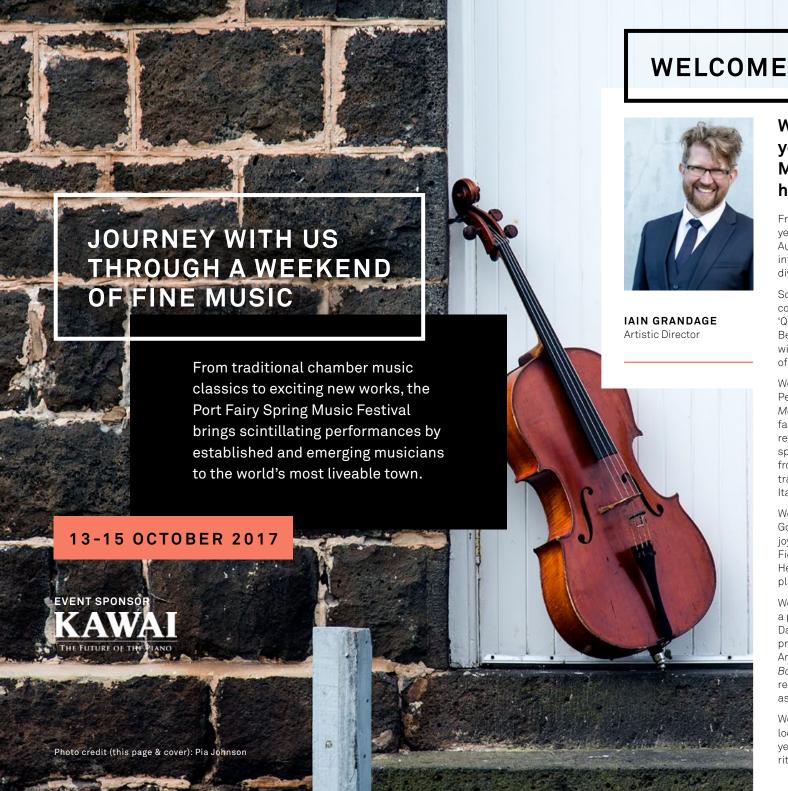
PORT FAIRY

SPRING

MUSIC FESTIVAL

13-15 OCTOBER 2017





What a great pleasure to welcome you to the 2017 Port Fairy Spring

Music Festival – a meditation on human migration.

From the first waves of indigenous settlement 60,000 years ago to the later tides of migrants, contemporary Australian culture is an accumulation of histories and interweaving stories - one that revels in its extraordinary diversity yet still reveals our shared humanity.

So it is that we build on last year's strong indigenous component by continuing ASQ's rapturously received 'Quartet and Country' series with new works from Lou Bennett and Stephen Pigram, and finish our Festival with a concert that includes the music of the creator of *Bran Nue Dae*, the late Jimmy Chi.

We open the Festival with another commission, from Persian Australian singer Tara Tiba called *My Mothers Mother*, which tells the story of Port Fairy children's families, and their arrival in Australia. We continue by reflecting on some of the great human journeys that spread cultures around the globe - transcendent reveries from the Silk Road, joyous reels and baroque dances that trace the Celtic traversing of the Atlantic, and music from Italy, Greece and across the Jewish diaspora.

We have deeply personal journeys from Anna Goldsworthy, with her autobiographical 'Piano Lessons', joyful lunch time reminiscences from soprano Taryn Fiebig, dazzling virtuosity from superstar Kate Miller-Heidke, and jazz royalty Vince Jones & Paul Grabowsky play their lauded album 'Provenance'.

We have the stupendous choir Hallelujah Junction singing a pair of contemporary humanitarian masterpieces by David Lang, the Tinalley Quartet bringing us matching programs from across the US:USSR divide, Jen Anderson's remarkable score to the silent film *Pandora's Box*, and we feature speechsong works that include recordings from dictators, Jewish refugees and Australian asylum seekers.

We thank you, our wonderful and loyal audience, for again looking to undertake your own migration to Port Fairy this year, and look forward to sharing these songs, stories and rituals from around the globe.

CHAIR'S WELCOME

PENNY HUTCHINSON Festival Chair

On behalf of the Board, a very warm welcome to the 2017 Port Fairy Spring Music Festival!

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Port Fairy in October.

Last year many more people from the local community and across Victoria enjoyed the Festival, and we hope the offerings in this brochure encourage their return.

We thank the State Government for increasing the support the Festival receives this year - it is deeply appreciated. We also thank the Shire of Moyne for their continuing support, and the many local businesses and community members who are there for us

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



MARTIN FOLEY MP
Minister for
Creative Industries

Port Fairy Spring Music Festival attracts music lovers from around Victoria, interstate and overseas – so it's fitting that this year's Festival theme is Migrations.

