

INTERESTS: Singing, soccer, chess, basketball, reading Harry Potter and the Cherub series, fishing, playing piano and guitar, dancing, looking after menagerie of birds and playing with black Labrador "Patch"

In August 2006, Dion performed a principal role (Caspar) in Opera Australia's Batavia.

He performed in Opera Australia's 50th Anniversary Gala Performance in October 2006.

Another important role was as a soloist at the ANZAC International Military Tattoo.

He has released an 11 track CD "*Purely Dion*" and this is available through selected ABC Shops around Australia and Sanity Store Marrickville.

Dion commenced at Newington College - Wyvern House in 2002 when he was 8 years old. He was "discovered" by music teacher Elizabeth Swain and was invited into the Newington College Chapel Choir and Chamber Choir, being the youngest student ever to perform in these groups.

He is now in Year 8 at Newtown High School of Performing Arts and is in the Junior and Senior Choirs.

Performances include solos at wedding services, chapel and various Newington College Association of the Arts events such as performing at the Sydney Welsh Choir concert and a Baroque and Renaissance concert with the following repertoire:

CV Stanford, *Magnificat* in G Major
Robyn Newman, *Short People*
F Mendelssohn, *Hear my Prayer/O for the Wings of a Dove*

Dion is in a short film "Blessed" in which he sings solo, the *Pie Jesu* by Gabriel Fauré.

He has performed the African Sanctus with the Newington College Chamber Choir at the MLC Music Festival which was held at the Opera House.

At the Glenbrook Christmas Festival at St Finbar's Church, Dion performed solo, *Once in Royal David's City*.

He performed three solos at the Festival of the Flowers at St Mary's Cathedral in 2003. These pieces were:

F Mendelssohn *O for the Wings of a Dove*
Wind on the Hill
Hear My Prayer

One of his achievements was winning a spot to record a track on the ABC Radio 702 Christmas 2003 CD competition. He performs Once in Royal David's City solo on this CD.

Dion is a very well liked boy who has a special presence on stage and an exceptional voice. He has a kind disposition and is always committed and highly motivated. His ear for music and ability to sight read from the age of 8 years is quite remarkable. He plays the piano (presently grade 6). He has also an interest in trumpet, clarinet, flute, double bass and composing music and dance.

He has been singing under the guidance of his teacher, Mrs Elizabeth Swain OA.

Performances of Note

9 December 2006 –St Ezekiel Moreno Nursing Home Charity Concert

Voice Over (singing) – Tiger Beer commercial (Nylon Studios)

Voice Over (singing) – 3 mobile Ashes television commercial (Nylon Studios)

11 November 2006 – Annandale Nursing Home Charity performance

October 2006 – Opera Australia 50th Anniversary Gala Performance

28 October 2006 – Brentwood Nursing Home Charity performance

9 September 2006 Lindfield Tryon Road Uniting Church Charity Variety Concert

September 2006 - McDonald Challenge Open Age Duet – 2nd place

13 August 2006 - Academy of Singers CONNECT Concert Series 2006 – St Alban's Leura *Chichester Psalms – Movts 2 & 3 – Bernstein*

1 August 2006 – *Choral Festival 2006 Sydney Opera House*

McDonald Challenge 14-16 years World Song – 3rd place

McDonald Challenge 12 years Classical – Highly Commended

26 June 2006 – sang *Pie Jesu & Panis Angelicus* with Amelia Farrugia at St Mary's Catholic Church North Sydney

2006 Winter Season Opera Australia in *Batavia*

Charity performance at St Luke's Enmore for the Australian Order of Sisters in the Solomon Islands

April 2006 – soloist role in the ANZAC International Military Tattoo Superdome (3 concerts)

January 2006 – cover 1st boy in Opera Australia's *The Magic Flute*

18 December 2005 performed solo – *Ave Maria* – Nova Friburgo Country Club, Rio De Janeiro, Brasil

November 2005 – performed solo *Laudate Dominum* GPS Music Festival (was called the night before the performance and learned the piece in half an hour)

November 2005 – performed solo *The Lord is My Shepherd* funeral service at Newington College

7 October 2005 performed solo *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Newington College Year 12 Valedictory Service

2005 Winter season Opera Australia in *Hansel & Gretel*

March 2005 – Newington College Musical *Guys & Dolls*

29 January 2005 – Performed in *Tosca* at the Domain “Opera in the Park”

26 January 2005 to 21 March 2005 – performed in children’s chorus Opera Australia *Tosca*

25 December 2004 – performed solo at Subiaco Uniting Church WA

14 November 2004 – performed solo at Balmain Uniting Church

8 October 2004 - performed solo *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Newington College Year 12 Valedictory Service

22 August 2004 – performed solo at St Alban’s Anglican Church Epping

2004 – Short film *Blessed* directed by Jessica Lockhart

12 September 2003 – performed solos at St Mary’s Cathedral 6th Festival of Flowers