

ORBITAL RESONANCE

2:00PM

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2024

ST JOHN'S CHURCH



Luke HOWARD
Amistad

Slava Grigoryan *Guitar*
Leonard Grigoryan *Guitar*

George Frideric HANDEL
Keyboard Suite in G minor, HWV 452

1. Allemande
2. Courante
3. Sarabande
4. Gigue

Dominic MILLER
Do You Want Me

Nat BARTSCH
Kindling

Wolfgang MUTHSPIEL
Lucky Breaks

Shaun RIGNEY
Light After Diamonds

Leo BROUWER
Blue Mountains

Slava & Leonard GRIGORYAN
from *This Is Us: A Musical Reflection of Australia*
Song for the Road
Mourning Dress
Don's Bat

With a repertoire spanning centuries, continents, and genres, displaying amazing telepathy and the ability to evoke emotion from every note, **Slava & Leonard Grigoryan** are justifiably regarded as Australia's finest classical guitarists. Throughout their musical journey spanning over two decades, Slava and Leonard have forged connections with like-minded souls worldwide. Each track on 'Amistad', released by Decca, is a gift from composers met during their travels, some tailored specifically for the brothers, while others find new life through their unique interpretations. Contributions have come from such diverse composers as Cuban guitarist Leo Brouwer, legendary jazz guitarist Ralph Towner, Sting's guitarist Dominic Miller, guitarist Gus Isidore (Seal, Peter Gabriel), Australian neo-classical pianists Luke Howard and Nat Bartsch, and more. Crafted with love, respect, and a profound understanding, these compositions symbolise the reciprocal appreciation between the composers and the Grigoryan Brothers. Amistad, meaning 'friendship' in Spanish, is a celebration of camaraderie — a project resonating with respect and connection, a heartfelt tribute from the brothers. This performance features music from Amistad and favourites from their past recordings. Between them, they have received 4 ARIA awards (Australian Recording Industry Association) and an incredible 25 ARIA Award nominations. As a duo they have recorded 12 albums. They have been touring internationally since 2003, regularly performing throughout Europe, Asia, Australia and the USA, as well as performances in Brazil, South Africa, India and the Middle East. Collaborations are another important part of Slava and Leonard's musical journey. Individually and as a duo, they have collaborated and worked with many luminaries such as Paco Pena, Ralph Towner, Wolfgang Muthspiel, Luke Howard and Joseph Tawadros. Their prolific recording output includes film soundtracks and duo interpretations of music by Bach, Tchaikovsky, Debussy, Faure and many more. After touring the world, recording and performing together for over 20 years, their focus of late has been more and more on developing new repertoire, either by penning their own works or commissioning respected peers to create new music for them.