

Star studded line-up for chamber music festival

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A world premiere, international artists and a rising stars master class are all on the bill plus more for the 2019 Albury Chamber Music Festival.

With a focus on Mozart, the program on November 15-17 will include the Seraphim Trio with Martin Alexander, Inveni Ensemble, Acacia Quartet, Orpheus Piano Trio, organist Martin Satchell, soprano Merlyn Quaife and a rising stars master class for talented regional students.

2019 is the centenary of the electronic musical instrument, the theremin, and the Albury Chamber Music Festival will feature world renowned thereminist Thorwald Jorgensen performing a world premiere of a piece by Australian composer Jessop Maticevski Schumack.

The opening concert and reception, "Mostly Mozart", will be held at the Adamshurst Ballroom on Friday, November 15 from 1.30pm.

The concert will feature soprano Merlyn Quaife, violist Kaori Sparks and pianist Helena Kernaghan.

They will be accompanied by the Inveni Ensemble with Melissa Doecke on flute, Ben Opie on oboe, Peter Clark and Jessica Oddie on violin, and Peter de Jager on organ.

Following is concert two, a rising stars master class conducted by Anna Goldsworthy (piano), Timothy Nankervis (cello) and Martin Alexander (viola).

A selection of talented young regional students will perform works and receive tutelage from the professionals involved with the festival.

Concert three on the Friday evening will be held at St Matthew's Church from 7pm and will showcase Seraphim and the Inveni Ensemble.

Seraphim comprises Anna Goldsworthy (piano), Helen Ayres (violin), Timothy Nankervis (cello) and Martin Alexander (viola).

Merewyn Bramble joins the Inveni Ensemble on viola for this performance.

Pipe organist Martin Satchell is the guest artist in concert four on Saturday, November 16 at St Matthew's from 10.30am, with his Letorneau pipe organ recital.

This will be followed by concert five, Seraphim and Orpheus playing Dvorak and Brahms, accompanied by the Scots School Chorale, conducted by Alison Mitchell.

Ensemble-in-residence, Orpheus Piano Trio comprises Kaori Sparks (violin), Sam Goble (cello) and

Helena Kernaghan (piano).

Day two concludes at St Matthew's with the Australian premiere of Auerbach 10 Preludes by Dutch classical musician and thereminist, Thorwald Jorgensen.

Jorgensen's French and Russian repertoire will celebrate Leon Theremin, the inventor of the theremin in its centenary year.

Rounding out the program for the evening is soprano Merlyn Quaife accompanied by David Lempriere-Laughton on piano.

Thorwald Jorgensen and the Acacia Quartet will conclude the Festival with Concert seven at the Albury Club on November 17 from 2pm.

Violinists Lisa Stewart and Myee Clohessy, join Stefan Duwe on the viola and Anna Martin-Scrase on cello.

The 2019 Albury Chamber Music Festival's Concert Series has featured cellist Zoe Knighton and mezzo-soprano Sally-Anne Russell.

"Albury is such a vibrant, friendly place and I love Albury is placing such a spotlight on chamber music – it's a real beacon for great music," Zoe Knighton said.

"What Albury is doing to get chamber music to the regional audiences is fantastic, having opportunities close to home and ensuring people have the experience of making music themselves.

"Those instruments stuck under the bed or in the cupboard, it is such a joy to play those with people – that instrument may be 200 years old but we need to keep playing it so we can further experience it."

The third concert in the series will feature harpist Marshall McGuire performing at St Matthew's Church from 2pm on Sunday, September 8.

Tickets for the Festival can be bought online, in person, or over the phone from the Albury Entertainment Centre box office on 02 6043 5610.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door, with students/under 18s tickets \$10 with identification.

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Caption: The 2019 Albury Chamber Music Festival will have a stellar line-up of international and national musicians, including a world premiere by thereminist Thorwald Jorgensen, on November 17-19.
