peter Pan. Robert has continued to follow his passion and has regularly appeared in the Theatre Guilds productions. In 2014 he performed in his first amateur musical and is currently starring as Jesus in SCCAS' production of Jesus Christ Superstar.

**Nathan Ellul** – a former Faith College student, is currently in his second year of a Bachelor of Classical Performance in violin at the Elder Conservatorium. He is studying under Keith Crellin and Elizabeth Layton and regularly plays with the Elder Conservatorium Symphony and Chamber Orchestras.

**Ben Nicholls** – graduated in 2013 and is also in his second year of the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees at the Elder Conservatorium of Music, studying classical piano under Anna Goldsworthy and Eleonora Sivan.

These alumni will be supported by a 20 piece orchestra featuring more alumni.....**Jack Crawford, Naomi Duggan** (nee Modra), **Renee Modra** (nee Hueppauff), **Kirsten Schiller** (nee Giersch), **Eleni Galanos** and **Josh Mollart**.

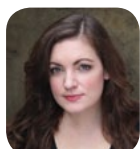
This is Faith's feature performing arts event for 2015. It will be a special night of entertainment. Tickets are on sale now Saturday June 6 @ 8pm for bookings Phone 8561 4299 or go to our website and book online.

That name again.....**ALUMNITE**. See you there.

**Jo Buck - Producer - ALUMNITE**



Daniel Koek



Eleanor Blythman



Matt Lauener



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