**Australian Chamber Orchestra  
National Concert Season 2018**

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Enter the world of the ACO.

In 2018 we celebrate our players in a program that embraces our collective passion to create music that takes us all to new places. This is a journey steeped in history that questions conventions and creates new destinations. A journey where we continue to interrogate and reinvigorate established favourites, and where exciting new music intentionally pushes boundaries. Where we give it our all, so together we create and retain unforgettable experiences for life. Our 2018 season will be life-affirming. Hopefully transforming.

Together, let’s explore.

Richard Tognetti  
Artistic Director

Richard Evans  
Managing Director

RICHARD TOGNETTI   
Artistic Director & Violin

“I’ve been with the ACO for half my life. And this is what I know: it’s all about the upbeat and the out breath. Some think it’s science but it’s more like religion – all these different personalities and talents coalescing to create a moment in time. And it’s our job to bring the listener in through our portal. A numinous moment when, hopefully, we can make time stand still.”

Born in Canberra, Australia, Richard grew up in Wollongong and was appointed Artistic Director of the ACO in 1990. He plays a 1743 Giuseppe Guarneri del Gesù violin kindly on loan from an anonymous Australian private benefactor. His Chair is sponsored by the late Michael Ball AM& Daria Ball, Wendy Edwards, Peter & Ruth McMullin, Andrew & Andrea Roberts.

ILYA ISAKOVICH  
Violin

“Since my first orchestral experience as a schoolboy, I was captivated by the magic of creating music collectively. I knew immediately this was my destiny.”

Born in Krivoy Rog, Ukraine, Ilya joined the ACO in 2004. Ilya currently plays a 1728/29 Stradivarius violin kindly on loan from the ACO Instrument Fund. He also plays a 1600 Marcin Groblicz violin made in Poland. His Chair is sponsored by The Humanity Foundation.

MARK INGWERSEN   
Violin

“Music is more than just a profession for me. As long as I can remember I have played music and collaborated with others playing music. It has very much become part of who I am. I enjoy listening to others play live music and experiencing that feeling where you know something is being created right there and then.”

Born in Canberra, Australia, Mark joined the ACO in 1999. He plays a contemporary violin made by the American violin maker David Gusset in 1989 and his Chair is sponsored by Julie Steiner & Judyth Sachs.

MAJA SAVNIK   
Violin

“Music is its own language, it has no barriers or borders, we are all born with a built-in understanding of it because in many ways it is older than all of us. My Mum always tells me being a musician is the most pure profession; it does nothing but bring happiness and pleasure to our listeners, even if only for a moment.”

Born in Ljubljana, Slovenia, Maja joined the ACO in 2014. She plays the ‘ex Isolde Menges’, a 1714 Giuseppe Guarneri filius Andreæ violin kindly on loan from the ACO Instrument Fund. Her Chair is sponsored by Alenka Tindale.

HELENA RATHBONE   
Principal Violin

“I was born into a musical family so music has always been part of my life. If I go for an extended period of time without playing my violin, I get really irritable. Guess it’s like an addiction!”

Born in London, England, Helena joined the ACO in 1994. She plays a 1759 Giovanni Battista Guadagnini violin kindly on loan from the Commonwealth Bank Group and her Chair is sponsored by Kate & Daryl Dixon.

IKE SEE   
Violin

“For me, music is warmth; it’s a means of connecting with people on and off the stage. It ties us all together.”

Born in Singapore, Ike joined the ACO in 2013. He plays a violin by Johannes Cuypers made in 1790 in The Hague and his Chair is sponsored by Di Jameson.

JULIAN THOMPSON   
Cello

“Music is a universal language – to some degree we are all affected by its spell. Our joy is to discover, explore and perform some of the pinnacles of musical creativity – so human in origin and yet somehow able to transcend experience in a way nothing else can. Music is uniquely able to express the inexpressible.”

