

MUSIC SHOALHAVEN

Newsletter – April/May 2021

OUR LAST CONCERT... LUKE BOWEN – PIANO



What a stunning performance Luke treated us to! What a wonderful way to begin again after a year of COVID restrictions! Luke kept us captivated by his skilled and sensitive playing... the whole programme was from memory. For those of us with aging brains this was totally astonishing. How privileged we are to have such a fine young musician with so much potential living amongst us and sharing his talent with us. The committee was so impressed that we presented the Hugh Macken award to him. This award is generally given annually to a young pianist from the Shoalhaven who shows great promise.

OUR CONCERT 2:00pm Sunday, 2nd May... JOHN MARTIN – PIANO and GEORGINA OAKES – CLARINET

JOHN MARTIN



“A singer could ask no more of a pianist than sensitive hands, intuitive musicality, and an acute awareness of the singer’s breathing and phrasing. John Martin is such a pianist and then some! A consummate musician and composer who revels in the art of ensemble, John lives and breathes music. All fortunate enough to hear this man performing live never forget the experience.”—Jose Carbo, premier Australian baritone.

“We { Peter Cousins and Jane Rutter } have enjoyed touring with Australian pianist John Martin, whose lovely playing, erudition and elegant manners delighted us and audiences.”—Jane Rutter, celebrated Australian flautist.

In a colourful career of great variety, John Martin has become very well-known and celebrated as a sensitive and entertaining performer. He has recently gained a lot of notice for a cameo as the department store pianist in Bruce Beresford’s movie “Ladies In Black”! As pianist and Music Director John has worked with many stars of the Australian and international concert and theatre scenes.

John is frequently to be heard on radio, especially ABC Classic FM (where he has been the subject of several week-long feature spots), both as soloist and associate artist, and has championed the works of many Australian composers. John, himself, is also a composer.

Make sure you read his whole biography in the concert programme.

Clarinetist Georgina Oakes enjoys a multi-faceted career as a soloist, educator, chamber musician and orchestral musician, whose versatility spans traditional classical repertoire to contemporary new works. She spent 9 years honing her craft across Europe and America, performing with ensembles such as *Royal Concertgebouw* Amsterdam, *Ensemble InterContemporain* Paris and *MusicAeterna* Russia. Included in this was the performance of Pierre Boulez's concerto 'Domaines' at the Vienna Konzerthaus and being invited as a guest performer at The Juilliard School's *ChamberFest* in New York.

She is a laureate of the SYLFF Tokyo Foundation and has been awarded the Australian Music Foundation Young Musician Award, the Ian Potter Music Foundation Award, the Big Brother Movement Award and the Thyll-Dürr Stiftung Switzerland Scholarship.

Georgina holds a 'Magistra der Künste' in Clarinet Performance from the *Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst* Vienna, a 'Master of Music' in Clarinet from the *Hochschule für Musik* Freiburg and a 'Bachelor of Music Studies' from the *Sydney Conservatorium*. She also undertook studies at the *Conservatoire National Supérieur Musique* Paris and the *Accademia Musicale Chigiana* Siena.

Now based back in Australia, Georgina regularly performs concerts and is an in-demand music educator. She has had the pleasure of being a Hatched Academy Associate Artist with Ensemble Offspring, performing with Omega Ensemble and giving solo recitals.

GEORGINA OAKES



A MOSTLY FRENCH PROGRAMME



John and Georgina will be bringing us a mostly French programme, including the "Meditation" from "THAIS" by Massenet, Debussy's "Premiere Rhapsody", works by Poulenc, Widor, Satie, Martini and the delicious, delectable, wholly gorgeous Reynaldo Hahn song, "L'Heure Exquise".



AFTERNOON TEA



YES!!!

Afternoon Tea is again a part of the whole Music Shoalhaven Concert experience. We would encourage you to bring along a delicious delicacy to share. It is time not just for eating and drinking but also a time to meet and talk with the performers.

Because of COVID regulations the food will be served. Please do not just go and take food from the tables with your hands.

MUSIC SHOALHAVEN CONCERTS COMING UP

All the concerts will be at the Nowra School of Arts, Berry St, Nowra. The dates are as follows:

Date	Concert
20 th June	Ryley Gillen (Trumpet) and Friend (Piano)
8 th August	"Four Hands" Daniel Herscovitch and Clemens Leske - Piano Duets
26 th September	TBA
14 th November	"SOUTHLAND" (Choir) Conductor – Lesley Challenger

OUR NEXT CONCERT: RYLEY GILLEN - Trumpeter Extraordinaire



ADVERTISING IDEAS – We are always looking for ideas of how, when and where to advertise music Shoalhaven concerts. We presently advertise through our newsletters, word of mouth, Radio, Website and Facebook. In the past we used to do posters but nowadays shop owners will not allow us to put them in windows. We have also had handouts for individuals to pass on to their friends and acquaintances. We have also encouraged Members to send on newsletters to others. If you have some good ideas of how, when and where to advertise please let the committee know.

TICKET PRICES 2021

This year we are planning to sell tickets for the flat rate of \$25 per person. Those of you who had a Season Ticket for 2020 will not have to pay anything extra. We are keen to have as many as possible back enjoying the music. If you have any questions in regard to ticket prices please contact Colin Marstin at jancol2536@gmail.com or call him on 4446 0432.

OTHER CONCERTS/EVENTS-

Shoalhaven Eisteddfod – Watch this Space!!! Keep 28th October Free!!!

Some exciting events are in the pipeline ... As you know the eisteddfod was not able to be held in 2020 and will not be held this year, either, for all the COVID reasons. However, this does not mean that nothing is happening in the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod Universe.....



Ole Bohn



Daniel Herscovitch

Gerringong Music Club –

Daniel Herscovitch (Piano) and Ole Bohn (Violin)

Distinguished musicians Daniel Herscovitch and Ole Bohn will be performing at Gerringong Town Hall on Sunday 16 May at 2 pm. Their program is most appealing, including violin and piano sonatas by Mozart and Schumann, followed by the popular 'Kreutzer' Sonata by Beethoven.

Both are Associate Professors at Sydney Conservatorium of Music – Daniel Herscovitch in piano, and Ole Bohn in violin. Both have pursued extensive careers as soloists, chamber musicians and teachers, travelling to perform with orchestras in US, Europe and elsewhere, as well as in Australia.

Members of Gerringong Music Club are delighted to have the opportunity of hearing musicians of such calibre. For members, this is a free concert; for visitors, entry will be \$25 at the door.



STEEL CITY STRINGS "CELEBRATION OF YOUTH"

7:30PM 26TH JUNE - WOLLONGONG
TOWN HALL, CNR CROWN AND
KEMBLA STS, WOLLONGONG

2:00PM 27TH JUNE - NOWRA
SCHOOL OF ARTS