





Welcome

"Beauty plus pity – that is the closest we can get to a definition of art." — Vladimir Nabokov

A concert is like a sculpture in the sand. There is beauty and vulnerability, and the charged spirit of a fleeting moment. Then there is pity, when washed away by the tide, or swept away by applause, the experience becomes memory.

Our audiences share a collective memory with the ACO. As we push the outer limits and share our vision, we create what I hope are transformative moments that stay with all of us forever. We invite you to continue, or begin, this illuminating journey. Herein is your invitation to 2019.

Richard Tognetti

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Your Invitation

An annual invitation to share in the ACO's subscription offering has always been, for me, a delight in the discovery of musical adventures ahead. In 2019, Richard Tognetti and the ACO will once again bend and excite our perception of the musical form, shedding a new light on the new and the old, from near and afar.

The talents and mastery of our own will be showcased alongside international guests and energising collaborations. You may notice that each of our programs in 2019 contain the work of one or more living composers, as we continue to celebrate our ever-evolving art form alongside some of the most remarkable music from the recent and distant past.

Whether you are a long-term subscriber, or brand new to the ACO experience, we invite you to step outside the everyday, and explore a new world of music with us.

Richard Evans

MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Arvo Pärt & JS Bach

Presented by Johnson Winter & Slattery

ESTONIAN PHILHARMONIC CHAMBER CHOIR

Richard Tognetti opens our 2019 Season with a program that will reach celestial heights. The famed Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir joins us in a celebration of Bach and Arvo Pärt. Ethereal and otherworldly, this is music by two towering composers searching for the very core of human meaning.

Bach's sublime Lutheran motets interleave with Pärt's mystical explorations of the Orthodox faith. In ecumenical spirit, the luminous climax of this program, Pärt's *Berliner Messe*, was commissioned for Berlin's Catholic Day celebrations in 1990.

Fellow Estonian, Galina Grigorjeva's *In Paradisum*, with its joyous call on the angels to lead souls into heaven, leads our own program into paradise. Peter Sculthorpe's *Djilile*, inspired by Indigenous song, makes a resonant Australian introduction to the *Berliner Messe*.

PROGRAM

ARVO PÄRT Da pacem Domine
BACH Komm, Jesu, komm
ARVO PÄRT Summa
BACH Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied
ARVO PÄRT Toccata from Collage on B-A-C-H
BACH Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden
BACH Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf
GALINA GRIGORJEVA In Paradisum
SCULTHORPE Djilile
ARVO PÄRT Berliner Messe

ARTISTS

Richard Tognetti Director Australian Chamber Orchestra

GUEST ARTISTS

Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir



VENUES

Sydney - City Recital Hall Saturday 2 February 7pm

Sydney Opera House Sunday 3 February 2pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Tuesday 5 February 8pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Wednesday 6 February 7pm

Canberra – Llewellyn Hall Saturday 9 February 8pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Sunday 10 February 2:30pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Monday 11 February 7:30pm

Adelaide Town Hall Tuesday 12 February 7:30pm

Perth Concert Hall*
Wednesday 13 February 7:30pm

NATIONAL TOUR PARTNER

JOHNSON WINTER & SLATTERY

^{*} Presented in association with Perth Festival.





Beethoven & Prokofiev

Presented by Maserati

DIRECTED BY LORENZA BORRANI

The fiery and charismatic Italian violinist, Lorenza Borrani, who delighted audiences on her last tour here in 2016, returns to lead a program of emotion-charged music.

Prokofiev's Violin Sonata No.1, a dark and brooding masterpiece written during World War II, won the Stalin Prize in 1947. Prokofiev said to the pianist he was coaching for its premiere: "It should sound in such a way that people should jump in their seat, and people will say 'Is he out of his mind?" Written for violin and piano, it has been arranged for violin and strings by Borrani herself.

Alongside Prokofiev's sonata is an arrangement of Beethoven's last String Quartet, Op.135, written only a few months before his death. Its transitions from joy to vulnerability to melancholy – sometimes within a single movement – are immensely moving and thought-provoking. The slow third movement is especially touching in its beauty and simplicity.

In between these powerful works, Bulgarian-British composer Dobrinka Tabakova's *Such Different Paths* offers a radiant interlude evoking life's journey.

PROGRAM

PROKOFIEV (arr. Lorenza Borrani) Violin Sonata No.1 in F minor DOBRINKA TABAKOVA Such Different Paths (Australian Premiere) BEETHOVEN (arr. strings) String Quartet in F major, Op.135

ARTIST

Australian Chamber Orchestra

Lorenza Borrani Director & Violin



VENUES

Newcastle City Hall Thursday 7 March 7:30pm

Canberra - Llewellyn Hall Saturday 9 March 8pm

Brisbane – QPAC Concert Hall Monday 11 March 7pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Tuesday 12 March 8pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Wednesday 13 March 7pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Friday 15 March 1:30pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Saturday 16 March 7pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Sunday 17 March 2:30pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Monday 18 March 7:30pm

Adelaide Town Hall Tuesday 19 March 7:30pm

NATIONAL TOUR PARTNER



Branford Marsalis

Presented by Virgin Australia

PIAZZOLLA, VILLA-LOBOS AND GINASTERA

Branford Marsalis is an artist deeply aligned with the ACO spirit. He hails from a rich jazz heritage, but is also an artist of today, renowned for his thrilling virtuosity and boundless musicality. His ACO debut is a vivid program inspired by Latin American jazz, directed by our Principal Violin Satu Vänskä.

Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos's Fantasia for Saxophone and Orchestra is a Marsalis favourite. Written in New York, it is music with an alluring combination of driving beats and lyricism. Marsalis also plays Sally Beamish's serene *Under the Wing of the Rock*, arranged especially for him by Beamish, in a bluesy translation for saxophone.

Marsalis's performances alternate with Satu Vänskä taking centre stage in Astor Piazzolla's *Four Seasons* of *Buenos Aires*, a heady mixture of tango rhythms and ingenious references to Vivaldi's famous concertos. The concert concludes with Ginastera's wild and exhilarating *Concerto for Strings*.

PROGRAM

STRAVINSKY No.3 from Three Pieces for Solo Clarinet
VILLA-LOBOS Fantasia for Saxophone and Orchestra
PIAZZOLLA The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires
VILLA-LOBOS Ária (Cantilena) from Bachianas Brasileiras No.5
SALLY BEAMISH Under the Wing of the Rock: Saxophone Concerto
No.2 (Australian Premiere)
GINASTERA Concerto for Strings

NATIONAL TOUR PARTNER



A DTICTO

Satu Vänskä Director & Violin Australian Chamber Orchestra



GUEST ARTIST

Branford Marsalis Saxophone



VENUES

Wollongong Town Hall Thursday 9 May 7:30pm

Canberra - Llewellyn Hall Saturday 11 May 8pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Sunday 12 May 2:30pm

Brisbane - QPAC Concert Hall Monday 13 May 7pm

Perth Concert Hall Wednesday 15 May 7:30pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Saturday 18 May 7pm

Sydney Opera House Sunday 19 May 2pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Monday 20 May 7:30pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Tuesday 21 May 8pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Wednesday 22 May 7pm



NICOLE DIVALL Viola



Szymanowski to Sufjan Stevens

WITH MUSIC BY JONNY GREENWOOD AND BRYCE DESSNER

Radiohead's Jonny Greenwood, The National's Bryce Dessner, and American singer-songwriter Sufjan Stevens were all influenced by great composers. In this program they join forces with the source of their inspiration, Polish nationalists Karol Szymanowski and Witold Lutosławski.

A favourite of Richard Tognetti's, Szymanowski's surging String Quartet No.2 is a fusion of neoclassicism and Polish folk music. Lutosławski's *Overture for Strings* is an almost dizzyingly multifaceted experiment, with one foot in neoclassicism and the other in the avant-garde.

Bryce Dessner's *Réponse Lutosławski* is an homage to Lutosławski, whom he credits with having illuminated the way forward in his own musical development. Jonny Greenwood cites another Polish composer, Krzysztof Penderecki, as contributing to his experimental musical language. The suite from Greenwood's film score, *There Will Be Blood*, is foreboding, hopeful and beautifully evocative.

Sufjan Stevens is widely celebrated as an American indie luminary. *Run Rabbit Run* is a précis of his 2009 album *Enjoy Your Rabbit*. Rhythmic drive, catchy melodies and mesmerising string sounds make for an energising and immersive experience.

PROGRAM

LUTOSŁAWSKI Overture for Strings
BRYCE DESSNER Réponse Lutosławski (Australian Premiere)
SUFJAN STEVENS (arr. Michael Atkinson) Suite from Run Rabbit Run
KRZYSZTOF PENDERECKI Three Pieces in Baroque Style: I. Aria
JONNY GREENWOOD Suite from There Will Be Blood
SZYMANOWSKI (arr. Richard Tognetti) String Quartet No.2

Richard Tognetti Director
Australian Chamber Orchestra



VENUES

Newcastle City Hall Friday 14 June 7:30pm

Sydney Opera House Sunday 16 June 2pm

Brisbane – QPAC Concert Hall Monday 17 June 7pm

Perth Concert Hall Wednesday 19 June 7:30pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Sunday 23 June 2:30pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Monday 24 June 7:30pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Tuesday 25 June 8pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Wednesday 26 June 7pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Friday 28 June 1:30pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Saturday 29 June 7pm



Luminous

Presented by Commonwealth Bank

WITH IMAGERY FROM BILL HENSON AND VOCALS BY LIOR

Our 2005 collaboration with artist Bill Henson, *Luminous*, was a ground-breaking, cross-genre musical and visual feast. Celebrating 10 years since our last performance of *Luminous*, we're bringing it back, revived and refreshed, with indie Israeli-Australian singer-songwriter Lior.

Henson's haunting, dramatic photography remains the visual focus. His night-time urban landscapes and moody explorations of sensuality – twilight zones between day and night, male and female, youth and adulthood, urban and rural settings – form the background to a meditative and breathtaking soundscape.