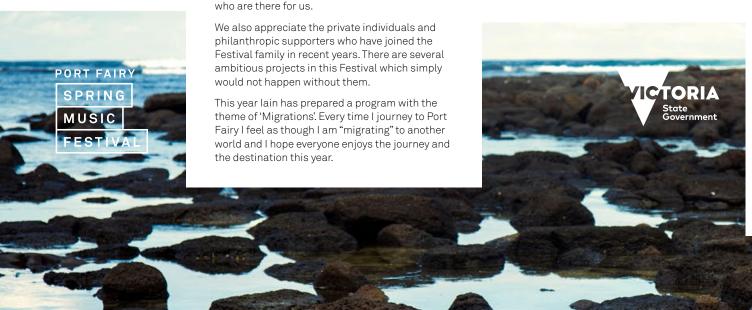
The program highlights human journeys and, as we've come to expect, brings together the talents of established artists with new and emerging performers and composers.

Artistic Director lain Grandage continues the Festival's ambitious artistic vision and this year includes three new commissioned works, two involve renowned Indigenous artists, and the third is inspired by the stories of local families and their memories of arrival

A much loved regional event, the Port Fairy Spring Music Festival continues to grow in stature and popularity and last year saw a more than 20 percent increase in both box office and attendance.

The Victorian Government is a proud partner and supporter of the Festival. I commend Iain and the team on an inspired program that reflects the creativity and diversity that is a feature of Victoria's cultural life.

Enjoy this year's journey.





In the words of the late great Indigenous Australian composer Jimmy Chi, whose music will close this year's Festival, 'We're all one mongrel breed'. It feels important to remember sentiments like that in the face of rising Nationalism and fractured geo-politics, what with the idea of 'the common good' being increasingly quashed.

If you trace back the DNA in the maternally inherited mitochondria within our cells, all humans have a theoretical common ancestor. This woman, known as "mitochondrial Eve", lived between 100,000 and 200,000 years ago in southern Africa. She makes an appearance in the work that opens this year's Festival - My Mother's Mother – a work that looks at the first few generations back towards this Ur-woman, as a means of recognizing our shared and intertwined histories. I have written this work in collaboration with Tara Tiba, whose own story of arrival from Iran is both compelling and deeply moving. She is trained in the Persian classical tradition, I in the Western classical tradition.

Music, unlike language, has the ability to support simultaneous conversation whilst maintaining cohesion and reasoned argument. Not only this, but the component musical statements can be of wildly different provenance yet still find common ground - be it musical (harmonic, rhythmic, motivic) spiritual or psychological. There is a rare joy in successfully distilling a common thread between disparate musical worlds – a contentment that for me far outweighs any work created by myself in isolation

At its most successful, collaborative works give audiences raised in one particular cultural practice a way of comprehending another. We hope that is the case with My Mother's Mother.

The aim with this work, as with many cross cultural collaborations, is to create musical stories that celebrate a multitude of cultural backgrounds but also speak of the things that bind – they are intrinsically more powerful than divisions.

As Tim Winton's character Quick Lamb says in Cloudstreet – "It's us and us and us. We all join up in the end"

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY

PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL'S CONCERT: MUSIC

ATURDA

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8:15pm

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SCHUBERT QUINTET	2pm	RT	35
STALIN'S PIANO	2pm	DH	34
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FGFND

RT: Reardon Theatre SH: Seacombe House STJ: St. John's Church SPS: Southcombe Park Stadium LH: Lecture Hall DH: Drill Hall

KAWAI SATURDAY GALA: FOUR LAST SONGS 8:15pm

KATE MILLER-HEIDKE

LATE NIGHT SWING

NAB OPENING GALA: FOR ALL NATIONS

TRANSFORMATIVE CHORAL MUSIC FOR OUR TIME

DATE & TIME

Friday 13th October 8pm

VENUE

Southcombe Park Stadium

TICKETS

\$47 / \$38 conc.

Members of the Australian Octet William Hennessy *Principal Violin*

Hallelujah Junction Jonathan Grieves-Smith Conductor

Tara Tiba Voice Taryn Fiebig Voice Jessica Hitchcock Voice

Choirs of St Patrick's & Consolidated Schools (Antonia Balmer, Lynda Beekhof *Choir Directors*)

Festival Strings

Strauss Metamorphosen

Lang the national anthems (Australian Premiere)

Tiba My Mother's Mother (World Premiere*)

Our Festival begins with an exquisite journey from darkness to light, celebrating the intertwined nature of human histories. Richard Strauss' *Metamorphosen* is one man's outpouring of grief at the senseless destruction of Dresden, but it stands here as a determination to never allow such follies to re-occur. Performed in its Septet version, it is followed by David Lang's crystalline hymn the national anthems that, in taking text from 193 National Anthems from around the globe, hopes to in the words of the composer "find common ground that might allow us to understand each other, across all our artificial boundaries."

The concert ends on a joyous homecoming, as local schoolchildren are joined by three wondrous sopranos (one Iranian, one Celtic, one Indigenous) and strings in a new commissioned piece called *My Mother's Mother* – a work that traces the migrations that brought each of us here to Australia.



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

*The commissioning of My Mother's Mother was assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.







MAIN Tara Tiba
BOTTOM LEFT David Lang
BOTTOM RIGHT Jonathan Grieves-Smith

"Hiding in every national anthem is the recognition that we are insecure about our freedoms, that freedom is fragile, and delicate, and easy to lose."

