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**INQUIRY INTO THE MUSIC AND ARTS ECONOMY IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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As a music educator and conductor in Sydney it continues to baffle me that the largest provider of orchestral training for young people, the Sydney Youth Orchestras is still "homeless" after some 45 years at the forefront of musical training for young people.

The Sydney Youth Orchestras are the only state based orchestral training organisation in the country that faces this issue as every other state provides government support by way of a suitable venue/s.

In December had I not been able to negotiate a venue hire arrangement with my employer Santa Sabina College the Sydney Youth Orchestras would have in fact been homeless and over 1000 young musicians would have suffered as a result.

I would be very happy to discuss this matter and anything to do with orchestral music for young people in NSW.

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