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A new string to the ORC bow

The Orange Regional Conservatorium has welcomed a new member to their musical family. Violin teacher Doreen Cumming has moved from Tamworth NSW to join the ORC teaching fraternity and has brought with her a beautiful 1948 Italian made Girardi violin.

Ms Cumming commenced violin studies at six years of age at the Canberra School of Music and began her orchestral career in 1988 with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra. This was the beginning of an orchestral career spanning over 20 years.

In her 14 years with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra and Tasmanian Symphony Chamber Players, Doreen acted in all violin positions, including concertmaster and soloist. Doreen also had a number of conducting appearances with the TSO including recordings for CD and ABC television.

During her career, Doreen has worked regularly with the Australian Chamber Orchestra, Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra and the Canberra Symphony Orchestra including overseas tours to Asia, Europe and the Americas and internationally acclaimed recordings.

After a year spent in the north of Spain playing with the Orquesta Sinfonica de Galicia, Doreen returned to Australia and has since worked with all of the above mentioned orchestras. Doreen has been involved in a number of film scores including 'The Black Balloon' and 'Australia' as well as CD recordings for Australian Idol, David Campbell, Damian Leith and The Whitlams.

All throughout her professional career, Doreen has taught the violin and has recently decided to teach full time. She is committed to sharing her love of music and violin playing with her students and strongly supports the importance of music in regional centers. Doreen is thrilled to be joining the highly skilled team at the Orange Conservatorium of Music.

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