- DAVID LANG



PANDORA'S BOX

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

DATE & TIME

Friday 13th October 8pm

VENUE

Reardon Theatre

TICKETS

\$30 / \$24 conc.

Jen Anderson Violin Andrea Keeble Violin Ceridwen Davies Viola Imogen Manins Cello

Anderson Live score for 'Pandora's Box'

Daring and stylish, *Pandora's Box* is one of silent cinema's great masterworks and a testament to star Louise Brooks' dazzling individuality.

Sensationally modern, G.W Pabst's 1928 film follows the downward spiral of the showgirl Lulu, whose powers have a devastating effect on all she comes in contact with.

Here performed with an original score written by much loved Melbourne musician and composer Jen Anderson, both the film and Anderson's score received rave reviews on their premiere. This digitally restored version will delight both film aficionados and music lovers alike, and make a wonderful Friday Night out at the Movies.

"Deliciously haunting and atmospheric"

- ED ST JOHN, SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, SYDNEY



Jen Anderson



DATE & TIMEFriday 13th October 10pm

VENUEDrill Hall

TICKETS \$25 / \$20 conc.

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

FOLK SONGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Tara Tiba Voice
lain Grandage Piano

Repertoire includes:

Georgie Darvidis Voice

Kavisha Mazzella AM Guitar & Voice

Repertoire includes: Italian and Greek folk songs and Persian classical works

"Kavisha Mazzella's music leads us into a world of tattered troubadours and star-crossed lovers"

- MAXWELL RYAN POET





One of Australia's most beloved folk singers and musical historians Kavisha Mazzella leads the way in this late evening concert of beautiful folk songs from Italy, Greece, Iran and beyond. Singing stories of travels and odes to the moon, the performers in this concert honour the many and varied waves of migrants to Australia's shores.

TOP Kavisha Mazzell
MIDDLE Georgie Darvidis
RIGHT Tara Tiba

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 10am

VENUE

TICKETS \$30 / \$24 conc.

OF FOREIGN LANDS & PEOPLE

DANIEL DE BORAH IN RECITAL

Daniel de Borah Piano

Schumann Kinderszenen Op. 15 Schumann Kreisleriana Op. 16

One of Port Fairy's favourite performers continues his exploration of the music of Schumann with this double bill of cherished works. Beginning with Of Foreign Lands and People, a morceau used famously in the Australian classic film My Brilliant Career, and also containing Traumerei, Kinderszenen's 13 movements were described by Schumann himself as "nothing more than delicate hints for execution and interpretation". Their simplicity and delicacy is then contrasted with the monumental Kreisleriana -Schumann's dedication to a character created by E.T.A. Hoffmann - the German writer, composer and caricaturist whose stories also inspired Delibes's Coppelia and Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker as well as the opera The Tales of Hoffmann by Offenbach.





technically immaculate pianist Daniel de Borah... gave the material plenty of colour and feeling"

- ADELAIDE ADVERTISER, CONCERT WITH ASO, JUNE 2017

VIENNA CONGRESS

STREETON TRIO PLAY THE ARCHDUKE

DATE & TIME
Saturday 14th October 10am

VENUE

Reardon Theatre

TICKETS

\$35 / \$28 conc.

"The Streeton
Trio provided a
masterclass, with
deeply expressive
playing rich in
elegance, intellect
and vitality."

- THE AUSTRALIAN



STREETON TRIO

Emma Jardine Violin Meta Weiss Cello Benjamin Kopp Piano

Schubert Sonatensatz in B flat major D. 28

Beethoven Piano Trio in B flat major 'Archduke'

In this bewitching offering of Schubert and Beethoven, 2011 Music Viva Chamber Music Competition winners the Streeton Trio present a reflection on the Vienna Congress of 1814/1815. This event marked a turning point in the social role of music – from being an instrument of awareness as embodied by the Enlightenment to becoming more a vehicle for conscious escape. Embark on your day of Festival offerings with these fine musicians – one of Australia's most successful chamber music exports.

Benjamin Kopp will lead a masterclass for Piano students in the Lecture Hall at 11.30am Saturday. See p.36 for details

CELTIC JOURNEYS

CELTIC FIDDLING MEETS BAROQUE

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 11.30am

VENUE

St John's Church

TICKETS

\$30 / \$24 conc.

BRAHMS SEXTET

WITH MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN OCTET

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 11:30am

VENUE

Reardon Theatre

TICKETS

\$35 / \$28 conc.



EVERGREEN ENSEMBLE

Shane Lestideau Baroque Violin & Direction Anna Webb Baroque Viola Rachel Johnston Cello Miranda Hill Contrabass Samantha Cohen Theorbo Matthew Horsley Uillean pipes

Repertoire includes: Norwegian, Irish, Scottish, Appalachian Folk songs Australia's only dedicated Scottish baroque band Evergreen Ensemble present a highenergy program of music from across the Celtic diaspora. 'Twas a time and place when soulful airs and merry jigs were heard alongside the latest compositions by Purcell, Correlli and Vivaldi. Tap your feet on a journey through driving traditional jigs 'n' reels of the British Isles as well as their Norse and Appalachian close relatives in this delightful meeting of classical and folk music including a world premiere work by Alice Chance that inspects Port Fairy's own Celtic connection.