This revival features new imagery and music spanning Britten and Janáček to R.E.M., and the centrepiece is Pēteris Vasks' pensive, yet dramatic, violin concerto, *Distant Light*. Nostalgic, melancholic, at times manic and beautifully evocative, *Luminous* is an arresting, multi-sensory journey.

ARTISTS

Richard Tognetti Director & Violin Australian Chamber Orchestra

GUEST ARTISTS

Bill Henson Photography, Cinematography, Editing **Lior** Vocals



VENUES

Canberra – Llewellyn Hall Saturday 10 August 8pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Sunday 11 August 2:30pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Monday 12 August 7:30pm

Adelaide Town Hall Tuesday 13 August 7:30pm

Perth Concert Hall Wednesday 14 August 7:30pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Saturday 17 August 7pm

Sydney Opera House Sunday 18 August 2pm

Brisbane – QPAC Concert Hall Monday 19 August 7pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Tuesday 20 August 8pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Wednesday 21 August 7pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Friday 23 August 1:30pm

NATIONAL TOUR PARTNER



SATU VÁNSKÁ Principal Violin





Celebrating Mozart

WITH PIANIST DEJAN LAZIĆ AND RICHARD TOGNETTI

Croatian-born pianist Dejan Lazić is an old friend of Richard Tognetti and the ACO. In 2019 he returns for a celebration of Mozart's symphonies and concertos, capped by one of Mozart's formative influences, Joseph Haydn.

Mozart's Violin Concerto No.3 is one of Richard Tognetti's calling cards, with his signature energy and crispness adored by audiences both here and overseas. Mozart's Piano Concerto No.14 is full of invention and considered the first of his mature concertos. In this program we hear it alongside Dejan's original arrangement of the Allegretto grazioso from Mozart's Piano Sonata K.333, written shortly before it.

The program is bookended by two great symphonies: Mozart's Symphony No.25 and the work that directly influenced it, Haydn's Symphony No.39 'Tempesta di mare'. Mozart is known for his rigorous Classicism, but this symphony, instantly recognisable as the dramatic opening of Miloš Forman's 1984 film *Amadeus*, is almost "romantic" in its power. Like Mozart's symphony, Haydn's was written when the "Sturm und Drang" movement was strong, and its passion and drama still captivates audiences.

PROGRAM

HAYDN Symphony No.39 in G minor 'Tempesta di mare'
MOZART (arr. Dejan Lazić) Rondo Concertante (Australian Premiere)
MOZART Piano Concerto No.14 in E-flat major
MOZART Violin Concerto No.3 in G major
MOZART Symphony No.25 in G minor

ARTISTS

Richard Tognetti Director & Violin Australian Chamber Orchestra

GUEST ARTIST

Dejan Lazić Piano



VENUES

Wollongong Town Hall
Thursday 5 September 7:30pm

Canberra – Llewellyn Hall Saturday 7 September 8pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Sunday 8 September 2:30pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Monday 9 September 7:30pm

Adelaide Town Hall Tuesday 10 September 7:30pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Thursday 12 September 7pm*

Sydney Opera House Sunday 15 September 3pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Tuesday 17 September 8pm*

* Celebrating Mozart is not included in any City Recital Hall subscription package. You can purchase it as a special add-on to your subscription, as part of a flexi-pack or as a single ticket, once available.

Intimate Bach

RICHARD TOGNETTI AND FRIENDS

Bach holds a special place in the heart of every ACO musician. In this program we explore his genius with an impressive line-up featuring Richard Tognetti, Erin Helyard, Brett Dean and ACO Principal Cello, Timo-Veikko Valve.

Richard Tognetti's solo violin opens the program. Its pure, captivating tone sets the scene before giving way to the vibrant lyricism of the Sonata in A major for violin and harpsichord. A favourite of Richard's and audiences alike, his recording of the complete Bach Sonatas for violin and harpsichord won an ARIA Award for Best Classical Album.

Brett Dean features as both composer and performer in this program. Commissioned by the ACO and the Swedish Chamber Orchestra, his *Approach* (*Prelude to a Canon*), was written as a prologue to Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No.6, leading directly into what he calls the "close, contrapuntal companionship" of the voices in Bach.

Bach's inventive Brandenburg Concertos are one of his many crowning achievements. The Sixth Concerto is the most intimate of all and a striking and elegant finale to the famous suite.

