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19 May 5.00pm, Te Tuhi, Pakuranga





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WELCOME, NAU MAI, HAERE MAI!

The Manukau Symphony Orchestra is delighted to present another exciting year of magic and majestic music!

After a triumphant 30th-anniversary celebration in 2023, MSO Music Director Uwe Grodd has once again crafted a captivating and enchanting programme for the 2024 season, rekindling our connections with fantastic soloists and conductors.

As we embark on another year of musical discovery, we eagerly anticipate a diverse array of events, ranging from free, family-friendly performances to our main concerts designed to resonate with all generations. We aim not only to inspire but also ignite a shared appreciation for the universal language of music.



(L to R): SHELLEY ROBERTSON General Manager, ROBYN TAYLOR-WRIGHT Ticketing, Front of House, ANN WHITEHOUSE Librarian, ALISTAIR GREENWOOD Orchestra Manager.

AGNES HARMATH-PARKIN Accounts
DR SAM GIRLING Aria Competition Coordinator

Behind the scenes, our dedicated part-time staff and volunteers form the lifeblood of our organisation, consistently going above and beyond to provide enriching opportunities for our young talents, community members, and mentor musicians. In the face of financial challenges, pursuing our aspirations remains an ongoing struggle. Nevertheless, we seek innovative solutions to ensure that the MSO's dreams become reality. We are fortunate to possess a robust administrative team and a passionate ensemble of musicians who wholeheartedly embrace the Manukau Symphony's vision of inclusivity and equality expressed in our motto '...a very special spirit'.

I am immensely proud to stand alongside the Manukau Symphony Orchestra as a patron, offering my unwavering support to their 2024 season. It fills me with great joy to witness the orchestra's partnerships with venues and other organisations. These are creating opportunities for diverse musical experiences in South Auckland.

The MSO's commitment to nurturing and inspiring young talent in the community is truly commendable, providing the youth of South Auckland with valuable exposure to the world of classical music.

As we embark on this new season, I sincerely hope that others will join me in supporting this remarkable organisation by generously donating as well as attending concerts. Together, we can ensure that the Manukau Symphony Orchestra remains a cultural gem in our community, enriching lives through the power of music and fostering a deep appreciation for the arts among the next generation.



SIR NOEL ROBINSON KNZM

RACHMANINOV 2

SATURDAY 9 MARCH 7.30PM | DUE DROP EVENTS CENTRE



UWE GRODD



SHAN LIU

MENDELSSOHN

RACHMANINOV

HEBRIDES OVERTURE
'THE FINGAL'S CAVE'
PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2
'JUPITER' SYMPHONY NO. 41

UWE GRODD SHAN LIU

MOZART

CONDUCTOR PIANO

Embark on a musical journey to the rugged Scottish coast as Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture transports you to the mystical Fingal's Cave. Feel the power of nature's majesty and the exhilarating waves of this composition.

Prepare to be swept off your feet by Rachmaninov's breathtaking Piano Concerto No 2. This is one of the most passionate and beloved concertos in the repertoire, its lyricism and virtuosity charting a trajectory from darkness through idyll to dazzling triumph. We welcome back the young superstar Shan Liu as soloist who left us all spellbound and received a standing ovation after his performance in last year's Family Concert.

Tchaikovsky declared that Mozart was 'full of divine beauty' and Schubert took wonder at the 'countless images of a brighter and better world' that Mozart was able to evoke through his music. Mozart's 'Jupiter' Symphony, the crowning jewel of his symphonic repertoire, promises a grand finale to an unforgettable evening.