"... lingering over expressive details and pouring into secondary passages the maturity and sensitivity of a lifetime's musical endeavour."

- THE AUSTRALIAN ON WILLIAM HENNESSY WITH THE MCO

MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN OCTET

William Hennessy Violin Madeleine Jevons Violin Keith Crellin Viola Merewyn Bramble Viola Rohan de Korte Cello Josephine Vains Cello

Brahms String Sextet No. 1 in Bb

Join William Hennessy and a bespoke group of Melbourne Chamber Orchestra musicians for a rare and wonderful treat – the youthful and deeply sonorous String Sextet No. 1 of Brahms. The rich counterpoint and rhythmic inventiveness so characteristic of this most German of composers is on full display in this work, and this performance by some of Melbourne's finest chamber musicians is sure to enrich your Festival experience.

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LUNCH WITH TARYN FIEBIG

STAR OF OPERA AND MUSIC THEATRE SINGS HER PERSONAL HISTORY

Taryn Fiebig *Voice & Cello*

Iain Grandage Piano

Arditi Baci

Handel Credete al mio dolore from 'Alcina'

Mozart Ach, Ich Fül's from 'The Magic Flute'

Puccini Musetta's Waltz from 'La Boheme'

Lehár Vilja-Lied from 'The Merry Widow'

Lerner/Lowe I Could Have Danced All Night from 'My Fair Lady'

Helpmann Award-winning soprano Taryn Fiebig is one of Australia's most versatile and much loved artists, having appeared regularly with Opera Australia and ACO, Pinchgut and the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra. For these delightful lunchtime offerings, she'll share stories of her heritage, and charm you with arias and anecdotes from her remarkable international career.

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 12:45pm Sunday 15th October 12:45pm

VENUE

Drill Hall

TICKETS

\$35 (including lunch)

"... I have never seen somebody play the cello and sing so divinely at the same time. It's not fair really. It was a most astonishing performance."

- HRH PRINCE CHARLES ON HEARING TARYN FIEBIG

PIANO LESSONS

A THEATRICAL JOURNEY OF SELF DISCOVERY

"a musical journey made in heaven... pure enchantment" - COURIER MAIL

PIANO LESSONS

Anna Goldsworthy

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 2pm

VENUE

Reardon Theatre

TICKETS

\$40 / \$32 conc.

**NOTE – Double length concert, duration approx 2 hours 20 mins including 20 minute interval, finishing 4.20pm **

Michael Futcher *Director* Anna Goldsworthy *Performer* Helen Howard *Performer*

Repertoire includes:

Chopin Nocturne in D-flat major
Mozart Sonata in C, KV545
Bach Invention No. 8 in F
Schubert Impromptu in A-flat major
Liszt after Verdi Rigoletto Paraphrase
Bach Prelude and Fugue in C-sharp major
Beethoven Piano Sonata No. 21 'Waldstein'
Khachaturian Piano Concerto in D flat

Beloved past Festival Director Anna Goldsworthy's award-winning book, which recounts her musical awakening as a young girl, struck a deep chord with critics, readers and music lovers on its 2009 release. Anna herself stars in this stage adaptation, which beautifully illustrates the intriguing relationship between the young pianist and her Russian teacher. Part theatrical production and part concert, it is a beautiful way for you to re-connect with Anna's artistry.

Written by Anna Goldsworthy. Originally commissioned & produced by Qld Music Festival 2011 in association with QPAC. Produced by Metro Arts

TEN POUND POMS

MUSIC OF THE COLLIERY BANDS OF ENGLAND

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 2pm

VENUE

Southcombe Park Stadium

TICKETS

£10 (\$17) / \$14 conc.

DAREBIN CITY BRASS - PRESTON BAND

Andrew Snell Conductor

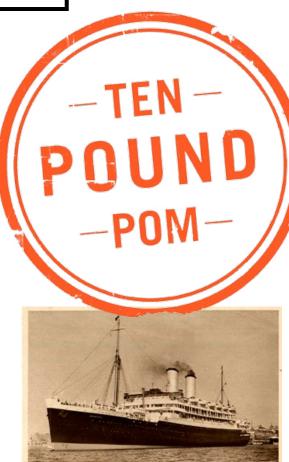
Fletcher Labour and Love

Holst Moorside Suite

Howarth Fireworks

Waespi As if a Voice Were in Them

The famed Grimethorpe Colliery Band was once home for Andrew Snell. Now he brings his own band - the A-Grade State Champion Darebin City Brass - Preston Band to Port Fairy to share some of the most evocative and stirring music of the English Band tradition. For a bargain £10 (\$17 at the current exchange rate, Brexit disasters not withstanding), you will be lead through a history of the great English Band tradition, in homage to all those English migrants who came to these shores under the Assisted Migration Scheme of last century. In the ample spaciousness of the Southcombe Park Stadium, the magnificently full sound of a top notch Band in full flight will take you all the way back to that green and pleasant land.





- TEN POUND POM DAVID BAILEY



RUSSIAN ROMANCE

SPARKLING VIRTUOSITY FROM YELIAN HE AND KRISTIAN CHONG

DATE & TIME

VENUE Lecture Hall

TICKETS

\$30 / \$24 conc.

