

Adelaide Guitar Festival Winter School

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the Adelaide Guitar Festival Winter School (AGFWS)

Building on the outstanding response for the Adelaide Guitar Festival Orchestra and the Adelaide Guitar Festival Summer School (AGFSS) in 2016, will be a week of intensive, immersive guitar playing and skills development held at the Adelaide Festival Centre in July 2017.

This year, for the first time, there will be two streams:

GUITAR ORCHESTRA STREAM directed by Dr Paul Svoboda, and based in classical (nylon string) guitar playing and ensemble techniques.

ROOTS & BLUES STREAM directed by Cal Williams Jnr and incorporating acoustic (steel string) guitar playing, traversing a range of roots and blues techniques.

2. Key Dates

Applications open:	May 2017
Applications close:	Friday 30 June 2017 (or earlier if all spaces are filled)
Winter School:	Monday 10 – Friday 14 July (inclusive) 9am – 4pm daily
Closing Concert:	Friday 14 July 7.30pm

3. Registrations

Applications open in May 2017 and close on 30 June 2017 or earlier if all spaces are filled.

All bookings are to be made online at www.adelaideguitarfestival.com.au

Numbers are strictly limited so we encourage you to book early.

4. Cost

The program cost is \$240.00 per participant for the full 5 days and must be paid in full by Friday 30 June 2017. Participants must attend for the full 5 days. Individual day bookings are not permitted.

There is a 15% fee discount applicable to a 3rd sibling's registration. Alternative payment arrangements are granted upon request and negotiated before the final payment date.

Financial Assistance (towards registration fees and transport) is available for disadvantaged students from regional and metro areas. For more information please contact centrED Education Managers on 8216 8861 or CentrED@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au Please note finance is limited and will be approved on a case by case basis until exhausted.

5. Eligibility

There are different skill-level and age group requirements for the two streams. Participants in both streams are required to bring their own instruments. Please see details below.

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The Guitar Orchestra stream is aimed at participants who have some classical guitar playing experience and can play at equivalent to AMEB Grade 3 level or higher and have a good understanding of the fingerboard. Guitarists of all ages are welcome to register for the Guitar Orchestra Stream.

ROOTS & BLUES STREAM

The Roots & Blues stream is aimed at players from beginner to intermediate level, aged 14 and older and will include both playing and songwriting techniques.

6. Venue

Adelaide Festival Centre, King William Road, Adelaide

Details of where to meet and a map will be provided to all participants after registration.

7. Schedule

The Winter School runs from Monday 10 July to Friday 14 July 2017 inclusive.

Classes will run from 9am to 4pm daily. All classes are run within the Adelaide Festival Centre.

A detailed schedule will be provided to participants prior to the Winter School.

GUITAR ORCHESTRA STREAM schedule will include sectional rehearsals, small ensemble work, advanced master classes, and full Guitar Orchestra sessions.

ROOTS & BLUES STREAM schedule will include sessions around lead guitar techniques, rhythm guitar techniques, songwriting and more.

8. Transport

Provide bus, train, tram info and note again that 15yo – 17yo need signed permission to come by/leave by public transport alone, under 15yo must be dropped off/picked up by a parent/guardian.

9. Meals

NO meals or snacks are provided.

Participants must bring their own snacks and lunch and water.

Please note participants aged 17 or younger will not be permitted to leave the Adelaide Festival Centre Premises during lunch breaks and must bring their own lunch rather than expect to buy lunch.

There are strictly no products containing nuts allowed.

10. Who are the tutors

GUITAR ORCHESTRA STREAM: Dr Paul Svoboda, Andras Tuske, Slava Grigoryan & Leonard Grigoryan.

ROOTS & BLUES STREAM: Cal Williams Jnr (owner and director of [the Guitar Academy](#)), Kelly Menhennett, Ben Roberts*

*Tutors are subject to change

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11. What to wear

Clean and comfortable clothing that is conducive to playing guitar.

12. What to bring

GUITAR ORCHESTRA STREAM:

- Clip-on tuner
- Footstool/thigh support
- Guitar (classical guitars are preferred, acoustic guitars permitted but must have nylon strings)

ROOTS & BLUES STREAM

- Tuner
- Guitar – acoustic only. No electric guitars. Steel strings welcome.
- Guitar strap

EVERYONE:

- Strings should be as new as possible
- Spare strings
- Pencil
- Water bottle
- Snacks
- Lunch

Please put your name on all your belongings including clothing, water bottles, guitar cases, and music

13. Rules and Expectations

Please refer to the Terms & Conditions available on our website.

14. Mobile Phones policy

During sessions and tutorials, use of mobile phones and other electronic devices will not be permitted.

15. Closing Concert

All participants are encouraged to participate in the Closing Concert on Friday 14 July 2017. Participants will not be required to purchase a ticket but any parents/friends/relatives wishing to watch the concert will need to purchase a ticket through BASS www.bass.net.au

16. What if I can't attend one day

Participants are expected to attend every day of Winter School. If you cannot attend for any reason (eg ill-health or family emergency) please let Ben know as soon as possible. Please note: missing any part of Winter School may mean you are unable to participate in the Closing Concert or the Adelaide Guitar Festival Orchestra.

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17. What if a participant is running late to Winter School

Participants are expected to be punctual to Winter School to ensure all participants get the most out of the session. However if you are delayed for any reason please let Ben know as soon as possible with an expected time of arrival.

18. If a parent/guardian is running late to collect a participant from Winter School

Parents/guardians of participants being picked up will be charged \$1.00 per minute for late pick up without prior arrangement or notification, so please do contact us immediately. Contact Ben on +61 8 8216 8768 or Ben.Hambour@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au Please also notify absences by 9am on the day of the due absence.

19. Media/photos

As part of the registration process participants or parents/guardians are requested to give permission for photography and videography of the participant. This may be used for marketing and promotion of the Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide Guitar Festival, and Adelaide Guitar Festival Winter School including online. Media may also be invited to photograph/film/ and interview participants.

For full details please refer to the PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO section of the AGFWS Terms and Conditions document on our website.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding media or photography please contact AGFWS Staff prior to the commencement of AGFWS.

Please note due to privacy regulations, taking photos or videos by participants will not be permitted.