Born in Canberra, Australia, Julian joined the ACO in 2006. He currently plays a 1729 Giuseppe Guarneri filius Andreæ cello with elements of the instrument crafted by his son, Giuseppe Guarneri del Gesù, kindly donated to the ACO by Peter Weiss AO. He also plays a 1616 Brothers Amati cello kindly on loan from the ACO Instrument Fund. Julian’s Chair is sponsored by The Grist & Stewart Families.

NICOLE DIVALL   
Viola

“I can’t remember a time when I didn’t want to be a musician. Music excites me, moves me and always leaves me wanting more.”

Born in Sydney, Australia, Nikki joined the ACO in 2005. She plays a 2012 Bronek Cison viola, and also a 1610 Giovanni Paolo Maggini viola kindly on loan from a private Australian benefactor. Her Chair is sponsored by Ian Lansdown.

LIISA PALLANDI   
Violin  
“I love that music can be at once communal and intensely personal. It’s a tough career – you have to be both vulnerable and dauntless – but I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”

Born in Sydney, Australia, Liisa joined the ACO in 2015 after being an ACO Emerging Artist. She currently plays Helena Rathbone’s violin which is a Giovanni Battista Gabrielli c.1760, and also plays a 1946 Charles Clarke violin made in Sydney. Liisa’s Chair is sponsored by The Melbourne Medical Syndicate.

TIMO-VEIKKO VALVE   
Principal Cello

“Music for me is about that shared adventure and connection, that trip we call life.”

Born in Helsinki, Finland, Tipi joined the ACO in 2006. He currently plays a 1616 Brothers Amati cello kindly on loan from the ACO Instrument Fund. He also plays a 1729 Giuseppe Guarneri filius Andreæ cello with elements of the instrument crafted by his son, Giuseppe Guarneri del Gesù, kindly donated to the ACO by Peter Weiss AO. Tipi’s Chair is sponsored by Peter Weiss AO.

MAXIME BIBEAU   
Principal Bass

“One of the most exciting aspects of music-making to me is associating ourselves with some of the world’s most imaginative composers. We explore, create and bring new works of the highest calibre to life, not only for the audiences of today, but for musicians and audiences of the future.”

Born in Warwick, Québec, Max joined the ACO in 1998. He plays a late-16th- century Gasparo da Salò bass kindly on loan from a private Australian benefactor and his Chair is sponsored by Darin Cooper Foundation.

SATU VÄNSKÄ   
Principal Violin

“The world is ever rotating and there is little meaning except for music. It’s a novel pursuit in many ways, but for me it sets the standard for everything.”

Born in Tokushima on the island of Shikoku, Japan, Satu joined the ACO in 2004. She will soon be announced as the custodian of a significant new violin kindly on loan to the ACO by private benefactors. Her Chair is sponsored by Kay Bryan.

GLENN CHRISTENSEN   
Violin

“Playing music is when I feel most alive. I love the joy of trying to create and communicate this, and the freedom of self-expression.”

Born in Mackay, Australia, Glenn joined the ACO in 2014 after being an ACO Emerging Artist in 2012. He plays a George Wulme-Hudson, an English violin from 1936, and his Chair is sponsored by Terry Campbell AO & Christine Campbell.

AIKO GOTO   
Violin

“Music gives me joy and has helped me in my life. I always enjoy the opportunity to share music with family, friends, and all music-lovers!”

Born in Sagamihara, Japan, Aiko joined the ACO in 1998. She plays on a French violin by Jean-Baptiste Vuillaume and her Chair is sponsored by the Anthony & Sharon Lee Foundation.

MELISSA BARNARD   
Cello

“I grew up surrounded by music – opera, oratorios, chamber music – and dance, so it mostly just felt like a natural thing to play and to practice. I love the purity and absolute honesty of being on stage. Sometimes it feels totally physical and at other times otherworldly, like you can just disappear into an ephemeral realm.”

Born in Vienna, Austria, Melissa joined the ACO in 1995. She plays a cello by Jean-Baptiste Vuillaume, made in 1846 and her Chair is sponsored by Martin Dickson AM & Susie Dickson.

