

## **IAN JEFFERSON**

Ian is the Student Music Programs Officer (K-8) for The Arts Unit - NSW Department of Education. He is a qualified primary school teacher and also a composer and arranger. Ian coordinates and conducts the massed schools choirs for performances at the Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Town Hall, as well as the Qudos Bank Arena for the Schools Spectacular.

Ian has previously composed a range of original works commissioned for the Department's concert series: *Thunderbolt's Candle* 1995, *From The Crow's Nest* 1998, *Missing Yesterday* 1999, *High Tide* 2000, *Between Wind and Water* 2001, *Brave The Elements* 2002, *Timepieces* 2004, *Brolga Dance* 2006, *The Return* 2007, *Closer To Forever* and *Sailing Away* 2009, *Go For Gold* 2014 and *Manly Ferry* in 2017.

Ian has co-written a few small musicals: *Chair in the Landscape*, *Meet You at the Mona Lisa* and *Beanstalking*. In his younger days he also did a bit of acting; most notably as the roller-skating robot in *Return to the Forbidden Planet* at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre in 1993.