PROGRAM

BACH Andante from Sonata for Solo Violin No.2 in A minor
BACH Sonata for Violin and Harpsichord No.2 in A major
GYÖRGY KURTÁG Hommage à J.S.B. from Signs, Games and Messages
BACH Selections from Three-Part Inventions
MARAIS Sonnerie de Sainte-Geneviève du Mont de Paris
BRETT DEAN Approach (Prelude to a Canon) (Australian Premiere)*
BACH Brandenburg Concerto No.6 in B-flat major

ARTISTS

Richard Tognetti Director & Violin Timo-Veikko Valve Cello

GUEST ARTISTS

Brett Dean Viola Erin Helyard Harpsichord



VENUES

Sydney - City Recital Hall Saturday 19 October 7pm

Brisbane – QPAC Concert Hall Monday 21 October 7pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Tuesday 22 October 8pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Wednesday 23 October 7pm

Wollongong Town Hall Thursday 24 October 7:30pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Friday 25 October 1:30pm

Sydney Opera House Sunday 27 October 2pm

Melbourne Recital Centre Monday 28 October 7:30pm

Adelaide Town Hall Tuesday 29 October 7:30pm

Perth Concert Hall Wednesday 30 October 7:30pm

* Commissioned by the Australian Chamber Orchestra and the Swedish Chamber Orchestra.



Brahms & Dvořák

THE DOUBLE CONCERTO AND EIGHTH SYMPHONY

The final concert in our National Tour Season is a big, exuberant celebration. We open with the Australian premiere of American composer Andrew Norman's *Gran Turismo*, revving up for a showdown by two of the most important names in the romantic era.

Johannes Brahms and Antonín Dvořák were close friends, spiritually as well as professionally. Brahms embraced his rich Germanic music tradition, while Dvořák was carving out a new sound, rooted in the music of his own homeland. Brahms admired the young composer's dazzling melodic and rhythmic skills and championed his work on an international scale.

Richard Tognetti and Principal Cellist Timo-Veikko Valve perform Brahms's Double Concerto, the composer's last orchestral work. Brahms's aim in combining the two solo instruments was to create a deeply sonorous and wide-ranging string sound. Dvořák's Symphony No.8 expresses a kaleidoscope of emotions and manifests the composer's love of nature and Czech folk music. Pushing the very concept of a "chamber orchestra" to even greater heights, it's an explosive finale to our 2019 Season.

PROGRAM

ANDREW NORMAN Gran Turismo (Australian Premiere)
BRAHMS Concerto for Violin and Cello in A minor 'Double Concerto'
DVOŘÁK Symphony No.8 in G major

ARTISTS

Richard Tognetti Director & Violin Timo-Veikko Valve Cello Australian Chamber Orchestra

VENUES

Canberra – Llewellyn Hall Saturday 9 November 8pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Sunday 10 November 2:30pm

Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne Monday 11 November 7:30pm

Adelaide Town Hall Tuesday 12 November 7:30pm

Newcastle City Hall Thursday 14 November 7:30pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Saturday 16 November 7pm

Sydney Opera House Sunday 17 November 2pm

Brisbane - QPAC Concert Hall Monday 18 November 7pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Tuesday 19 November 8pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Wednesday 20 November 7pm

Sydney - City Recital Hall Friday 22 November 1:30pm

JUNION JOURNEY





Respighi, Britten & Vasks

AIRS, DANCES AND VARIATIONS

In one of our Melbourne Recital Centre exclusives, we explore the beauty of strings in a program ranging from lively dances to ethereal reveries.

Richard Meale's beatific *Cantilena Pacifica* was written as a eulogy, with the violin soaring lyrically over a respectful pianissimo from the orchestra. The Italian composer Ottorino Respighi is a musical conjuror, famous for his 'Roman Trilogy' which celebrated the beauty and drama of that great city. He also held an affinity with music from the past, and in his *Ancient Airs and Dances* he evokes the brilliance of the Baroque and Renaissance.

Pēteris Vasks' *Viatore* is music that will move you. Full of depth and grace, it's written for 11 solo strings and is a perfect fit for our orchestra of soloists. Benjamin Britten's thrilling *Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge* is the climax of the program. A tribute to his teacher, it was the work that brought him international fame.

PROGRAM

HANDEL Overture & Dances from Alcina
MEALE Cantilena Pacifica
RESPIGHI Suite III from Ancient Airs and Dances
PĒTERIS VASKS Viatore for 11 solo strings (Australian Premiere)
BRITTEN Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge

ARTISTS

Richard Tognetti Director & Violin Australian Chamber Orchestra

VENUE

Melbourne Recital Centre Tuesday 4 June 7:30pm

Nico Muhly and the New

Presented by Wesfarmers Arts

DIRECTED BY PEKKA KUUSISTO

Finnish violinist Pekka Kuusisto returns to direct an exciting program of contemporary music based around the world premiere of American composer Nico Muhly's Concerto for Violin and Strings, commissioned by the ACO and Melbourne Recital Centre. Nico straddles multiple genres of music including writing opera and chamber music, and collaborations with Björk, Bryce Dessner and Sufjan Stevens.

Pekka not only invited Nico to write this concerto but also asked him to help curate the program. Missy Mazzoli's *You Know Me from Here* sees the welcome return of Nico's fellow New Yorker after she wowed ACO audiences with her 2018 world premiere of *Dark With Excessive Bright*.

American minimalist Steve Reich's *Duet* sets the scene with a harmonic canon. Don't let the name fool you; Alex Mills's *One is Fun* is actually a duet for violins. *Birds of Paradise*, by Swedish composer Andrea Tarrodi, is an evocative piece inspired by a BBC nature program. Between them, these works set an expectant atmosphere for Nico's highly anticipated premiere. Nico will also attend and participate in a special pre-concert conversation.