THE SEASON BEGINS

1 **TOGNETTI TCHAIKOVSKY BRAHMS**

Brahms’ Sextet in G major is so rich, so melodic, and so emotively powerful that, when bolstered in our new arrangement for full string orchestra, Richard Tognetti calls it Brahms’ ‘Fifth Symphony’. Add to that the relentlessly youthful energy from the players of the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM), and you’re witnessing something akin to alchemy. When your senses need soothing, Tchaikovsky’s soaring Serenade for Strings makes sure that whatever lies deep in our hearts gets a chance to gasp for air. Then it’s back to the future with two new works by Missy Mazzoli and Anna Clyne.

Brooklyn-born Mazzoli’s world premiere concerto was commissioned especially for our Principal Double Bass Maxime Bibeau, in honour of his 20 years with the Orchestra. Anna Clyne’s Grammy Award-nominated double violin concerto, *Prince of Clouds*, which the New York Times described as ‘ravishing’, gives two of our newest stars, Ike See and Glenn Christensen their moment to shine. In one word: epic.

**PROGRAM**  
**TCHAIKOVSKY** Serenade for Strings in C major  
**MISSY MAZZOLI** Concerto for Double Bass and Strings *World Premiere*\*  
**ANNA CLYNE** Prince of Clouds  
*Australian Premiere*  
**BRAHMS** (arr. strings) String Sextet No.2 in G major

*\* Commissioned by the Australian Chamber Orchestra and Aurora Orchestra*

**ARTISTS**  
**Richard Tognetti** Director & Violin  
**Maxime Bibeau** Double Bass  
**Ike See** Violin  
**Glenn Christensen** Violin  
with **Musicians from the Australian National Academy of Music**

**VENUES  
Adelaide**Tue 6 Feb 7:30pm

**Brisbane**Mon 12 Feb 7pm

**Canberra**Sat 3 Feb 8pm

**Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne**Sun 4 Feb 2:30pm  
Mon 5 Feb 7:30pm

**Sydney – City Recital Hall**Sat 10 Feb 7pm  
Tue 13 Feb 8pm  
Wed 14 Feb 7pm  
Fri 16 Feb 1:30pm

**Sydney Opera House**Sun 11 Feb 2pm

**Wollongong**Thu 1 Feb 7:30pm

2 **ALINA IBRAGIMOVA DEATH AND THE MAIDEN**

SCHUBERT, BARBER, MOZART   
Witnessing Alina Ibragimova play violin is an experience that often produces the kind of awe-inspiring energy that crackles the air and raises goose bumps on the arms. Yet her fiery intensity is balanced by an exquisitely nuanced subtlety to her playing.

We begin with Barber’s universally adored Adagio for Strings which frequently reduces audiences to tears, along with Karl Amadeus Hartmann’s *Concerto funebre*, written in response to the horrors of the Second World War (initially bearing the title *Music of Mourning*). We reach our climax with Schubert’s darkly romantic ‘Death and the Maiden’, which forms the heart of the program. Far from gloomy, but full-on in its ambition, this concert touches on such a range of human emotions – and all the light and darkness therein – that it will stay with you for weeks.

**PROGRAM  
BARBER** Adagio for Strings  
**MOZART** Adagio and Fugue in C minor  
**HARTMANN** Concerto funebre  
**ARVO PÄRT** Silouan’s Song  
**SCHUBERT** (arr. strings) String Quartet in D minor ‘Death and the Maiden’

