

# SATURDAY GALA: IN THE BEGINNING

8:00PM

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019

SOUTHCOMBE PARK STADIUM

PORT FAIRY

SPRING

MUSIC

FESTIVAL

**SHAUNTAI BATZKE** *Soprano*

**LOUISE KEAST** *Soprano*

**ALEXANDRA FLOOD** *Soprano*

**LIANE KEEGAN** *Contralto*

**JAMES EGGLESTONE** *Tenor*

**DAVID PARKIN** *Bass*

**RICHARD MILLS** *Conductor*

**CHOIR OF PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**

**CHOIR OF ST PATRICK'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL PORT FAIRY**

**MEMBERS OF DHUNGALA CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

**THE CONSORT OF MELBOURNE**

**VOX PLEXUS**

**MEMBERS OF WARRNAMBOOL ORGAN FESTIVAL CHORUS**

**PORT FAIRY SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA**

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**ORFF** *O Fortuna (from Carmina Burana)*

**CASSOMENOS** *In the Beginning*

**BEETHOVEN** *Finale: Ode to Joy (from Symphony No 9)*

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Opening with Carl Orff's dramatic setting of the 13th Century poem *O Fortuna*, and closing with Beethoven's universally anthemic *Ode to Joy* finale from his *Symphony No 9*, this gala event brings together musicians from all over the South West region, alongside Melbourne musicians, magnificent soloists and esteemed conductor Richard Mills, on one enormous shared stage. Centrally featured is the world premiere of new work *In the Beginning*, a setting of text collaboratively created by children from Port Fairy Consolidated School and St Patrick's Parish Primary School Port Fairy, and members of the Dhungala Children's Choir, in conjunction with Stefan Cassomenos as the work's composer and musical facilitator. The theme of the text centres around the question of how everything came into being, and draws its answers from all of the world's continents, sung in many of the world's languages, in a celebration of both the diversity and commonality within the spectrum of cultural responses to universal questions.

# PORT FAIRY SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

## **Violin 1**

Monica Curro\* (Concertmaster)  
Richard Keuneman  
John Noble  
Jarrod Champness  
Matthew Lim  
Nick Hoskyns  
Katharina Bodisco  
Katie Ezzy

## **Violin 2**

Jenny Khafagi\*  
Wendy Galloway  
Susan Davidson  
Anna Davidson  
Edwina Sekine  
Tristan Forster  
Nick Thies

## **Viola**

Jason Bunn\*  
Phillip Antippa  
Andrew Branchflower  
Millie Davidson  
Alex King

## **Cello**

Michael Dahlenburg\*  
Fiona Pugh  
Barbara Manovel  
Clara Schutz

## **Double Bass**

Emma Sullivan\*  
Geoff Kilminster

## **Piano**

Stefan Cassomenos\*

## **Timpani**

Erica Rasmussen\*

## **Percussion**

Greg Sully\*  
Sharon Gore

## **Flute**

Caroline Berlin\*  
Airlie Tait  
Jessica Thompson

## **Oboe**

Emmanuel Cassimatis\*  
Laura Thompson

## **Clarinet**

Frank Celata\*  
Erin Toulmin  
Luci Ferrier

## **Bassoon**

Hugh Ponnuthurai\*  
Christian Biscombe  
Barney Ellis

## **Horn**

Carla Blackwood\*  
Kristyn Cram  
Andrew Philpot  
Dean Mulholland

## **Trumpet**

Geoff Payne\*  
Julie Payne  
Lindsay Stow

## **Trombone**

Robert Collins\*  
James Philpot

## **Bass Trombone**

Charles MacInnes\*

\*denotes principal

Players from Melbourne Symphony Orchestra,  
Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra  
Victoria, Melbourne Chamber Orchestra,  
Corpus Medicorum, Geelong Symphony  
Orchestra, Hamilton Symphony Orchestra,  
Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra

# PORT FAIRY SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL CHORUS

## ADULT CHORUS

Fran Agar	Kirsten Fuller-Jackson	Katherine Norman
Bev Ainger	Jenny George	Ben Owen
Evelyn Arnold	Allegra Giagiu	Robin Parkin
Jenny Baptiste	Jeanette Hajnci	Hannah Pietsch
Judy Barton	Glennistair Hancock	Elizabeth Pinson
Sonia Beal	Steven Hodgson	Sian Pretty
Lynda Beekhof	Roz Holbrook	Anthony Rees
Kristy Biber	Peter Johnson	Timothy Reynolds
Rachel Boak	Louise Keast	Sue Robertson
Barbara Borgas	Pam King	Philip Shaw
Marg Broers	Celia Luke	Jamie Tait
Llyn Brown	John MacInnes	Peter Tregear
Spencer Chapman	Timothy Matthews Staindl	Elizabeth Veale
Chris Cussen	Madlaina Meister	Paul Venzo
Jim Davidson	Anthea Morrison	Keryn Wilson

## CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Minjarra Atkinson	Chloe Dumesny	Gwen Marshall
Stefan Botha	Cooper Dumesny	Hannah McCrohan
Ella Campbell	Ella Fitzpatrick	Ngara McEwen
Maggie Carmichael	Cassie Hartwick	Dylan Mills
Tilly Chisholm	Eliza Hocking	Claire Moutsos
Charlotte Condon	Nina Hoey	Alexa-Jade Parnell
Isabella Condon	Gracie Hough	Tessa Phillips
Sarah Condon	Kyeisha Huntly	Grace Pollock
Kitty Curtain	Hugo Jarrold	Aarahi Schuler Singh
Jaymee Drever	Kiarah Judd	Kimiora Schuler Singh
Charlotte Dumesny	Lexi Lee	

## CHORAL DIRECTION TEAM

Children's Chorus Co-ordinator	Dermot Tutty
Port Fairy Consolidated School	Lynda Beekhof
St Patrick's Parish Primary School Port Fairy	Antonia Balmer
Dhungala Children's Choir	Jessica Hitchcock
Warrnambool Organ Festival Chorus	Louise Keast
The Consort of Melbourne	Steven Hodgson

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