PROGRAM

ACO COLLECTIVE Drone Meditation
STEVE REICH Duet
MISSY MAZZOLI (arr. strings) You Know Me From Here
(Australian Premiere)
ANDREA TARRODI Birds of Paradise (Australian Premiere)
ALEX MILLS One is Fun
NICO MUHLY Concerto for Violin and Strings (World Premiere)*

PRINCIPAL PARTNER: ACO COLLECTIVE



ARTISTS Pekka Kuusisto Director & Violin ACO Collective



VENUE
Melbourne Recital Centre
Wednesday 4 December 7:30pm

* Commissioned by the Australian Chamber Orchestra and Melbourne Recital Centre.

GLENN CHRISTENSEN Violin





ACO Collective

ACO Collective features members of the ACO alongside musicians from our Emerging Artists Program – young, professional musicians at the outset of their careers.

With Artistic Director Pekka Kuusisto at the helm, the result is an ensemble full of youthful energy with the dynamism and artistry for which the ACO is renowned.

ACO Collective is supported by Wesfarmers Arts and tours regional Australia, taking world-class performances to audiences far and wide. 2019 features two tours – one led by Pekka Kuusisto through regional South Australia and Victoria, and the other led by ACO Principal Violin Helena Rathbone through regional New South Wales and Queensland.

E NEXT NERATION



Mozart, Haydn & More

A PALINDROMIC ADVENTURE

Charismatic Finnish violinist Pekka Kuusisto, Artistic Director of ACO Collective, brings international fame and a wicked sense of humour and personality to all his performances. For this tour he has built a unique program around Haydn's Symphony No.47 in G major. Haydn was no stranger to humour himself and this symphony is nicknamed "The Palindrome", as the minuet and trio is written in such a way that the second half of each mirrors its first half.

Pekka continues this palindromic theme, beginning and ending with Pauline Oliveros's *The Tuning Meditation*, followed and preceded by movements from Haydn's symphony. We have also commissioned two works by Australian composer Heather Shannon, pianist of indie rock band The Jezebels. Six Mozart country dances and two sections from Hindemith's *Ludus Tonalis* – the opening movement, *Praeludium*, and its mirror image, *Postludium* – complete the journey.

PROGRAM

OLIVEROS The Tuning Meditation

HAYDN Symphony No.47 in G major 'Palindrome': I. Allegro, II. Un poco adagio, cantabile

HEATHER SHANNON New Work (World Premiere)*

MOZART 6 Contredances: Nos.1, 2 & 3

HINDEMITH (arr. Bernard Rofe) Ludus Tonalis: Praeludium HINDEMITH (arr. Bernard Rofe) Ludus Tonalis: Postludium

MOZART 6 Contredances: Nos.4, 5 & 6

HEATHER SHANNON New Work (World Premiere)*

HAYDN Symphony No.47 in G major 'Palindrome': III. Menuet & Trio al roverso, IV. Finale. Allegro

OLIVEROS The Tuning Meditation

PRINCIPAL PARTNER: ACO COLLECTIVE

ARTISTS

Pekka Kuusisto Director & Violin ACO Collective

GUEST ARTISTS

Wind players from the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM)



VENUES

Mount Gambier – Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre Saturday 2 March

Hamilton Performing Arts Centre Sunday 3 March

Melbourne Recital Centre Tuesday 5 March

Bendigo - The Capital Theatre Thursday 7 March

Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre Saturday 9 March



* Commissioned by the Australian Chamber Orchestra.

Serenades for Strings

BEETHOVEN, MENDELSSOHN AND ELGAR

Helena Rathbone, Principal Violin and founding Director of ACO Collective, proves she's a romantic at heart with this program curated around works by Beethoven and Mendelssohn.

We open with *Dancing on Clouds*, a piece by Australian composer Paul Stanhope that is taken from ACO Collective's recently recorded *Hush* album of music for children's hospitals. Then it's straight into Beethoven's first Romance for violin and orchestra, delightful and optimistic in mood, followed by Mendelssohn's youthful and energetic Sinfonia No.7.

Helena is a great admirer of fellow Brit, Edward Elgar. His Serenade for Strings is a tranquil piece, a far cry from his later, larger works. Our grand finale brings a dramatic shift in mood with Beethoven's great String Quartet in F minor, Op.95, arranged for string orchestra. Known as the "Serioso", it has a tempestuous quality that brings the program to a gripping end.