**ARTISTS**

**Alina Ibragimova** Guest Director & Violin

**VENUES**

**Canberra**Sat 17 Mar 8pm

**Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne**Sun 18 Mar 2:30pm  
Mon 26 Mar 7:30pm

**Newcastle**Thu 15 Mar 7:30pm

**Sydney – City Recital Hall**Tue 20 Mar 8pm  
Wed 21 Mar 7pm  
Fri 23 Mar 1:30pm  
Sat 24 Mar 7pm

**Sydney Opera House**Sun 25 Mar 2pm

3 **NICOLE CAR**

SINGS MOZART AND BEETHOVEN HEROINES   
Nicole Car is one of Australia’s best-loved, world-class operatic success stories. Known for her outstanding performances around the world – from Covent Garden and Paris, to Berlin and across North America – Nicole has risen to stratospheric heights. Hear her in her only Australian orchestral performances in 2018, in a program that celebrates the majesty and musicality of this special voice with works by Mozart, Beethoven and Verdi. Continuing this thème des femmes, our Principal Violin Satu Vänskä will play Beethoven’s Romance in F major, and after 800 years, 12th-century German Benedictine abbess Hildegard of Bingen will make her ACO mainstage debut with her ‘Ave Maria, O auctrix vite’, paired with Verdi’s ‘Ave Maria’ from *Otello*.

Richard Tognetti concludes the program leading the ACO’s first performance of Mozart’s sparkling Symphony No.27.

**PROGRAM**

**HANDEL** Overture and Dances from Alcina  
**MOZART** Basta, vincesti –  
Ah, non lasciarmi, no  
**BEETHOVEN** Romance for Violin and Orchestra in F major  
**BEETHOVEN** Ah! Perfido  
**HILDEGARD** (arr. strings) Ave Maria,  
O auctrix vite  
**VERDI** Ave Maria from Otello  
**MOZART** Misera, dove son! –  
Ah! non son io che parlo  
**MOZART** Symphony No.27 in G major

**ARTISTS**  
**Richard Tognetti** Director  
**Nicole Car** Soprano  
**Satu Vänskä** Violin

**VENUES   
Brisbane**   
Mon 16 Apr 7pm

**Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne**   
Mon 9 Apr 7:30pm   
Sun 22 Apr 2:30pm

**Perth**   
Wed 11 Apr 7:30pm

**Sydney – City Recital Hall**   
Sat 14 Apr 7pm   
Wed 18 Apr 7pm   
Fri 20 Apr 1:30pm   
Tue 24 Apr 8pm

**Sydney Opera House**   
Sun 8 Apr 2pm

**TOUR SUPPORTED BY**Robert Albert AO and Libby Albert

4 **STEVEN ISSERLIS PLAYS SHOSTAKOVICH**

**Presented by Johnson Winter & Slattery**

FEATURING TWO WORLD PREMIERES BY SAMUEL ADAMS & ELENA KATS-CHERNIN   
When Steven Isserlis and Richard Tognetti get together, you know there are going to be fireworks when their ideas ignite. Friends for over 20 years, their concert will hold a special place in this season.

Shostakovich’s monumental first cello concerto sees Isserlis at his sublime best, while Haydn’s ‘London’ symphony – arguably the pinnacle of his compositional achievement – lies at the very heart of the ACO’s repertoire. Adding to this special program are two world premieres – one by Australian composer Elena Kats-Chernin, whose colourful and expressive style makes a welcome return to the ACO, and a modern retelling of the concerto grosso by Samuel Adams, one of the most original compositional voices in the world today.

**PROGRAM  
SAMUEL ADAMS** Concerto Grosso *World Premiere*\*  
**SHOSTAKOVICH** Cello Concerto No.1 in E-flat major  
**ELENA KATS-CHERNIN** New Work *World Premiere*\*\*  
**HAYDN** Symphony No.104 in D major ‘London’

*\* Commissioned by the Australian Chamber Orchestra and Stanford Live*

*\*\* Commissioned by Mirek Generowicz to share the dramatic story of his family’s journey to Australia.*

