



# Bellini

## V I O L I N S C H O O L

- Violin & Cello Tuition
- Beginners & Advanced students
- HSC Music tuition
- AMEB exam preparation
- Tuition rates: \$30/½ hr, \$50/hr
- Family Discount Available
- Convenient Ryde area studio with excellent public transport, onsite parking adjacent to shopping centre

*“My child had been having traditional violin lessons for 6 months and still couldn't play any tunes. Then we changed to Ivan, and after one lesson using his Bellini method, she came home and played 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.' Needless to say, she was delighted with herself, and for the first time, she was looking forward to her next lesson.”*

**Mother of Shay, aged 6.**

### About Bellini Violin School's director, Ivan Smith:

Ivan Smith began studying violin and piano at the age of six and later attended formal music lessons at the Elder Conservatorium of Music in Adelaide.

In 1964 he moved to West Germany and continued his violin studies at the North West German Music Academy in Detmold. His next six years were spent performing throughout Europe and South America as a member of the Amati Ensemble in West Berlin.

In 1970 he moved to London, England, where he was a member of both the New Philharmonia Orchestra and the London Symphony Orchestra. Whilst in London he studied violin with the renowned Russian violinist Helen Airopff-Dowling and graduated from the Royal College of Music with an Associate Diploma in Violin Teaching (A.R.C.M.).

Ivan moved to America in 1980 and studied violin and chamber music with Berl Senofsky at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore. He graduated with a Master of Music (M.M.) from the Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

During his stay in America he taught violin and viola at the Levine School of Music in Washington D.C. and founded his own chamber music group known as the Bellini Ensemble. The ensemble performed in the Baltimore/Washington area for over 15 years. Highlights of the Bellini Ensemble career included playing at the White House and entertaining Senator Edward Kennedy and his friends on Capitol Hill.

Finally, in 1995 he returned home to Australia. He has since established himself in Sydney as a successful teacher of both violin and cello in his own private music studios.

Contact Ivan to find out more about the Bellini method of teaching violin, purchasing or publishing Ivan's books or to enroll in his violin school.

### Tuition Resources



Ivan's years of tuition experience have been captured in these innovative resources. Books 1 & 2 (including traditional Chinese) are available @ \$25 + p/h. Please contact Bellini directly for bulk purchasing discounts and school pricing. More details (including product samples) are on our website:



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