PROGRAM

PAUL STANHOPE Dancing on Clouds
BEETHOVEN (arr. Bernard Rofe) Romance for Violin and Orchestra
No.1 in G major
MENDELSSOHN Sinfonia No.7 in D minor
ELGAR Serenade for Strings
BEETHOVEN (arr. strings) String Quartet in F minor 'Serioso'

ARTISTS

Helena Rathbone Director & Violin ACO Collective *Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir



VENUES

Cairns Performing Arts Centre* Saturday 19 October

Rockhampton - Pilbeam Theatre Tuesday 22 October

Bundaberg – Moncrieff Entertainment Centre Wednesday 23 October

Lismore City Hall Friday 25 October

Bellingen Memorial Hall Sunday 27 October

Armidale Town Hall Tuesday 29 October

PRINCIPAL PARTNER: ACO COLLECTIVE





HELENA RATHBONE
Principal Violin

2019 Season Overview

Adelaide Town Hall

Arvo Pärt & JS Bach

Tue 12 Feb

7:30pm

Beethoven & Prokofiev

Tue 19 Mar 7:30pm

Luminous

Tue 13 Aug 7:30pm

Celebrating Mozart

Tue 10 Sep 7:30pm

Intimate Bach

Tue 29 Oct 7:30pm

Brahms & Dvořák

Tue 12 Nov 7:30pm

Brisbane

QPAC Concert Hall

Beethoven & Prokofiev

Mon 11 Mar 7pm

Branford Marsalis

Mon 13 May 7pm

Szymanowski to Sufjan Stevens

Mon 17 Jun 7pm

Luminous

Mon 19 Aug 7pm

Intimate Bach

Mon 21 Oct 7pm

Brahms & Dvořák

Mon 18 Nov 7pm

Canberra

Llewellyn Hall

Arvo Pärt & JS Bach

Sat 9 Feb 8pm

Beethoven & Prokofiev

Sat 9 Mar 8pm

Branford Marsalis

Sat 11 May 8pm

Luminous

Sat 10 Aug 8pm

Celebrating Mozart

Sat 7 Sep 8pm

Brahms & Dvořák

Sat 9 Nov 8pm

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Melbourne

Recital Centre

Respighi, Britten

Intimate Bach

& Vasks

Tue 4 Jun

Mon 28 Oct

Nico Muhly

Wed 4 Dec

7:30pm

and the New

7:30pm

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Arts Centre Melbourne

Arvo Pärt & JS Bach

Sun 10 Feb

2:30pm

Mon 11 Feb

7:30pm

Beethoven & Prokofiev

Sun 17 Mar 2:30pm

Mon 18 Mar

7:30pm

Branford Marsalis

Sun 12 May

2:30pm

Mon 20 May

7:30pm

Szymanowski to Sufjan Stevens

Sun 23 Jun 2:30pm

Mon 24 Jun

7:30pm

Luminous

Sun 11 Aug

2:30pm

Mon 12 Aug

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Celebrating Mozart

Sun 8 Sep

2:30pm

Mon 9 Sep

7:30pm

Brahms & Dvořák

Sun 10 Nov

2:30pm

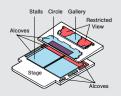
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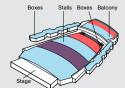
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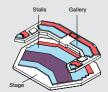


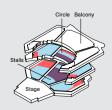
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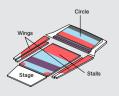
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Newcastle **City Hall**

Beethoven & Prokofiev

Thu 7 Mar 7:30pm

Szymanowski to Sufjan Stevens

Fri 14 Jun* 7:30pm

Brahms & Dvořák

Thu 14 Nov 7:30pm

*Please note Friday rather than a Thursday concert.

Perth **Concert Hall**

Arvo Pärt & JS Bach

Wed 13 Feb 7:30pm

Branford Marsalis

Wed 15 May 7:30pm

Szymanowski to Sufjan Stevens

Wed 19 Jun 7:30pm

Luminous

Wed 14 Aug 7:30pm

Intimate Bach

Wed 30 Oct 7:30pm

Sydney

City Recital Hall

Arvo Pärt & JS Bach

Sat 2 Feb 7pm Tue 5 Feb 8pm Wed 6 Feb 7pm

Beethoven & **Prokofiev**

Tue 12 Mar 8pm Wed 13 Mar 7pm Fri 15 Mar 1:30pm Sat 16 Mar 7pm

Branford Marsalis

Sat 18 May 7pm Tue 21 May 8pm Wed 22 May 7pm

Szymanowski to Sufjan Stevens

Tue 25 June 8pm Wed 26 June 7pm Fri 28 June 1:30pm Sat 29 June 7pm

Luminous

Sat 17 Aug 7pm Tue 20 Aug 8pm Wed 21 Aug 7pm Fri 23 Aug 1:30pm

Celebrating Mozart*

Thu 12 Sep 7pm Tue 17 Sep 8pm

Intimate Bach

Sat 19 Oct 7pm Tue 22 Oct 8pm Wed 23 Oct 7pm Fri 25 Oct 1:30pm

Brahms & Dvořák

Sat 16 Nov 7pm Tue 19 Nov 8pm Wed 20 Nov 7pm Fri 22 Nov 1:30pm

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Opera House

Arvo Pärt & JS Bach

Sun 3 Feb 2pm

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Szymanowski to Sufjan Stevens