Saturday 14th October 2pm



Yelian He Cello Kristian Chong Piano

Rachmaninoff Cello Sonata in G Minor

Glazunov Chant de Menestrel

Kapustin Nearly Waltz

"... beautifully lyrical. [He] confirmed his awesome

Yelian He

BOTTOM Kristian Chong

- THE STRAD ON YELIAN HE

technical skill."

Two Port Fairy Spring Music Festival favourites join forces for this journey deep into Russian Romanticism. The virtuosity and expressive tenderness of Rachmaninoff's Cello Sonata suits these mighty performers, as does the impassioned lyricism of Glazunov's Chant de Menestrel. Kapustin's dryly humorous Nearly Waltz completes this program that will sate your appetite for fine music.

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THE SILK ROAD

"a deeply personal encounter

with cultural history

- CHRIS REID, REALTIME 131

AN INTIMATE AND TRANSCENDENTAL EXPERIENCE FROM CHINA DATE & TIME
Friday 13th October 4pm
Saturday 14th October 3:30pm
Sunday 15th October 10am

VENUE
Boldrewood Room,
Seacombe House

TICKETS
\$25 / \$20 conc.

Mindy Meng Wang Guzheng
David Shea Voice, bowls, electronics

Shea Rituals of the Trading Routes: The Silk Roads and the Mogau Caves

Be entranced by two arresting performers as they render the rich cultural and spiritual history of the Silk Road and MoGau caves. Mindy Meng Wang grew up in the Gansu province of China between Tibet and Mongolia - at the end of the ancient trading routes that connected China to the Middle East and into Greek and Roman civilisations. On three occasions over the weekend, in the intimate surrounds of Seacombe House, you will be able to observe at close quarters her performance on the guzheng - a 2500 year-old Chinese zither. In this collaboration with composer David Shea, they combine to immerse you within a ritualized tribute to the lasting influence of the Silk Road on the modern world.

THE AMERICAN

TINALLEY STRING QUARTET PLAY DVORAK AND BARBER

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 3:30pm

VENUE

St John's Church

TICKETS

\$35 / \$28 conc.



- THE AGE

In one of the most famous migrations of individual compositional creativity, Dvorak's visit to the United States in the 1890s produced not only the New World Symphony and the Cello Concerto, but also the buoyant 'American' String Quartet. In the first of two concerts that span the US:USSR divide, the splendid Tinalley String Quartet bring us this masterwork of optimistic folkloric reinvention, and match it with a home-grown American classic in Barber's Adagio, here heard in its original version for String Quartet.

Adam Chalabi Violin 1 Lerida Delbridge Violin 2 Justin Williams Viola Michelle Wood Cello

Dvorak String Quartet No. 12 'American'

Barber Adagio from String Quartet Op.11

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ACROSS THE WATER

WITH STEVE REICH'S DIFFERENT TRAINS

"There's just a handful of living composers who can legitimately claim to have altered the direction of musical history and Steve Reich is one of them,"

- THE GUARDIAN

Natasha Conrau Violin Amy Brookman Violin Merewyn Bramble Viola Stephanie Arnold Cello

Davidson Across the Water Reich Different Trains Between 1939 and 1942, as a little boy, Steve Reich had to travel back and forth between New York and Los Angeles between divorced parents. Many years later, he realised that he would have travelled on other trains to other destinations, had he, as a Jew, lived in Europe in the same period.

DATE & TIME

VENUE

Drill Hall

TICKETS

\$30 / \$24 conc.

Saturday 14th October 5:15pm

This is the central thrust of *Different Trains* – Steve Reich's brilliant work built on the technique of speech melody - pairing recorded speech alongside its musical equivalent.

In creating Across the Water, Robert Davidson used the same technique, and utilized Stephanie Arnold's first-hand interviews with Melbourne-based asylum seekers who shared with her stories of their journeys and arrival in Australia.

This promises to be a deeply compelling and moving performance.

PROVENANCE

VINCE JONES AND PAUL GRABOWSKY

"A person who doesn't create is like a cloud that never rains."

- VINCE JONES

DATE & TIME Saturday 14th

Saturday 14th October 5:15pm

VENUE

Reardon Theatre

TICKETS

\$30 / \$24 conc.

Vince Jones Voice & Trumpet Paul Grabowsky Piano

Songs from their new album 'Provenance'



Join two legends of Australian music – platinum-selling singer Vince Jones and multi-ARIA-winning pianist Paul Grabowsky as they return to their roots with their new album 'Provenance'.

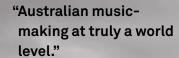
The album marks a renewed collaboration between the pair after several decades apart, but the album title also describes the music the duo chose to record - ballads that showcase the essential elements of their craft. Far from diminishing them, time has distilled their skills into a rich and deeply rewarding blend of music-making that simply shouldn't be missed.



LEFT Vince Jones **RIGHT** Paul Grabowsky

KAWAI SATURDAY GALA: **FOUR LAST SONGS**

TINALLEY AND FRIENDS PLAY SHOSTAKOVICH AND STRAUSS



- LIMELIGHT MAGAZINE

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 8:15 pm

VENUE

Reardon Theatre

TICKETS

\$47 / \$38 conc.