MSO FAMILY CONCERT

BACH

SUNDAY 16 JUNE 5.00PM | DUE DROP EVENTS CENTRE



BRENT STEWART



EVE LU & ANGEL WEN TAO



DAVID HAMILTON



PAKURANGA CHORAL SOCIETY FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHOIR

ROSSINI 'BARBER OF SEVILLE' OVERTURE WILLIAMS HARRY POTTER 'HEDWIG'S THEME'

'RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK' CONCERTO FOR TWO VIOLINS

MOZART 'LAUDATE DOMINUM'
HAMILTON 'THE SONG IS BUT A DOOR'

ORFF 'O FORTUNA'

HANDEL 'HALLELUJAH CHORUS'

PUCCINI SELECTED ARIAS

BRENT STEWART CONDUCTOR

EVE LU VIOLIN
ANGEL WEN TAO VIOLIN
PAKURANGA CHORAL SOCIETY
FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHOIR

NICHOLAS TARLING ARIA COMPETITION PRIZE WINNERS

Join us for an enchanting musical journey that promises to captivate audiences of all ages. The evening kicks off with the playful overture of Rossini's 'Barber of Seville', setting the stage for a delightful fusion of classical and contemporary masterpieces. Experience soul-stirring Hallelujahs harmonised by two choirs, and the magic and adventure of Harry Potter and Indiana Jones to take you on a captivating ride.

We are thrilled to welcome back the charismatic Brent Stewart, whose presence charmed both the MSO and our audiences, filling the venue to capacity. Furthermore, we are excited to showcase two exceptionally talented young violinists who will perform the mesmerising JS Bach Double Violin Concerto. This promises to be an evening filled with extraordinary music and memorable moments.

This concert was a massive hit in 2023, so be sure to book your seats now to secure an unforgettable experience!

Family Special

Bring the whole whānau and enjoy our special discount - two adults and two children, for just \$65!



BRAHMS DOUBLE

BRAHMS

DVOŘÁK

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM | DUE DROP EVENTS CENTRE



UWE GRODE



AMALIA HALL



ANDREW JOYCE

SARAH JENKINS (UK) 'THE COMING OF NIGHT'

WORLD PREMIERE
DOUBLE CONCERTO
FOR VIOLIN AND CELLO
SYMPHONY NO.6

UWE GRODD CONDUCTOR
AMALIA HALL VIOLIN
ANDREW JOYCE CELLO

Immerse yourself in a world of musical mastery and experience the unparalleled synergy of two of MSO's favourite string soloists, Amalia Hall (violin) and Andrew Joyce (cello) as they join forces in Brahms' Double Concerto. This masterpiece weaves a rich tapestry of melodies and emotions, showcasing the profound dialogue between violin and cello. The orchestra provides the perfect backdrop for this musical conversation, creating a harmonious experience in a work that embodies both drama and reflection.

Dvořák was a strong voice in the re-establishment of Czech musical identity, and the noble themes, depicting open landscapes, and the dancing Scherzo of the Symphony No 6 bear the stamp of a genius at his height. Here Dvořák pays tribute to both his mentor Brahms and to the rich folk music of his Bohemian homeland. From the exhilarating opening to the triumphant finale, you will be transported to a world of enchantment.

The concert opens with the world premiere of 'The Coming of Night' for orchestra by the young English composer Sarah Frances Jenkins, commissioned by the MSO. This evocative work is inspired by a poem of the same title by Emily Dickinson and aims to explore the atmospheres, colours, and images within her depiction of twilight and the transition from sunset to night. The work was premiered as a Sextet originally by the BBC Concert Orchestra.



HOUSTOUN & EROICA

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 7.30PM | DUE DROP EVENTS CENTRE



UWE GRODE



MICHAEL HOUSTOUN

TCHAIKOVSKY

BEETHOVEN

SHOSTAKOVICH

ROMEO AND JULIET FANTASY OVERTURE PIANO CONCERT NO.2 'EROICA' SYMPHONY NO.3

UWE GRODD MICHAEL HOUSTOUN CONDUCTOR PIANO

Love is pervasive in music, as it is in life. Follow Tchaikovsky's passions of love and tragedy through melodic beauty and sumptuous instrumentation. The MSO will take you on an emotional journey through Shakespeare's classic story in one of the composer's most loved works.