Sun 16 Jun 2pm

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Sun 18 Aug 2pm

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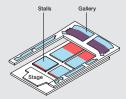
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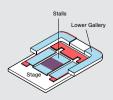
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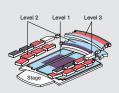
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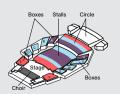
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- * Celebrating Mozart is not included in any City Recital Hall subscription package. You can purchase it as a special add-on to your subscription, as part of a flexi-pack or as a single ticket, once available.
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Wollongong

Town Hall

Branford Marsalis

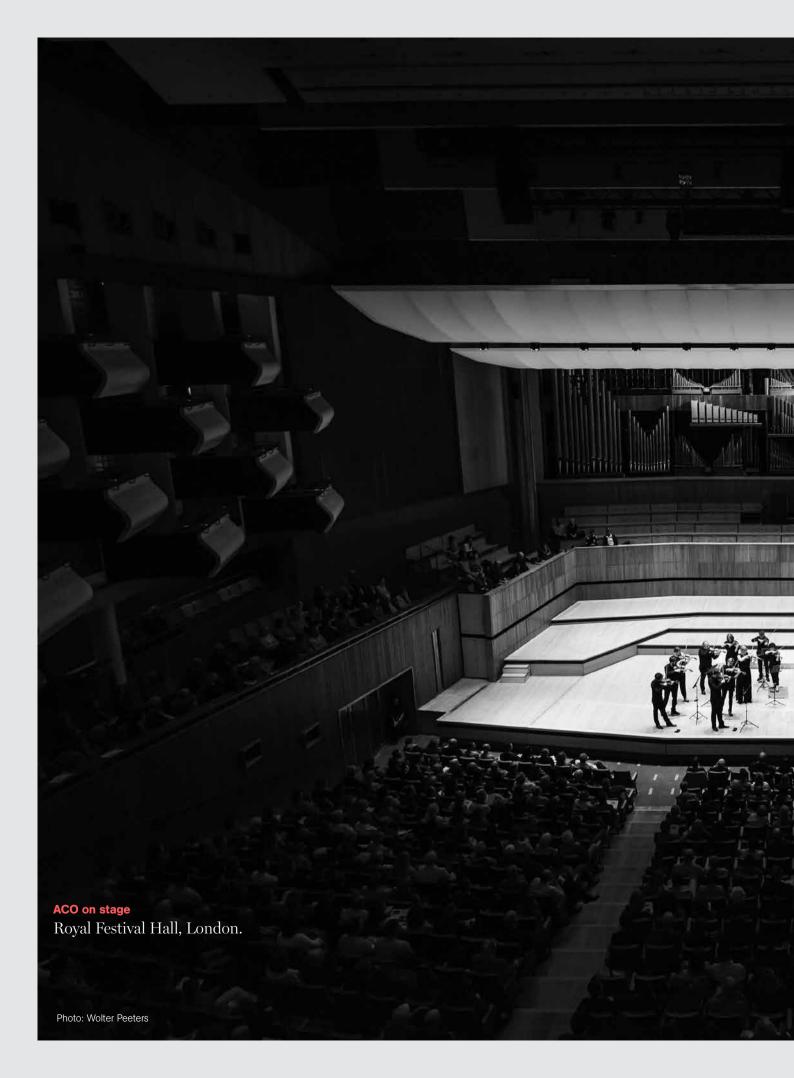
Thu 9 May 7:30pm

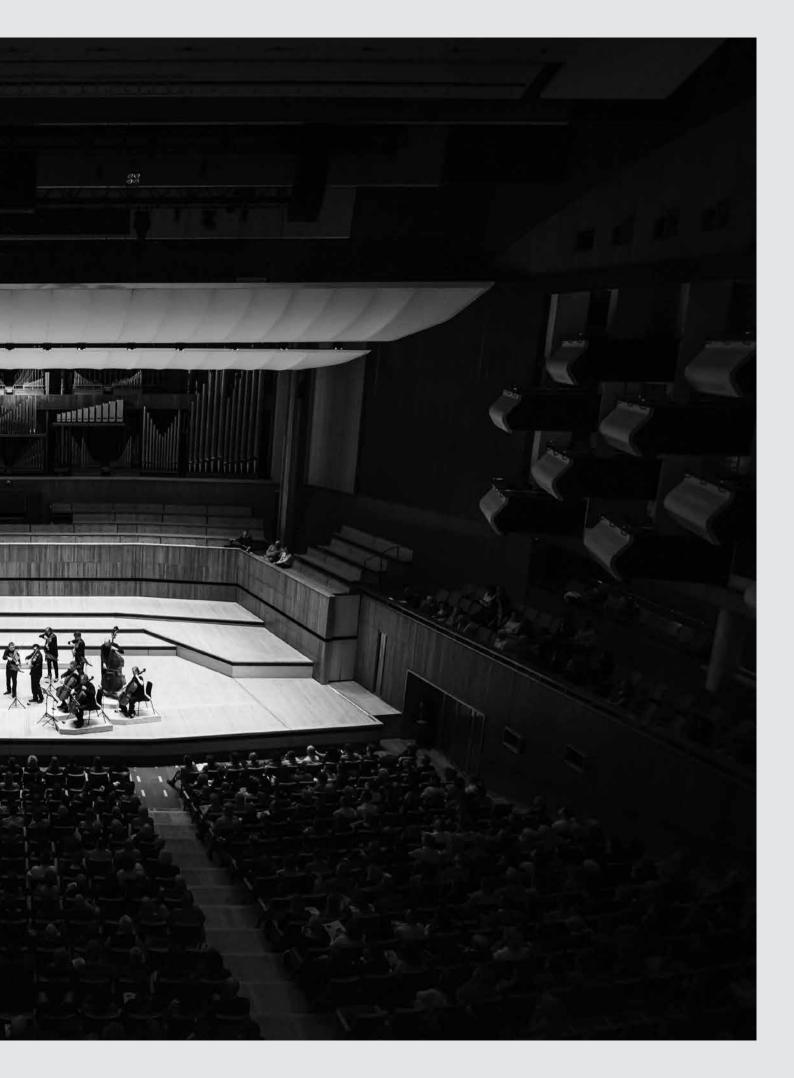
Celebrating Mozart

Thu 5 Sep 7:30pm

Intimate Bach

Thu 24 Oct 7:30pm





Festivals and Events

ACO on the move

2019 sees us once again in two of Australia's most loved wine regions – the Yarra Valley in Victoria and the Margaret River in Western Australia – for the annual TarraWarra and Vasse Felix festivals.

We also embark on two international tours, returning to London for the second of our residencies at the Barbican Centre, and to North America for two weeks of concerts.



TarraWarra and Vasse Felix Festivals

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TarraWarra Festival

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6-8 December

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North America