**ARTISTS  
Richard Tognetti** Director & Violin  
**Steven Isserlis** Cello

**VENUES   
Adelaide**   
Tue 26 Jun 7:30pm

**Canberra**  
Sat 23 Jun 8pm

**Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne**   
Sun 24 Jun 2:30pm   
Mon 25 Jun 7:30pm

**Perth**Wed 27 Jun 7:30pm

**Sydney – City Recital Hall**   
Sat 30 Jun 7pm   
Tue 3 Jul 8pm   
Wed 4 Jul 7pm

**Sydney Opera House**   
Sun 1 Jul 2pm

5 **OSBORNE TOGNETTI VALVE IN RECITAL**

**NATIONAL TOUR PARTNER**Johnson Winter & Slattery

DVOŘÁK AND BRAHMS   
Professional musicians are unique in that their work is often also their life’s passion. So, when they get together to have fun, make music and create something special, you really don’t want to miss it.

World-renowned pianist and frequent ACO guest Steven Osborne joins Richard Tognetti and Timo-Veikko Valve for a warm and intimate program of Dvořák and Brahms piano trios. Bohemian composer Antonín Dvořák’s ‘Dumky’ Trio for piano, violin and cello is one of his most original and folkiest. In contrast Brahms’ trio is vast, herculean, and something of a musical juggernaut. (If you’re a movie lover, you might even hear the odd motif reappearing in the soundtrack of *ET: The Extra Terrestrial.*) A heart-warming homage to two beloved composers.

**PROGRAM  
DVOŘÁK** Piano Trio No.4 in E minor ‘Dumky’ **BRAHMS** Piano Trio No.1 in B major

**ARTISTS**  
**Steven Osborne** Piano  
**Richard Tognetti** Violin  
**Timo-Veikko Valve** Cello

**VENUES**  
**Brisbane**Sun 29 Jul 2:30pm

**Melbourne Recital Centre**  
Fri 27 Jul 7:30pm

**Perth**  
Wed 25 Jul 7:30pm

**6 GOLDBERG VARIATIONS**

**Presented by Commonwealth Bank**

BACH, STRAVINSKY, ADÈS   
You may be somewhat surprised to learn that ‘An Aria with Diverse Variations for the Harpsichord with Two Manuals. Composed for Music Lovers to Refresh their Spirits by Johann Sebastian Bach’ is now known simply as the *Goldberg Variations*. Legend has it that a student of Bach’s used to play the Variations to his friend, a former Russian ambassador to Saxony, who suffered from frequent bouts of insomnia. Despite its unwieldy title, there is no mistaking this body of work as one of the greatest pieces of music ever written.

Thomas Adès’ ‘Nightfalls’ will set the nocturnal scene before we present to you the Australian premiere of Canadian composer/ conductor Bernard Labadie’s string arrangement of Bach’s iconic keyboard work. A transformation of the original – which many of you will recognise – it offers something fresh and inventive. This is a Bach celebration that brings together the old and the new – in an utterly unique and illuminating way.

**PROGRAM**  
**BACH** (arr. Richard Tognetti) Canons on a Goldberg Ground  
**STRAVINSKY** Three Pieces for String Quartet  
**THOMAS ADÈS** (arr. strings) Nightfalls from The Four Quarters  
**BACH** (arr. Bernard Labadie) Goldberg Variations *Australian Premiere*

**ARTISTS**  
**Richard Tognetti** Director & Violin  
**Erin Helyard** Keyboards

As part of a wider celebration of Bach’s *Goldberg Variations*, we will present the original solo keyboard version with Erin Helyard. Venues and details will be announced at a later date.

**VENUES  
Adelaide**  
Tue 7 Aug 7:30pm

**Brisbane**  
Mon 13 Aug 7pm

**Canberra**  
Sat 4 Aug 8pm

**Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne**  
Sun 5 Aug 2:30pm  
Mon 6 Aug 7:30pm

**Newcastle**Thu 2 Aug 7:30pm

**Sydney – City Recital Hall**  
Wed 8 Aug 7pm  
Fri 10 Aug 1:30pm  
Sat 11 Aug 7pm  
Tue 14 Aug 8pm

**Sydney Opera House**Sun 12 Aug 2pm

**Wollongong**  
Thu 16 Aug 7:30pm

**NATIONAL TOUR PARTNER**  
Commonwealth Bank

7 **TRANSFORMING STRAUSS & MOZART**

A GRAND MUSICAL OFFERING

As Richard Strauss got older, he became fascinated by the textures in chamber music. *Metamorphosen* is one such example. Usually performed by 23 string players, here you’ll witness it stripped back to its raw, powerful core in a chamber program curated by our Principal Cello, Tipi.

