

Newsletter

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MUSIC SHOALHAVEN'S MOST RECENT CONCERTS:

- 17 SEPTEMBER -

75th Anniversary Concert

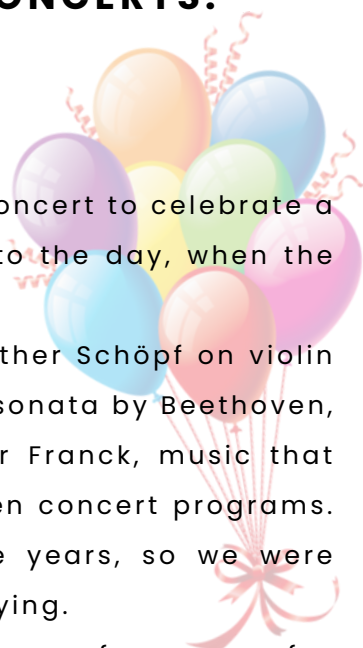
On 17 September, Music Shoalhaven presented a special concert to celebrate a very special occasion, our 75th anniversary, exactly 75 years to the day, when the Nowra Music Club had its first concert in 1948.

We were delighted by our guest artists from Germany, Esther Schöpf on violin and Norbert Groh on piano, who presented a rich program of a sonata by Beethoven, a rhapsody and a scherzo by Brahms and a sonata by Cesar Franck, music that certainly might have been on one of the early Music Shoalhaven concert programs. We had been trying to present Esther and Norbert for three years, so we were thrilled that our audience could finally hear their wonderful playing.

As part of this concert, there was also a special piano performance of a Chopin piece by Albert Au, the local 13 year old winner of the Hugh Macken Award for 2023. Albert is a highly skilled young pianist, who has performed with the Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra and the Bluescope Youth Orchestra and has won several top awards at the City of Shoalhaven Eisteddfod plus other awards from the Wollongong Eisteddfod and the Gerringong Music Club. The audience was delighted to hear the high standard of Albert's playing. We'll certainly be hearing more from Albert in 2024!

After the feast of music, the 75th anniversary celebration continued with the cutting of a cake by Audrey Boyd, one of the original committee members. A large display of historical posters, programs, photographs and newspaper articles was also available to view, and many of our audience were reminded of exceptional performances of the past. Of course, there was also our usual lovely afternoon tea and a chance to speak with our three performers.

(by Jan Larson and Colin Marstin)



- 1 OCTOBER -

Arcadia Winds

presented in collaboration with Music in the Regions

On Sunday 1st October we were treated to a delightful performance by the Arcadia Winds' quintet with Kiri Sollis flute, Rachel Bullen oboe, Rachel Shaw horn, Matthew Kneale bassoon and Lloyed Van't Hoff clarinet.



Their first piece: Tzigane by American composer Valerie Coleman, was light and joyful - an amusing conversation between the 5 performers whose skills exploited the characters and technical possibilities of each instrument.

The next piece: Meridian by Sdraulig, an Australian composer, featured dramatically long, drawn out notes representing the meridians around the earth.

The concert concluded with an arrangement by Ravel of Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. The audience was invited to imagine walking through the long corridors of an art gallery in a haunted, old castle while listening to the familiar melody interspersed with colours of the Night on Bald Mountain.

We look forward to the possibility of a future visit from these energetic and talented performers.

(by Susan Ballinger)



MUSIC SHOALHAVEN'S FINAL CONCERT FOR 2023 IS ON ...

SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER | 2PM | NOWRA SCHOOL OF ARTS

Acacia Quartet



The Acacia Quartet is passionate about supporting Australian composers, working with young musicians, and sharing their love of music with audiences of all ages. Their performances feature regularly on radio stations around the world.

Comprising Lisa Stewart (Violin), Doreen Cumming (Violin), Stefan Duwe (Viola) and Anna Martin-Scrase (Cello)

Acacia Quartet will perform:

- Alice Chance - Precious Colours
- Ludwig van Beethoven - String Quartet No. 1, Op. 18/1
- Franz Schubert - String Quartet No. 14, D810 'Death & The Maiden'

2024 Music Shoalhaven Concerts

Berry Uniting Church

Saturday*, 10 February | 3pm | Concert and AGM | Albert Au (piano)

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 of the two Saturday events.*

All adult tickets \$35. Children and students free.

Other events coming up in our area soon...

Steel City Strings "Body and Soul" | Sunday, 19 November | 2pm | Nowra School of Arts

Gerringong Music Club "Tango Concert" (piano and bandoneon) | Sunday, 19 November | 2pm | Gerringong Town Hall

Orana Quartet | Friday, 24 November | 8pm | Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

Shoalhaven Lydian Singers "Christmas Concert" | Saturday, 2 December | 3pm | Berry School of Arts

Shoalhaven Lydian Singers "Christmas Concert" | Sunday, 3 December | 3pm | Nowra School of Arts

Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra "At the Movies" | Saturday, 9 December | 4pm | Nowra School of Arts

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