Two composers' deeply personal utterances are brought together in this Gala of 20th Century Masterworks. Shostakovich's *Piano Quintet*, much loved since its premiere in 1940 where the composer himself played piano, is preceded by his *8th String Quartet* - the centerpiece of his 15 quartet oevre. Dedicated "to the victims of fascism and war", the quartet was written in just three days, and the personal nature of the work's emotional landscape is revealed through the repeated use of DSCH - his musical signature.

The concert ends with Richard Strauss' exquisite and personally reconciled meditation on death, Four Last Songs, heard here in an intimate new arrangement by Festival Director lain Grandage.



Adam Chalabi Violin 1 Lerida Delbridge Violin 2 Justin Williams Viola Michelle Wood Cello

Taryn Fiebig *Voice* Daniel de Borah *Piano*

Shostakovich 8th String Quartet Op. 110

Shostakovich Piano Quintet Op.57

Strauss Four Last Songs Op. posth.

MAIN Tinalley String Q
BOTTOM Daniel de Borah

Taryn Fiebig Tinalley String Quartet



Humanity Foundation





KATE MILLER-HEIDKE

SINGING SENSATION

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 8.15 pm

VENUE

Southcombe Park Stadium

TICKETS

\$47 / \$38 conc.

Kate Miller-Heidke Voice & Piano
Keir Nuttall Guitars
Jessica Hitchcock Voice
Zoë Black Violin
Madeleine Jevons Violin
Ceridwen Davies Viola
Rachel Johnston Cello
Dan Witton Bass
David Jones Percussion

Favourite Hits, incl. O, Vertigo, Last Day on Earth, and works from The Rabbits

Kate Miller-Heidke's monumental voice will be on full display for one night only, as she effortlessly switches between the hymnal-quiet hushes and operatic, glassbreaking siren calls of her favourite hits. Here for the first time with all-new string quartet arrangements from Festival Director Iain Grandage, she'll also perform excerpts from her multi-Helpmann Award winning adaption of the Shaun Tan/John Marsden book 'The Rabbits', which she created for Opera Australia and International Arts Festivals around the country, and which was received with such acclaim by all who saw it.

"The finest vocals in Australian music." - THE BORDER MAIL

LATE NIGHT SWING

THE FURBELOWS SING CLOSE HARMONY STANDARDS

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 10pm

VENUE

Drill Hall

TICKETS \$25 / \$20 conc.



Kelsey James Voice Miriam Crellin Voice Georgie Darvidis Voice Sam O'Halloran Guitar Jon Delaney Guitar Mark Elton Double Bass

Standards including:

Get Happy

Mr Sandman

Hi-Lili Hi-Lo

The Glow-Worm

"Forget your troubles, come on get happy, you better chase all your cares away..."

FROM 'GET HAPPY!'
 JUDY GARLAND

Dance the night away with The Furbelows - a combination of three-part close-harmony vocals and the hot swinging acoustic guitars of wartime Paris.

They embody the intricate vocal bands of the 1930s such as The Mills Brothers, The Andrews and Boswell Sisters, and the fiery guitar work of the French gypsy virtuoso Diango Reinhardt.

These divergent styles share a common heritage in the turbulent years of the mid 20th Century, lifting audiences above their troubles and allowing them to escape into a world of bohemian decadence and highbrow sophistication.

They're joyful, exuberant, and not to be missed.

SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL



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STRADIVARIUS

ALEXANDRE DA COSTA AND ANNA SLEPTSOVA IN RECITAL

DATE & TIME

Sunday 15th October 10am

VENUE

Reardon Theatre

TICKETS

\$35 / \$28 conc.



Alexandre Da Costa Violin Anna Sleptsova Piano

Vitali Chaconne
Brahms Violin Sonata No.3
Tchaikovsky Lensky's Air
Sarasate Gypsy Airs

Winner of the 2012 Juno Award, famed Canadian violinist Alexandre Da Costa and pianist Anna Sleptsova will thrill you with a morning of exquisite musicianship and dazzling technical brilliance. Playing a Stradivarius of 1701, Alex has performed in the great halls of the world - from Vienna's Musikverein to Berlin's Philharmonie to New York's Carnegie Hall. Fearlessly tackling the most formidable repertoire for his instrument, he and Anna will take you on a mercurial journey infused with deep Gypsy spirit.



"I was delighted: what a violinist, beauty of sound, fastest fingers I have heard yet, the good taste to play different styles and great humor. Chapeau!"

- LEON SPIERER, BERLIN PHILHARMONIC CONCERTMASTER 1963-1993

CELLO ALONE

YELIAN HE AND META WEISS

DATE & TIMESunday 15th October 10am

VENUE Lecture Hall

TICKETS \$30 / \$24 conc.

