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Newsletter

promoting, supporting and encouraging classical music locally!

AGM & CONCERT - 5TH FEBRUARY

Frances Gray & Max Kielly

by Susan Ballinger

The well attended 75th birthday of Shoalhaven Music was celebrated in our usual friendly style with drinks and nibbles before recitals in the church from Frances Gray and Max Kielly, followed by the AGM.

Frances, who is just 17 years old, stunned the audience with her abilities. She first played several movements of Von Weber's clarinet concerto no. 2, accompanied by John Martin on piano. Then she performed several clarinet pieces by Penderecki and Liszt, before moving to the piano. Her incredibly fast fingers playing an energetically fast piece by Villa-Lobos, provided a skilled contrast to the previous slow movement by J.S. Bach.

Max then took the stage to play a selection of piano preludes by Claude Debussy. He concluded with an improvisation on Round Midnight by Thelonioous Monk and Cootie Williams. His performance carried the audience from being gently lulled by such selections as The Girl with the Flaxen Hair, through to the firey arousal of Eccentric and Feux dártifice.

These two performers, each with their concluding pieces, roused the audience and blew the cobwebs out of the beautiful grand piano, formerly owned by Ona and Roy, and lately played too seldom.

MUSIC SHOALHAVEN'S NEXT CONCERT IS...

Zefiro Piano Trio

SUNDAY, 19 MARCH | 2PM |
NOWRA SCHOOL OF ARTS

Music Shoalhaven is proud to welcome Cecilia Bersée (Violin), Suzanne Cowan (Flute) and David Vance (Piano) who will perform together for us as the **Zefiro Piano Trio**. These Wollongong-based musicians are well known as fine soloists, chamber musicians and teachers. Their concert program will include a selection of delightful **French Romantic music** by favourites such as Gaubert, Doppler, Ibert and Rota. It's sure to be a treat, so don't miss it!

Introducing...our new Newsletter Editor

SARAH TURVEY

Sarah has been a Music Shoalhaven Committee member for a number of years and has now taken over editing the Newsletter from Ona Frazier. A huge THANK YOU to Ona for her MANY years as editor!

Sarah is a singer, flautist and music teacher who performs and teaches locally and she is looking forward to continuing Ona's fine efforts in bringing you information about Music Shoalhaven concerts and other regional events.

If you have any local musical events you would like included in our newsletter, or would like to be added to the mailing list, please email Sarah at turveysj@gmail.com.

2023 Music Shoalhaven Concerts

All concerts start at **2pm** at **Nowra School of Arts**, Berry St, Nowra

Sunday, 19 March | Zefiro Piano Trio: Cecilia Bersée (Violin), Suzanne Cowan (Flute), David Vance (Piano).

Sunday, 7 May | Early Music Recorder Group: Paige Alexander Gullifer and Friends

Sunday, 25 June | Ana de la Vega (Flute) "My Paris"

Sunday, 13 Aug | John Martin (Piano), Matthew Avery (Baritone) and Mary-Jean O'Doherty (Soprano)

Sunday, 17 Sept | Esther Schöpf (Violin) and Norbert Groh (Piano) from Germany

Sunday, 12 Nov | Acacia Quartet: Lisa Stewart (Violin), Doreen Cumming (Violin), Stefan Duwe (Viola), Anna Martin-Scrase (Cello)

All adult tickets $30. Children and students free.

NB: due to our rising operational costs, the adult concert ticket price will increase to $35 from July 2023.

Other events coming to a place near you...

Steel City Strings - Worlds Connect

Featuring Wollongong Turkish-Australian singer Ayşe Göknur Shanal performing a collection of folk songs from her family's heritage. Turkish folk songs find an authentic voice in our guest soloist, widely admired for her operatic artistry and advocacy for Australian music.

"These infectious rhythms, haunting and joyous melodies, are in my bones." says Göknur, who grew up in Wollongong. "As the daughter of immigrants from Turkey, these songs bring my life to a full circle. This is what this country is about."

Paired with the European flavour of our program, we include a lively string suite by the young Sydney-based Greek composer, Stefanos Maragkakis (born in 1997), as well as an arrangement of Chinese folk melodies for Steel City Strings by acclaimed Melbourne composer, Julian Yu. Both these Australian composers draw on folk and dance traditions of their countries of origin in works specially arranged for this ensemble.