Wagner’s gut-wrenching Prelude to *Tristan und Isolde* depicts our most intimate and passionate feelings, while Mozart’s popular Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola, in the composer’s arrangement for sextet called the Grande Sestetto Concertante, is a showcase for the supreme talents of the ACO musicians. Together with Bach and Dowland this is a program full of inspirational music and palpable emotions. Not to be missed.

**PROGRAM**  
**DOWLAND** Lachrimæ Antiquæ  
**WAGNER** (arr. Sebastian Gürtler) Prelude to Tristan und Isolde  
**BACH** Ricercar a 6 from Musical Offering  
**R STRAUSS** (arr. Rudolf Leopold) Metamorphosen  
**MOZART** Grande Sestetto Concertante

**ARTISTS INCLUDE**  
**Helena Rathbone** Violin  
**Aiko Goto** Violin  
**Nicole Divall** Viola  
**Timo-Veikko Valve** Cello  
**Melissa Barnard** Cello  
**Maxime Bibeau** Double Bass

**VENUES  
Adelaide**  
Tue 11 Sep 7:30pm

**Canberra**  
Sat 8 Sep 8pm

**Melbourne Recital Centre**  
Mon 10 Sep 7:30pm

**Sydney – City Recital Hall**  
Sat 15 Sep 7pm  
Tue 18 Sep 8pm  
Wed 19 Sep 7pm

**Wollongong**  
Thu 13 Sep 7:30pm

8 **ILYA GRINGOLTS PLAYS PAGANINI**

**Presented by Maserati**

THE VIRTUOSIC VIOLIN   
Richard Tognetti first experienced the young Russian violin sensation Ilya Gringolts on the radio while driving. He was listening to Paganini’s first violin concerto, and was so mesmerised he had to pull over to find out who had made such a visceral impression. Today, for his ACO debut, Ilya Gringolts will be the one in the driver’s seat – directing the Orchestra while performing the very same concerto.

Béla Bartók’s Divertimento was part of the Australian Chamber Orchestra’s inaugural concert in 1975 – and is still one of our folk-inspired favourites today. Vivaldi’s Concerto for Violin and 2 Cellos in C major, and CPE Bach’s String Symphony in C major, round out this dazzling, virtuosic display.

**PROGRAM**  
**CPE BACH** String Symphony in C major  
**PAGANINI** (arr. Bernard Rofe) Violin Concerto No.1 in D major  
**VIVALDI** Concerto for Violin and 2 Cellos in C major  
**BARTÓK** Divertimento

**ARTISTS  
Ilya Gringolts** Guest Director & Violin  
**Timo-Veikko Valve** Cello  
**Julian Thompson** Cello

**VENUES**  
**Adelaide**  
Tue 2 Oct 7:30pm

**Brisbane**Mon 8 Oct 7pm

**Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne**  
Sun 30 Sep 2:30pm  
Mon 1 Oct 7:30pm

**Perth**Wed 3 Oct 7:30pm

**Sydney – City Recital Hall**  
Fri 5 Oct 1:30pm

**Sydney Opera House**  
Sun 7 Oct 2pm

**NATIONAL TOUR PARTNER**  
Maserati

**9 TOGNETTI’S BEETHOVEN**

**Presented by Virgin Australia**

VIOLIN CONCERTO AND FIFTH SYMPHONY   
Hum ‘Da Duuuuum’ out loud, and most people will realise you’re channelling the great Ludwig van Beethoven, such is the power and ubiquity of the first four notes of his Fifth Symphony. For this performance, the ACO will expand its forces, and also showcase another outstanding signature work, Beethoven’s mighty Violin Concerto. It has been some 25 years since Richard Tognetti gave his first performance of the Beethoven Violin Concerto with the ACO back in 1993, and he last performed it with the Orchestra 11 years ago. It’s long overdue, but as ever, entirely worth the wait, and it’s our choice for the climactic concert of the ACO’s 2018 season. It promises to leave you exhilarated, rejuvenated and all set for 2019!