Experience the extraordinary talent of Michael Houstoun as he navigates the intricate and virtuosic melodies of Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No 2. This light-spirited piece with a hauntingly beautiful slow movement was written as a birthday present to his son Maxim in 1957. The ending makes the pianist climb to the edge of the keyboard and will keep you at the edge of your seats!

Beethoven's 'Eroica' Symphony is a masterpiece that marks a turning point in the history of classical music, ushering in the Romantic era with its groundbreaking innovation and emotional depth. One of the most iconic anecdotes associated with the 'Eroica' involves its dedication. When Beethoven composed the symphony, he originally dedicated it to Napoleon Bonaparte, whom he admired as a champion of liberty and equality. However, as history unfolded, Beethoven's opinion of Napoleon soured when the French leader declared himself Emperor of all of Europe. In a fit of rage Beethoven reportedly tore the title page from the score and renamed it simply 'Sinfonia Eroica' (Heroine Symphony) and exclaimed. "...so he is no more than a common mortal! Now, too, he will tread underfoot all the rights of man, indulge only his ambition; now he will think himself superior to all men, become a tyrant!"



DIVERSIONS - ENSEMBLE CONCERT

SUNDAY 14 JULY 5.00PM | TE TUHI



TIANYI LU

BACH CONCERTO FOR VIOLIN

IN A MINOR

PÄRT 'FRATRES' FOR WIND OCTET

AND PERCUSSION

HELEN FISHER (NZ) 'TA TANGI A TE MATUI'

(THE CALL OF THE MATUI)

STRAUSS SERENADE FOR WINDS LILBURN (NZ) 'DIVERSIONS' FOR STRINGS

TIANYI LU CONDUCTOR ALEXANDER PILCHEN VIOLIN

AGNES HARMATH-PARKIN FLUTE

The MSO String and Wind ensemble invites you to embark on an intimate musical journey at the Te Tuhi Auditorium.

Internationally known for her thrilling energy on the podium and her deeply creative approach, Chinese-born New Zealander Tianyi Lu collaborates with major orchestras and opera houses worldwide. The ensembles of the Manukau Symphony are excited to welcome her back.

Our program, aptly named 'DIVERSIONS,' celebrates the brilliant compositions of iconic New Zealand composer Douglas Lilburn, beautifully capturing the essence of Aotearoa's musical style. Among the highlights is Pärt's mesmerising 'Fratres' arranged for Wind Octet and Percussion, which blends seamlessly with Bach's timeless and beloved A minor violin concerto. The evening also features the captivating flute solo by Helen Fisher and the romantic Serenade for Wind Ensemble by Richard Strauss.

This promises to be an evening of musical diversity, at the Te Tuhi Auditorium. Additionally, enjoy the convenience of free parking in Pakuranga, making it even more accessible.





Tianyi Lu appearance is thanks to the generosity of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.



NICHOLAS TARLING ARIA COMPETITION

FRIDAY 9 FEB 7:30PM | DUE DROP EVENTS CENTRE

The South Auckland area is brimming with talented vocalists and it has been a longheld aspiration to host an aria competition for these singers, to help develop and support their future careers.

Following the success of the inaugural competition, the Manukau Symphony Orchestra is delighted to announce the Nicholas Tarling Aria Competition 2024. The competition is supported by the Nicholas Tarling Charitable Trust. Professor Tarling was a prominent expert on Southeast Asian history at the University of Auckland, a passionate opera lover, and a lifelong supporter of musical talent in New Zealand.

In the spirit of the MSO, this competition is open to people of all ages and backgrounds, with preference being given to those from the South Auckland area.

