

STEPHEN LALOR

Class of 1979

Stephen Lalor captained the STHS Debating team that won the National Secondary Schools Debating championship in 1979. He was selected for the Wolli Zone CHS Open Cricket team while in Years 10 and 11.

While in Year 12 Stephen played in his first concert with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and made his first solo ABC recording. He has had an ongoing career as a musician and composer at international level.

As a plectrum instrument specialist (mandolin, guitars, lute and related instruments) he has performed with all the major Australian orchestras and been a guest artist with overseas orchestras, touring internationally with the SSO, Australian Chamber Orchestra, Hong Kong Philharmonic and Singapore Symphony amongst others. He has performed at the Montreux Jazz, Edinburgh, Womad and Tanglewood (USA) Festivals and been featured soloist in recordings of orchestral, chamber, opera and world music, predominantly with ABC Classics.

Stephen has combined this performance career with composition. His music has been performed by Opera Australia, The Queensland Ballet, in Sydney Symphony Chamber Series, and is frequently broadcast on ABC Classic FM. He is published and represented by The Australian Music Centre and Trekel Verlag Hamburg. Representative works by Stephen are held in the collections of the Médiathèque Musicale Mahler (Paris) and the US Library of Congress.

Stephen has a PhD in Music (Composition) from Sydney University and a Musicology Masters (UNSW). He studied on post-graduate scholarships at the Tchaikovsky Conservatorium Kiev in the 1980s, was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2003. Former Head of Contemporary Performance at the Australian Institute of Music, Stephen was also on the staff of Sydney's Eora Centre for Aboriginal Visual and Performing Arts in Sydney.