**PROGRAM**   
**BEETHOVEN** Violin Concerto in D major   
**BEETHOVEN** Symphony No.5 in C minor

**ARTISTS   
Richard Tognetti** Director & Violin

**VENUES   
Adelaide**Tue 13 Nov 7:30pm

**Brisbane**Mon 19 Nov 7pm

**Canberra**Sat 10 Nov 8pm

**Melbourne – Arts Centre Melbourne**Sun 11 Nov 2:30pm   
Mon 12 Nov 7:30pm

**Newcastle**Thu 8 Nov 7:30pm

**Perth**Tue 14 Nov 7:30pm

**Sydney – City Recital Hall**Sat 17 Nov 7pm   
Tue 20 Nov 8pm   
Wed 21 Nov 7pm

**Sydney Opera House**Sun 18 Nov 2pm

**PRINCIPAL PARTNER**Virgin Australia

10 **SONATAS FOR STRINGS**

FEATURING ELGAR, WALTON AND SCULTHORPE   
“We must agree that the beauty of a work of art will always remain a mystery,” declared Claude Debussy. This program epitomises exactly that, as many of these pieces don’t have an explanatory narrative, but a rich vein of timeless beauty.

William Walton’s Sonata for Strings is a seemingly effortless interweaving of parts, while fellow Brit, Sir Edward Elgar’s Serenade for Strings holds a special place in the heart of the ACO and it remains a favourite for musicians and audiences alike. Peter Sculthorpe’s first Sonata for Strings, Ravel’s Two Hebrew Melodies and Debussy’s *Girl with the Flaxen Hair* and *Interrupted Serenade* complete this musical treat.

**PROGRAM**  
**SCULTHORPE** Sonata for Strings No.1  
**DEBUSSY** (arr. Richard Tognetti) The Girl with the Flaxen Hair and The Interrupted Serenade from Preludes Book I  
**RAVEL** (arr. Richard Tognetti) Two Hebrew Melodies  
**ELGAR** Serenade for Strings  
**WALTON** Sonata for Strings

**ARTISTS**  
**Richard Tognetti** Director & Violin

**VENUES  
Melbourne Recital Centre**  
Wed 5 Dec 7:30pm

**ACO Collective**

ACO Collective combines members of the ACO with young professional musicians at the outset of their careers.

**2018 Season**

ACO Collective began its musical journey in 2007, with performances across Australia. Since 2007, the Ensemble has performed in more than 85 regional centres in every state and territory, all of Australia’s state capitals, and has even toured to Japan. In 2018, this critically acclaimed 17-piece string ensemble will take in regional centres across New South Wales and Western Australia, showcasing the world’s best music to a wide audience.

The Ensemble combines musicians of the ACO with young professional musicians at the outset of their careers. Fresh from the success of an exceptional 2017 10th-anniversary season, and with the brilliant violinist Pekka Kuusisto as its Artistic Director for a third year, ACO Collective will perform repertoire as diverse as Purcell to Britten, Corelli to Kurtág, Bach to Gubaidulina, Stravinsky to Vivaldi, as well as a world premiere of a new work by Australian composer Cyrus Meurant.

**The Hush Foundation**

ACO Collective has joined forces with renowned charity, The Hush Foundation, and will record their 2018 CD. ‘Hush 18’ will have its debut with ACO Collective at a launch concert on Monday 17 September at the Melbourne Recital Centre. The concert will showcase established and emerging Australian composers inspired by time spent with young people with chronic illness and mental health challenges at children’s hospitals around Australia. Composers include Matthew Hindson, Paul Stanhope, Stuart Greenbaum and Katia Beaugeais.