Yelian He Cello Meta Weiss Cello

Bach Cello Suite No. 3 in C
Lutoslawski Sacher Variation
Cassado Cello suite
Henryson Black Run

Start your Sunday morning Festival experience with two of the finest cellists in the country playing repertoire for solo cello from across the centuries. Winner of the Grand Prize and Audience Prize at the inaugural 2014 Australian Cello Awards competition in Sydney, Yelian He returns to Port Fairy with two virtuosic offerings. Before this, multiple award-winning American expatriate cellist Meta Weiss treats us to Bach's Cello Suite No. 3 in C and a gem of a miniature from Lutoslawski. The two inimitable performers may even join for a final duet should the morning stars align!

"[his] performance truly sparkled, Yelian He showed he was a consummate master of the bow."

- THE STRAD



- JOSEPH NEWSOME, VOIX
DES ARTS ON META WEISS

QUARTET AND COUNTRY

ASQ PLAYS PIGRAM, STANHOPE AND BEETHOVEN DATE & TIME

Sunday 15th October 11:30am

VENUE

Reardon Theatre

TICKETS

\$35 / \$28 conc.



The Australian String Quartet continues its much loved 'Quartet and Country' project – one that seeks to find common ground between Western Art Music and the Songlines of this country. Stephen Pigram's new work explores his relationship to his Grandmother's country ('Buru' in Yawuru language), and the multi-cultural influences of his hometown of Broome. Paul Stanhope's exquisite *Quartet No. 2* is his personal response to the journey of Jewish refugees fleeing persecution in Western Europe, with the concert ending with Beethoven's beautiful early *Op 18 No. 4 Quartet in C minor*.

*Stephen Pigram's *New Work* was commissioned for the Port Fairy Spring Music Festival by the UKARIA Foundation.

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"Country's in my veins.
With blood I write my name,
I'll sing a song to say
what I can see."

- STEPHEN PIGRAM (FROM 'MIMI')

AUSTRALIAN STRING QUARTET

Dale Barltrop Violin 1 Francesca Hiew Violin 2 Stephen King Viola Sharon Grigoryan Cello

Stephen Pigram Guitar & Voice

Pigram New Work (World Premiere*)
Stanhope String Quartet No. 2

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Beethoven String Quartet Op. 18 No. 4

EAST MEETS WEST

DATE & TIME

Sunday 15th October 11:30am

MATCHED MASTERWORKS FROM YIYUN GU

Yiyun Gu Piano

Mo Fan Tiger Spring

Tan Dun Ancient Burial

Liszt The Funeral Gondola

Tan Dun Missing Moon

Debussy The Moon Sets Over the Ancient Temple

Mo Fan Fishing Wandering at Flower Harbor

Debussy Goldfish

Piazzolla Tango No.2 from Tango Suite

Gao Ping Dance Fury—Homage to Astor Piazzolla

East Meets West is a bespoke program created for this year's Festival that combines and compares piano works by both western and contemporary Chinese composers. Each one of the themes – Spring, Funeral, Moon, Fish and Tango - has two contrasting pieces inspired by a similar subject. Be beguiled by these reflections from across the East/West divide.

VENUE Lecture Hall **TICKETS** \$30 / \$24 conc.

"My religion is music. It's the only belief in which I can embrace the beauty of all other cultures."

- TAN DUN

DATE & TIME

Sunday 15th October 11:30 am

VENUE

St John's Church

TICKETS

\$35 / \$28 conc.

LITTLE MATCH GIRL PASSION

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Lang The Little Match Girl Passion

David Lang takes Bach's St Matthew Passion as a model for this serenely refined setting of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy-tale, replacing Jesus with the tragic little girl to, as Lang puts it, "elevate her sorrow to a higher plane". Like all Passions, it tells its story while simultaneously commenting on it - asking us to inspect our own relationship with a compassionate society.

This work is performed by Australia's pre-eminent professional choir Hallelujah Junction, lead by one of Australia's finest choral conductors Jonathan Grieves-Smith. This will be a world-class choral performance.

"an outstanding interpreter of music from both the 18th century and our own."

- CLIVE PAGET, LIMELIGHT MAGAZINE
ON JONATHAN GRIEVES-SMITH



STALIN'S PIANO

HISTORIES BROUGHT TO LIFE THROUGH SPEECH-SONG

DATE & TIME

Sunday 15th October 2pm

VENUEDrill Hall

TICKETS \$30 / \$24 conc.

Sonya Lifschitz *Piano*

Davidson Stalin's Piano

Weaving together virtuoso piano music, the recorded voices of iconic, creative and political figures, video and the speaking voice of pianist Sonya Lifschitz, this new composition by Robert Davidson was a hit at its premiere in Canberra earlier this year. It is a devastating and captivating exploration of the big themes of modern history featuring vignettes of 19 historical figures.

At the centre of the work is Maria Yudina, Stalin's favourite pianist – a strident and remarkably resilient critic of the Soviet regime, whose recording of Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 23* – apparently made in haste in the middle of the night – was on the dictator's record player as he died.

Ukranian pianist Sonya Lifschitz is mesmerizing in this manifestation of living history.

piano and the voices of history."

interplay between

"A captivating...

- ANGUS MCPHERSON IN LIMELIGHT

DATE & TIME

Sunday 15th October 2pm

VENUEReardon Theatre

TICKETS \$35 / \$28 conc.

