

Biography of David Coit



David Coit is a professional trumpet player and is well known as a trumpet tutor, jazz educator and professional conductor. Having started piano at the age of four, David focused his efforts in high school on his love of brass instruments, mainly the trumpet. Whilst at high school, David won numerous accolades in many competitions at premier level with school ensembles at both a state and international level. After leaving school David pursued his love of trumpet and jazz, studying with world-renowned trumpet teacher and performer, John Hoffman. Since leaving the Conservatorium, David has pursued his playing professionally and has taught in private and state schools with great success. In 2004, he

completed Post Graduate Studies in Music Studies (conducting) at the Queensland Conservatorium with Ralph Hultgren and plans to further his study in jazz education in the future.

As a performer, he has toured internationally to America, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, China and New Zealand and has played with bands and artists such as Oskar, Lush, Planet Funk, Hot Mambo, La Gran Salsa, Decahedron Big Band, James Morrison, Don Burrows, Delta Goodrum, Venetta Fields and The Bass Note Big Band.

David is currently the Head of Performance Music at Sheldon College, which has seen him gain many awards for his premier ensembles. The Sheldon College Big band is well known as one of the best school aged big bands in the state and are regular participants at jazz festivals and competitions where they have won Gold and Platinum awards. He currently plays lead trumpet with the Royal Australian Navy Band Brisbane and Brisbane Contemporary Big Bands and is the current musical director for the Max Miller 'Frank Sinatra Tribute show' which tours nationally and internationally. He also directs his own quintet, plays with other small groups and in session work.

David's work with the Queensland Youth Orchestra big band is well known and he has been directing this ensemble for over 5 years. This group is gaining national recognition as one of the best youth big bands in Australia and are regularly being invited to perform their professional level material at corporate and festival audiences.

One of the highlights of his career was conducting the 2008 Beijing Olympic Orchestra as one of several conductors worldwide to be offered this honour. This included performances at Tianjin, Tiananmen Square and a premier performance at the Great Wall of China with over 600 musicians performing. David has been offered to conduct the Elmhurst University Wind band (Chicago) at the prestigious Mid-West Band conference in 2010.