MUSIC SHOALHAVEN

November 2026 Newsletter



Joshua Han's performance as our guest performer resulted in extended handclapping and standing ovations. What an outstanding performance from a very talented and yet very humble young man. We were all transfixed by the speed of fingers, the superb accuracy and interpretation of works by Bach, Chopin, Liszt and Stravinsky. One lady told me she had seen the Stravinsky recently performed by the Sydney Symphony at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre but that the level of excitement of Han's presentation far outstripped the orchestral production of the Sydney Symphony. What a privilege we have had to enjoy, indeed, to thrill to the exceptional flair and talent of Joshua Han!

Our November Concert:
Angelique Tot
Mezzo-Soprano

2:00pm, Sunday, 15th November, 2026
Nowra School of Arts

Accompanist
John Martin



"Angelique Tot is a Sydney-based mezzo-soprano and graduate of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music's Master of Performance (Opera). With more than twenty operatic roles across seven languages, she performs widely from the Baroque to the contemporary. Her roles include the title role in Bizet's *Carmen*, Isabella in Rossini's *L'italiana in Algeri*, Dorabella in Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, Cherubino in *Le nozze di Figaro*, Prince Charming in Massenet's *Cendrillon*, Ruggiero in Handel's *Alcina* and Fenena in Verdi's *Nabucco*. She recently performed Der Trommler in Ullmann's *Der Kaiser von Atlantis* at Glebe Town Hall.

A passionate advocate for new music, Angelique has premiered a number of contemporary works, and in 2026 gave the premiere of a song cycle by Michael Lampard.

She has appeared with leading Australian companies including Victorian Opera, The Co-Operative, TOSC, Lyster Opera and the Australian Contemporary Opera Company, where she received the prestigious Henkell Fellowship. Internationally, she has been a Young

Artist with the Berlin Opera Academy, the Eurasia Summer Academy and the Jerusalem Lyric Opera Festival (2022, 2023). In 2025 she was awarded the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod Opera Aria Prize.
As a 2026 Young Artist with Pacific Opera, Angelique has performed Mrs Sedley in Britten's *Peter Grimes* and Kabanicha in Janáček's *Káťa Kabanová* as part of the company's condensed "pocket opera" series.
Equally at home on the concert platform, she has appeared as alto soloist in Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Handel's *Messiah*, Mozart's *Missa Brevis in F*, Saint-Saëns' *Oratorio de Noël*, Gounod's *Messe Chorale*, C.P.E. Bach's *Magnificat* and Elgar's *The Kingdom*. Most recently she was alto soloist in the Australian premiere of Amaral Vieira's *Stabat Mater* with River City Voices.
Alongside her performing career, Angelique is a dedicated voice educator, teaching from her private studio in Sydney as well as at St Andrew's Cathedral School and Redlands. "

Afternoon Tea at the end of the concert is a wonderful time for the audience to talk to the performers. Music Shoalhaven has a great reputation for fabulous afternoon teas. Let's keep up the fantastic tradition and help bring along something to share!



Announcing our Music Shoalhaven 2027 Concerts: for your Diary

2:00pm Sunday, 14th March, "Le Basque Trio" – French Horn, Piano and Tenor
2:00pm Sunday, 18th April, Emily Granger – Harp
2:00pm Sunday, 18th July – TBA (Possibly Katrina Choi – Piano – and Friends)
2:00pm Sunday, 5th September, Marais Project with Musica Viva.
2:00pm Sunday, 7th November – Catherine O'Doherty – Mezzo Soprano plus another singer and David Vance (Accompanist)

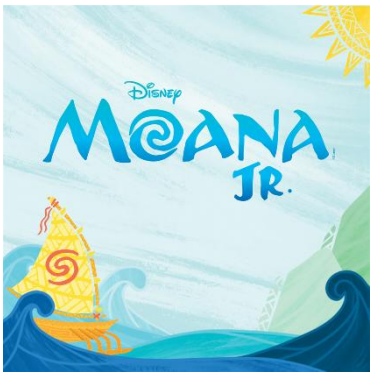
Music Shoalhaven has been given a grant of $2000 by the Shoalhaven City Council and we are very thankful for this. This enables us to present high quality performers. As part of our response to this we need you to complete a short survey. Please grab a copy on your way into our next two concerts and fill it out.

AGM FEBRUARY 2027
PLEASE CONSIDER BEING ON THE COMMITTEE.

Music Shoalhaven would not exist without an active committee. We have meetings about two/three weeks before each concert. We are looking for people who love classical music and are keen to keep classical music performers coming to the Shoalhaven.
Please consider if you could be a part of Music Shoalhaven into the future.

Other Concerts coming up in October, November and December for Your Diary:





NOWRA ANGLICAN COLLEGE

2:00pm and 6:00pm, Saturday, 24th October 2026.

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

Disney's Moana JR. is a 60-minute musical adaptation of the 2016 Disney animated film, bringing the adventures of Moana and her village of Motunui to life onstage. Moana JR. features all the beloved songs from the film, including 'How Far I'll Go', 'Shiny', and 'You're Welcome'.

AHE AUSTRALIAN HAYDN ENSEMBLE: "HAYDN'S OXFORD"



7:00pm Friday, 30th October at Berry Uniting Church

Haydn's London Symphonies No. 93, 95 and 103 arr. Peter Saloman

Violinist and impresario Peter Salomon was the guardian angel (slash shrewd businessman) who put Haydn on a boat to London after a younger "less enlightened" (ok, philistine) Esterházy sacked all his musicians and kept the composer on for domestic duties. English audiences went wild, symphonies poured out and sterling poured in but these "tours" represented a genuine sea-change in music history: the fans were middle to upper-middle class music lovers, not diversion-seeking aristocrats. And in the absence of a foyer CD (let alone vinyl) stall, they were all ravenous to listen again at home. *So…* you guessed it,

Salomon added a lucrative by-line in downsized arrangements for amateur parlour use. As AHE listeners will know, these versions, often for string sextet and flute, are a long way from pale imitations: newly imagined for the medium, they are actually a refreshing listen when compared to the brass and drum heavy “warhorse” school of orchestral playing.



Victorian State Ballet

presents

“Swan Lake”

2:00pm and 7:30pm,
Saturday, 7th November,
2026
Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

A breathtaking ballet of love, magic, and moonlit enchantment.

MILTON ULLADULLA MUSIC presents

Andrew Rumsey (Piano) & Myee Clohessy (Violin)

2:00pm, Saturday, 7th November, 2026
St Martin’s Anglican Church,
Cnr Princes Highway and Green St, Ulladulla



NOWRA TOWN BAND CONCERT at Wesley Centre.

2:00pm, Sunday, 15th November, 2026.

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"Christmas Crackers" is a Christmas Cabaret/ Audience Participation event.

6:30pm entry for a 7:00pm start, Saturday, 5th December, 2026.

A mixed voice group of 30 singers, some flute and trumpet parts.

Songs are lovely arrangements of some traditional carols and some Classic choir material.

Tickets are $5 and will be available on Trybooking shortly.



GERRINGONG CAROLS

5:00pm, Sunday, 20th December, 2026 at Gerringong Town Hall.

Lots of Carol singing.