SCHUBERT QUINTET

ASQ JOINED BY LOU BENNETT AND META WEISS



"When I speak in my language it tastes like honey, it feels good"

- LOU BENNETT

This is a concert of beginnings and endings, of first and last utterances, of rebirth and renewal. Yorta Yorta / Dja Dja Wurrung woman Lou Bennett, much loved member of Tiddas, writes a story of ancient cultural practices that will leave you deeply moved and looking upon our world anew. And what better way to answer her 'Quartet and Country' offering than with that most titanic of works, Schubert's Cello Quintet. The ASQ are joined by Juilliard alumnus Meta Weiss for this masterwork from the end of Schubert's life -

TOP Australian String Quartet
MIDDLE Lou Bennett

thus easing us towards the end of the Festival.

Lou Bennett *Voice* Meta Weiss *Cello*

AUSTRALIAN STRING QUARTET

Dale Barltrop Violin 1 Francesca Hiew Violin 2 Stephen King Viola Sharon Grigoryan Cello

Bennett Resting Amongst the Treetops (World Premiere*)

Schubert Cello Quintet in C D.956

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SCHOOLS CONCERT & MASTERCLASS



SCHOOLS CONCERT: MUSIC IN THE MOVIES

DATE & TIME

Friday 13th October 11:30am & 1:30pm

VENUE Reardon Theatre in Cinema mode

FREE EVENT

Jen Anderson Quartet (See p.10 for more details of band)

Join acclaimed Australian violinist Jen Anderson and her string quartet as they explain the process of creating a film score to a silent film. Utilizing examples from a variety of sources, they will illuminate not only the stages of the creative process, but also explain the various tricks and techniques used by film composers to maximize an audience's experience of a movie.

KAWAI POP-UP RECITAL HUB

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th October 9am - 4pm

VENUE The Hub

FREE EVENT

Once again, we invite you, our audience, Festival artists and masterclass participants to present your own recital as part of the Kawai Pop-up Recital Hub. Prepare 20 minutes or less of music of your choice, and enjoy performing it on a superb Kawai grand piano. This relaxed and informal café setting allows your friends and festival guests to enjoy a cup of coffee as you serenade them, and please enjoy a coffee on the house yourselves. Sign-up sheets will be available at the venue. For pre-bookings of sessions, please phone the Festival office.

KAWAI PIANO MASTERCLASS

DATE & TIME

Saturday 14th October 11:30pm

VENUE Lecture Hall

FREE EVENT

Acclaimed pianist Benjamin Kopp presents a piano masterclass for local piano students in a relaxed and friendly setting. Festival visitors and friends welcome.

Limited places, and booking essential. Please contact Rosie Merrin at rmerrin@icloud.com

CLOSING EVENT: ALL ONE MONGREL BREED

SONGS FROM ACROSS AUSTRALIA

DATE & TIME

Sunday 15th October 3:30pm

VENUE

Southcombe Park Stadium

TICKETS

\$30 / \$24 conc.



Stephen Pigram *Guitar & Voice*Lou Bennett *Voice*Kavisha Mazzella *Choir Director, Voice*

Choirs of St Patrick's & Consolidated Schools (Antonia Balmer, Lynda Beekhof *Choir Directors*) Port Fairy Community Choir Spring Festival Strings

Featured Artists to be announced on the website

Choral-featured songs from across this country

"... we're all one mongrel breed..." With one small turn of phrase, Jimmy Chi's subversive joy welcomes us all into his vision for Australia, and reminds us collectively that the things which connect us far outweigh those that divide us. This concert of choir-centred songs ranging from Italian migrant tunes lead by Kavisha Mazzella to the hymns of the late, great Jimmy Chi will be a joyous finale to our Festival of Migrations. Join us as choirs of Port Fairy locals are lead by a range of Festival artists through songs of roving and remembrance, as we embark on our own journeys home.

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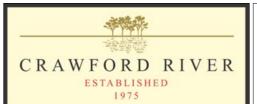


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There are no booking fees or credit card charges to add to your order. There is a priority booking period for current Friends of the Festival from 1st August to 13th August. Tickets will be on general sale from 14th August. You can add a Friends membership payment to your order if you are not yet a member and want the priority booking benefit.

Some concerts book out early, especially in smaller venues. If a concert is sold out ahead of your order, your name is added to a waiting list. We will endeavour to contact you if tickets become available, although the Festival normally receives few returns.

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9	12:45pm	Saturday Lunch: Taryn Feibig		x \$35		no conc.	=\$	
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24	11:30am	Little Match Girl Passion		x \$35		x \$28	=\$	
25	11:30am	East Meets West		x \$30		x \$24	=\$	
26	12:45pm	Sunday Lunch: Taryn Feibig		x \$35		no conc.	=\$	
27	2pm	Schubert Quintet		x \$35		x \$28	=\$	
28	2pm	Stalin's Piano		x \$30		x \$24	=\$	
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Port Fairy possesses a vast array of cafés and restaurants offering excellent cuisine which enhance the experience of the Spring Music Festival. With many accommodation options and ranges, there is somewhere for everyone to be comfortable whilst attending the Festival

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