



Fiona Pears and Conner Hartley-Hall

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Performances take place in the Great Hall at The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora between 1.10pm and 1.50pm on the following dates:

17 February

Tom Rainey (piano) with family and friends

Tom will be joined by family and friends to present *A Rainey Day*, a mix of jazz songs and melodies you will know and love. A great start to the series no matter the weather.

9 March

Mark Walton (clarinet) and Iola Shelley (piano)

These wonderful musical friends will present a superb concert filled with lilting melodies and sparkling brilliance. Both are marvellous musicians and mentors to many, here and internationally.

16 March

Janice Gray (vocalist) and Doug Caldwell (jazz piano)

Janice and Doug 'the Maestro', performing alongside Bob Heinz on guitar and Mike Kime on bass will truly, entertain you. Unbeatable, vintage class.

23 March

The Opera Club

Join some of Christchurch's finest voices performing both memorable operatic arias and ensembles with the direction of Sharolyn Kimmorley AM.

30 March

Kate Taylor and seven-piece band

Backed by the finest in Christchurch, Kate along with her warm, velvety voice will sing favourites. This promises to be the best way to spend your Monday lunchtime.

6 April

Helen Charlton (soprano) and Chris Archer (piano)

Helen has a beautiful voice and Chris is an exquisite pianist, together they're a formidable team. They will be presenting a lyrical programme, rich with arias and art song.

20 April

Jonathan Tanner (violin)

Jonathan is a fabulous violinist based here in Ōtautahi Christchurch after having spent years performing in Italy. He performs with the CSO and NZSO while also mentoring other violinists.

4 May

Cameron Pearce (trumpet) and Tom Rainey (piano)

From jazz classics all the way through to some beautiful Billy Joel melodies. Tom and Cameron will lead you on a wonderful musical journey.

11 May

Lixin Zhang (piano)

Lixin is an exciting, brilliant young pianist who is in demand internationally and in NZ. Currently fielding opportunities to further his musical studies abroad, he has been offered numerous scholarships around the globe.

25 May

Jeremy Woodside (piano) and Lois Johnston (soprano)

Ravishing Delight is a programme of English song exploring people, places, seasons and nature. Composers include Elgar, Quilter, Butterworth and their settings of poetry by Auden, De La Mare, Shelley and Shakespeare.

8 June

Michael Lawrence (piano)

Michael is revered in musical circles around the country. We are thrilled to have him return to the Great Hall stage where he will be performing works by Beethoven, Chopin and Bartók.

15 June

Chamber Music Showcase

This performance showcases some of the talented musicians from local secondary schools – rising stars that will impress with their musicianship and dedication. Following this concert, they will compete in the National NZCT Chamber Music Finals.

29 June

Yulia (vocals and guitar)

It is wonderful to welcome internationally acclaimed vocalist Yulia to the Great Hall stage. She sings with warmth and sincerity, delivering a moving performance that will not fail to impress. A singer who is well established and admired both here and abroad.

6 July

Ben Morrison (violin)

Ben will return home briefly, and we are extremely privileged to have him perform in the Great Hall. He currently resides in Vienna where he is first violinist in the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra along with other groups, touring extensively throughout Europe.

13 July

Trio Éclat

Trio Éclat from Auckland, is an enthusiastic group of music professionals committed to performing new and existing repertoire for wind trio. Christine Kim on flute, Rowan Meade (originally from Christchurch) on clarinet and Monica Chang on piano.

20 July

Spina and Benignetti (piano duo)

This internationally acclaimed duo from Italy is recognised as one of the most talented and interesting piano duos in Europe. Having toured worldwide to sell out audiences, this will be an exciting event and one not to be missed.

27 July

HKH Trio

HKH was formed around 20 years ago when three musicians discovered they had a similar passion for European jazz. With Mark Hobson on clarinet and sax, Wyzte Hoekstra on piano and Mike Kime on bass, this group is worth hearing.

10 August

Tony Lin (piano)

Each time Tony returns home from Europe we are fortunate to hear him play. A memorable and thought-provoking pianist, we are always honoured to have him grace the stage.

17 August

Broadway Buddies

A classic selection of Broadway's best loved songs and melodies presented by, you guessed it, 'Buddies'. The finest Broadway voices around led by indefatigable partners in music and life, Ravil and Amanda Atlas.

31 August

Garden City Big Band

The GCB has a full big band line-up consisting of some of the best local musicians and vocalists. The band performs a wide variety of music ranging from classic swing and dance music, from the Big Band era, right through to more contemporary sounds.

14 September

Naomi Ferguson (voice) and Alex van den Broek (piano)

This dynamic duo bring you a concert of their favourite songs. Drawing on jazz, folk and cabaret, this will be a delightful way to start your week.

28 September

Aeolus Saxophone Collective

An impressive line-up of eight saxophones, of all sounds and shapes, will perform as quartets before colliding together to form an octet. Mark Hobson will be at the helm directing this musical euphoria.

5 October

Brett Painter and Roanna Funcke (percussion)

Our masters of percussion Brett and Roanna will play music from the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and Europe, performing on marimba, Caribbean steel pans and hand percussion.

12 October

Michael Endres (piano) and Mark Menzies (violin)

Michael is a superb pianist of international acclaim; he will be joined by Mark who is described as a 'riveting violinist'. Together they will perform the fiery *Kreutzer Sonata* by Beethoven, alongside works by Gershwin. Michael and Mark have performed extensively around the globe in festivals and concert halls, but you don't even have to leave town to hear this wonderful performance.

19 October

Fiona Pears (violin) and Connor Hartley-Hall (guitar)

Fiona and Connor will be performing a mix of fiery Gypsy jazz, heart-warming ballads along with some well-known classics.

2 November

Suoni – The 'Sound of many Voices'

An offering of great vocal ensemble and choral works led by the indomitable master of song, Ravil Atlas.

9 November

Classical Jazz Quartet - Cathy Irons (violin) Barry Brinson (piano) Michael Davis (bass) and Doug Brush (drums)

From a dazzling display of virtuosity to intriguing sultry warmth, mellow moments to upbeat swing, along with a helping of Jacques Loussier, this is the concert that will keep you smiling into the weeks ahead.

30 November

Café Operana

Featuring Helen Webby on pedal harp, Sophia Bidwell on accordion and Lois Johnston the vocalist, Café Operana will take listeners on a musical merry-go-round ride through Puccini's Florence to Macedonia and beyond to discover if *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*.

7 December

Jennine Bailey (jazz vocalist) and Tom Rainey (piano)

Jennine and Tom have performed as a duo throughout New Zealand for many years now and have collaborated on various recording projects. Join them as they share some of their favourite melodies. Always a treat and a great way to round off the series for the year.

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