April 2019

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London's Barbican Centre

September 2019

In late 2017 we were announced as the Barbican's International Associate Ensemble at Milton Court. Our appointment includes three residencies over three years, and with our inaugural concerts in 2018 featuring programs as diverse as the late Mozart symphonies through to our film collaboration with Jennifer Peedom, *Mountain*, we look forward to unveiling our equally exciting 2019 program with you early in the new year. Stay tuned.



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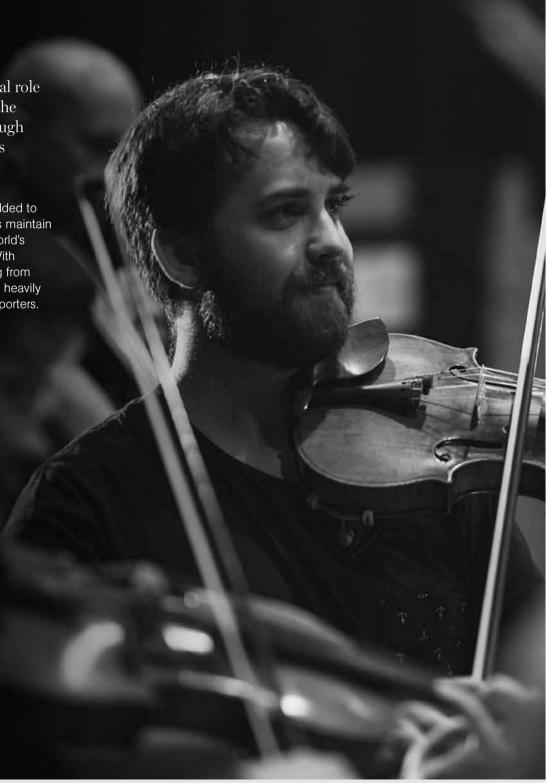
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Please note your desired locations in the relevant sections of the venues below, in order of preference. Seat maps can be found on pages 36–37. We will do our best but not all seating requests will be possible.

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Ilya Isakovich Violin

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Liisa Pallandi Violin

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Maja Savnik Violin

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Ike See Violin

Ike plays a 1790 Johannes Cuypers violin. His chair is sponsored by Di Jameson.



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Nikki plays a 2012 Bronek Cison viola. Her chair is sponsored by lan Lansdown.



Timo-Veikko Valve Principal Cello

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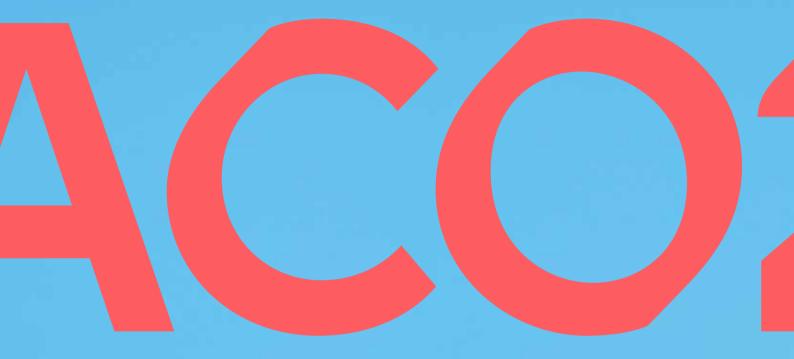
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