This exciting event is in addition to their annual touring schedule, cementing ACO Collective as the finest group of young up-and-coming musicians in the country today.

**LEARN MORE**   
For more information on ACO Collective visit **aco.com.au**

**PRINCIPAL PARTNER: ACO COLLECTIVE**Wesfarmers Arts

11 THE LARK ASCENDING

Presented by Wesfarmers Arts

Did Vaughan Williams know when he wrote *The Lark Ascending* that it would go on to become one of the most popular classical works ever written? We are excited to present ACO Collective Artistic Director, Pekka Kuusisto, playing this poignantly brilliant masterpiece.

Joining *The Lark* on this program are two other English works separated by some 265 years: Henry Purcell’s *Fantasia upon One Note* contains a middle voice that plays literally one note throughout, and Benjamin Britten’s Second String Quartet was written to commemorate 250 years since Purcell’s death, providing a neat link between these two works. To open this concert, we have a world premiere by Cyrus Meurant, an Australian composer with a growing reputation, who has written a new work especially for these remarkable musicians.

**PROGRAM  
CYRUS MEURANT** New Work *World Premiere*\*  
**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS** (arr. Adam Johnson) The Lark Ascending  
**PURCELL** Fantasia upon One Note  
**BRITTEN** (arr. David Matthews) String Quartet No.2

*\* Commissioned by the Australian Chamber Orchestra*

**ARTISTS**  
**Pekka Kuusisto** Director & Violin  
**ACO Collective**

**VENUES  
Geraldton – Queens Park Theatre**Thu 15 Mar

**Kalgoorlie – Goldfields Arts Centre**Fri 16 Mar

**Mandurah Performing Arts Centre**Sat 17 Mar

**Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre**Tue 20 Mar

**Margaret River Cultural Centre**Thu 22 Mar

**Albany Entertainment Centre**Sat 24 Mar

**PRINCIPAL PARTNER: ACO COLLECTIVE**Wesfarmers Arts

12 **CELEBRATING BACH & VIVALDI**

**Presented by Virgin Australia**

Matthew Truscott, who was recently appointed concertmaster of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra and is also one of the Leaders of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, will be the guest director of ACO Collective’s second tour.

Truscott has chosen to explore the many facets of the Concerto Grosso for his first tour with the ACO. The program features music by Corelli, Vivaldi, Bach and Stravinsky, with Bach’s Third Brandenburg Concerto among one of the finest examples ever of concerto grosso writing, which allows the orchestra to enjoy moments of individual brilliance as soloists. Interwoven with this is music by Shostakovich’s Soviet successor, Sofia Gubaidulina, and the Hungarian György Kurtág whose musical lineage traces from Bartók through to Webern and Stravinsky.

**PROGRAM  
CORELLI** Concerto Grosso in D major, Op.6 No.1  
**GYÖRGY KURTÁG** Sinfonia breve per archi  
**VIVALDI** Concerto for Four Violins in B minor  
**MUFFAT** Armonico tributo: Sonata No.2 in G minor  
**GYÖRGY KURTÁG** a Százévesnek  
**STRAVINSKY** Concerto in D  
**SOFIA GUBAIDULINA** Reflections on the Theme B-A-C-H  
**BACH** Brandenburg Concerto No.3 in G major  
**BACH** (arr. Igor Stravinsky) Prelude No.4 in B minor from The Well-Tempered Clavier

**ARTISTS**  
**Matthew Truscott** Guest Director & Violin  
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**VENUES**  
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Sat 1 Sep

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Wed 5 Sep

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Fri 7 Sep

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**ARTISTS**

**Richard Tognetti** Director & Violin

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3 – 4 MARCH

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**ARTISTS**

**Richard Tognetti** Director & Violin

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**ARTISTS**

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