

Christchurch Civic Music Council - August Newsletter

“Strum Strike and Blow” Concert

The Strum Strike and Blow Concert is being held again on **Thursday 15th August 2024** at the Wolfbrook Arena with 57 Schools and 1500 primary and intermediate children participating. This is always a vibrant, fun and colourful event and is thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience in attendance. If you have never been before – come along and enjoy the fun – a night of great music! – door sales are available - \$5.00 entry fee.

“Spring into Music” – Affiliates Concert

Due to the great success of the 80th Anniversary Concert in November 2021 another affiliates concert **“Spring into Music”** has been organised for **Sunday 22nd September 2024** at the **Great Hall, Arts Centre, Worcester Boulevard**. This will have the same format as the 80th Concert with several affiliate groups performing from 11.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. in 30 minute slots. Groups include Christchurch School of Music (2 groups), Jubilate Singers, Toi Toi Opera, Apollo Musicum, Canterbury Japanese Choir and IRMT. Please come along and give your support to this event – there will be something for everyone – it is a free concert with a koha donation at the door for the Arts Centre fundraising campaign. I have attached the latest artwork – please share this with your group/organisation, family and friends.

Ruby Hay Pianoforte Competition

The Ruby Hay Pianoforte Competition is taking on a new presentation this year. In the first instance all contestants will supply an online video of their performances and these will be judged by Tom McGrath from the University of Otago School of Performing Arts. Tom will then select the three top contestants who will perform their music pieces at a **Gala Final on Saturday 14th September 2024, 3.00 p.m.** at **Piano House, 283 Riccarton Road**. Further information and documentation for the contestants is available by clicking the below link: <https://musiccanterbury.co.nz/competitions/ruby-hay-pianoforte-scholarship/>

2024/2025 National Concerto Competition®

We are pleased to report that a very successful 2023/2024 National Concerto Competition was held culminating in a wonderful Final on 9th March 2024 in the Douglas Lilburn Auditorium. Moving forward to this year the competition is for Piano contestants. Preliminaries/Semi-Final will run from **Tuesday 3rd to Wednesday 4th December 2024**, with the Final taking place in the Douglas Lilburn Auditorium, on **Saturday 22nd March 2025**. For the Final we have engaged James Judd as conductor.

The two adjudicators are Rachel Fuller (*Professional Teaching Fellow at University of Auckland*) and Timothy Young (*Head of Piano, Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) Melbourne*). For further details please see <https://nationalconcertocompetition.co.nz/>