First Nations composer Christopher Sainsbury, Associate Professor of Composition at ANU has specifically arranged a string quartet, Lydian Caprice, for Steel City Strings. And Idyll for Strings by Leos Janacek from Czechoslovakia in central Europe rounds out this eclectic program that enriches our cultural identity through human experience that is universal.

Sunday 5 March | 2pm | Robertson School of Arts
Saturday 11March | 11am | Shellharbour Civic Centre
Saturday 11 March | 7.30pm | Wollongong Town Hall
Sunday 12 March | 2pm | Nowra School of Arts

Join us for NSW Multicultural Month in March 2023 as we honour our diverse cultural community through music. Tickets and 2023 season available at https://steelcitystrings.com.au/events-calendar/

BERRY UNITING CHURCH CONCERT SERIES 2023

DIRECTOR/ACCOMPANIST: DAVID FOLEY

"SUITES & TREATS"

CLASSICAL SONG & VIOLIN

Janet Morris, Soprano Ona Boyd-Frazier, Soprano Joanna Landstra, Violin

Featuring the Songs of Schubert, Rachmaninov & Mozart and the ravishing MEDITATION from Massenet's "Thais".

2:00pm, Saturday, 25th March, Albert St, Berry.

Tickets at the Door: $25 (In aid of UKRAINE)

POPULAR & INSPIRATIONAL SONG & PIANO

Monique Hill, Soprano Max Kielly, Piano

2:00pm, Saturday, 29th April, Albert St, Berry.

Tickets at the Door: $25 (In aid of Berry Parkinson's Support Group)

The headline acts for the **2023 Canberra International Music Festival** bring joy, renewed hope and optimism to one of Australia's most beloved art music events.

The Brodsky Quartet, Quatuor van Kuijk and Alexander Gavryluyk lead a stellar line-up of artists. The Australian Haydn Ensemble, always a revelation on period instruments pairs with Andrew Goodwin. Sonya Lifschitz and Alexander Gavrylyuk meet on the concert grand with Donald Nicholson on the harpsichord. Jazz supremos of all generations share the program with early music specialists.

The Canberra International Music Festival brings people together: the Brodsky Quartet, perform with didgeridoo master William Barton. Kristian Winther's fearless Alma Moodie Quartet meets emerging clarinet sensation Oliver Shermacher. Young guns Katie Yap and James Wannan join forces, both on viola.

Canberra traditionally turns on a colourful spectacle in autumn. Together with our national institutions, the Canberra International Music Festival offers a memorable cultural experience over ten lovely autumn days. French-themed breakfast concerts start the day, evening events take place in the historic heritage site of Fitters' Workshop and daytime events take place across the many wonderful sites and locations of the city.

For those requiring accommodation CIMF's accommodation partner Doma Hotels offers a 25% discount to CIMF patrons.

For further information please see https://cimf.org.au/all-events/ or email info@cimf.org.au.

Gerringong Music Club (Gerringong Town Hall)

Sunday 19 March | 2pm | **Acacia Quartet:** Lisa Stewart - violin, Doreen Cummings - violin
Stefan Duwe - viola, Anna Martin-Scrase - cello

Internationally acclaimed Australian string quartet performs an attractive repertoire including Beethoven, Debussy, and Elena Kats-Chernin (www.acaciaquartet.com)

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre (SEC)

Friday 3 March | 8pm | **Karin Schaupp & Flinders Quartet**

A concert full of feelings: loss, longing, love, and a bit of foot-stomping fandango flamboyance presented by some of Australia's most brilliant and expressive musicians.

Saturday 1 April | 8pm | **Two of Us - The Songs of Lennon & McCartney**
Damien Leith & Darren Coggan

Two of Australia's most applauded performers, Darren Coggan and Damien Leith celebrate two of the most inspiring songwriters of all time, John Lennon and Paul McCartney in a magical, intimate and acoustic portrait of the songs that changed the world.

Afternoon Tea

contributions welcome!

Music Shoalhaven is renowned for our delicious, complimentary afternoon tea served at the conclusion of each concert. It is a great opportunity to chat with the musicians and let them know how much you have enjoyed their performance. You might like to contribute some special biscuits, finger sandwiches, a slice or some dips and crackers - these are just some ideas to get your creative cooking juices flowing!

2023 Music Shoalhaven Committee

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