

Newsletter

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classical music locally!*

MUSIC SHOALHAVEN'S AGM AND CONCERT:

- 11 FEBRUARY, 2024 -

The first Music Shoalhaven concert of 2024 was held on Saturday February 10 at the Berry Uniting Church, a free event to welcome friends of classical music, old and new, to another year of fine performances.

Albert Au, our piano soloist, is only aged 14, but his expertise and dexterity belie his youth. Albert performed a complete concert from memory. First he played several movements from the Beethoven Sonata #8, known as the 'Pathetique.' He followed this with 2 of the Schubert 'Impromptus.' Then came the 'Fantasy Impromptu' and an 'Etude' by Chopin. Much applause encouraged Albert to play an encore, a Chopin Waltz.



At the end of the concert, Ona Frazier, the Music Director of Music Shoalhaven, presented Albert with a certificate from Liza Butler, State Member for the South Coast. This was a copy of the mention made in Parliament about Albert's piano virtuosity, heard by Liza at the 75th Anniversary concert of Music Shoalhaven in 2023. At this concert Albert was presented the Hugh Macken Award for 'a young pianist residing in the Shoalhaven who shows both potential in talent and enthusiastic dedication to his/her work.' How lucky we are to be able to be at a complete concert with such a fine young pianist!

The concert was bookended by an elegant afternoon tea and the Music Shoalhaven Annual General Meeting. All positions on the Committee were filled, with the same members more than willing to continue providing quality classical music for so many local people.

(by Jan Larson)

MUSIC SHOALHAVEN'S NEXT CONCERT FOR 2024 IS ON ...

SUNDAY, 3 MARCH | 2PM | BERRY UNITING CHURCH

HEATHER MOEN-BOYD

~ Organ at the Opera ~



A graduate in organ performance from Sydney Conservatorium, Heather has been organist and choir director at Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church in Mosman since 2006. She was a guest organist at the 2023 New England Bach Festival in Armidale. In addition to giving solo recitals in Sydney and beyond, Heather has accompanied many church and community choirs in major oratorio presentations, including several performances over the years with the Shoalhaven Lydian Singers.

In 2021 she was appointed organist to Macquarie University to accompany graduation ceremonies. She is pianist with several groups bringing music to residents of aged care facilities, and in recent times has been playing piano in dance bands. In addition to a private teaching studio in Sydney's Hills district, she is an examiner with the Australian and New Zealand Cultural Arts. She also enjoys choral singing and is a member of the Mater Chorale.

In this concert, "Organ at the Opera", Heather will be performing famous music from Operas throughout the centuries, including music by Claudio Monteverdi through to Arthur Sullivan and everyone in between!

2024 Music Shoalhaven Concerts

**All adult tickets \$35. Children and students FREE.
Tickets available at the door with cash or card.**

Berry Uniting Church

Sunday, 3 March | 2pm | Heather Moen-Boyd (organ)

Nowra School of Arts

Saturday*, 6 April | 2pm | Roland Peelman (piano) &
Andrew Goodwin (Tenor)

Sunday, 23 June | 2pm | Brass Passports

Sunday, 4 August | 2pm | Louise Johnson (Harp)

Sunday, 6 October | 2pm | Sydney University Graduate Choir

Sunday, 17 November | 2pm | Samuel Dharma (Piano)

Please take note that this is a **Saturday event.*

Other events in our area in 2024...

Nowra Town Band

Music of the Olympics 14 April | 2pm | Nowra School of Arts

Shoalhaven Lydian Singers

1. May 25-26
2. Aug 24-25
3. Nov 30-Dec 1

MUSO

(Milton Ulladulla String Orchestra..... more than strings now)

1. June 29
2. Dec 1

Highlands Symphonia

almost all at 10.30am St Jude's Church Bowral (supporting various charities)

1. April 10 (Wombatised)
2. June 19 (National Braille Music Camp)
3. Sept 11 (Wingecarribee Adult Day Care Centre)
4. October 27 Excerpts from Messiah but at 4pm
5. December 11 (Welby House)

Steel City Strings

Identity Sunday 24 March | 2pm | Berry School of Arts
Reel Music Sunday 16 June | 2pm | Berry School of Arts
Choral Riffs Sunday 22 September | 2pm | Nowra School of Arts
(other dates and venues also available. See website)

Australian Haydn Ensemble

Love & Devotion Friday 16 February | 7pm | Berry Uniting Church Hall
Heavenly Sopranos Friday 12 April | 7pm | Berry Uniting Church Hall
Beethoven's Fifth Friday 28 June | 7pm | Berry Uniting Church Hall
Mozart's Horn Friday 27 September | 7pm | Berry Uniting Church Hall
(other dates and venues also available. See website)

Gerringong Music Club

Estampa Sun 10 March | 2pm | Gerringong Town Hall
James Fortune & Georgia Lowe Sun 19 May | 2pm | Gerringong Town Hall
Luke Bowen Sun 21 July | 2pm | Gerringong Town Hall
Clear Strings (Kids Concert) Sun 18 August | 2pm | Gerringong Town Hall
Duo Histoire Sun 15 Sept | 2pm | Gerringong Town Hall
Southland Choir Sun 17 Nov | 2pm | Gerringong Town Hall

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

ACO Collective - The Lark Ascending Wed 15 May | 8pm
SSO and Augustin Hadelich (violin) Sun 18 August | 2pm

2024 Music Shoalhaven Committee

President: Jan Larson

Vice-President: Roy Frazier

Music Director: Ona Boyd-Frazier

Treasurer: Margaret Perkins

Secretary: Gail Stebbings

Committee Members: Sarah Turvey (Public Officer), Colin Marstin,
Susan Ballinger and Helen Gray

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