PRIZES

First Prize Winner \$5,000 Runner-up Prize \$3,000 Most Promising Singer Prize \$1,000 18 years and under prize \$1,000



NICHOLAS TARLING ARIA COMPETITION TIMELINE



DIGITAL ENTRIES
Close Thursday 30 November 2023

Applicants upload a video of their singing to YouTube and complete an application form containing a link to the performance by 30 November 2023.

Apply through the link www.tarlingaria.org.nz.

Selected participants will be invited to a live performance with piano for the Final Round at the Due Drop Events Centre.

FINAL ROUND Friday 9 February 2024, 7.30pm Due Drop Events Centre Rosemary Barnes – Piano

Finalists will perform two pieces with piano accompaniment on 9 February 2024 at 7.30pm, to adjudicators, friends, family and the public. The winners will be announced at the end of the evening.



ROSEMARY BARNES

FIRST PRIZE WINNER AND RUNNER-UP PERFORMANCE MSO Family Concert Sunday 16 June 2024, 5.00pm Due Drop Events Centre

The First Prize Winner and Runner-up have the opportunity to perform with the Manukau Symphony Orchestra at the MSO FAMILY CONCERT on Sunday 16 June 2024.

THE STOLEN STARS OF MATARIKI

MONDAY 8 AND TUESDAY 9 APRIL | DUE DROP EVENTS CENTRE



SUZY CATO

The MSO is collaborating with the Due Drop Events Centre to bring entertaining concerts to school children from 7-11 years old across South Auckland. The orchestra will play popular and fun tunes alongside narrated stories with music. A special feature will be an arrangement of 'The Emperor and the Nightingale' by iconic NZ children's composer Jenny McLeod's. This musical fairy tale will be narrated by New Zealand's most beloved children's presenter Suzy Cato.

Is your school going? Contact Ashleigh Cole ashleigh@wakapacific.org. nz at the Due Drop Events Center to find out! These events are free for South Auckland schools.





SYMPHONIC JOURNEY - WORKSHOP

BEETHOVEN 5 SUNDAY 19 MAY 4.00PM | TE TUHI



TOM CHESTER

JENNY MCLEOD 'AT THE BAY' FROM THREE

CELEBRATIONS FOR

ORCHESTRA

BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY NO 5, ALLEGRO

CON BRIO & ALLEGRO -

PRESTO

TOM CHESTER CONDUCTOR

The MSO will hold the Symphonic Journey weekend workshop, a yearly favourite for young musicians and community players from South Auckland.

Members will include players from the Howick School of Music, the Tironui Trust and anybody who loves playing in an orchestra. We welcome back conductor Tom Chester, who won the hearts of the orchestra and audiences in 2022.

Join us for a captivating musical journey as we present two remarkable compositions. McLeod's 'At the Bay' from 'Three Celebrations for Orchestra' will transport you to the scenic beauty of New Zealand, while Beethoven's powerful Symphony No 5 will sweep you off your feet.

A FREE informal playthrough Sunday at 4pm in the Te Tuhi Auditorium, Pakuranga. Players interested in participating in this FREE workshop weekend should contact the MSO at admin@manukausymphony.org.nz. All Welcome!



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MANUKAU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



The Manukau Symphony Orchestra began life in 1993, through the former Manukau City Council's desire to form a community orchestra based in South Auckland. The orchestra has grown from a humble 22-member ensemble playing at the Papatoetoe Town Hall to a full-sized symphony orchestra. Its home base is at the Due Drop Events Centre but the rehearsal space, library and storage are at Te Tuhi, in Pakuranga. The MSO continues to expand its appeal and audiences through providing accessible, quality, live symphonic orchestral experiences in one of Auckland's most diverse urban areas.

The orchestra is a part-time and volunteer organisation with professional leadership. Governed by the Manukau Orchestral Society, the orchestra continues to uplift the wairua and culture of Manukau's tangata whenua. The Orchestra has created a safe environment to experience and experiment with music, providing opportunities for people to come together to play music and become part of this community.

MSO musicians are comprised of approximately 33% professional mentors, 33% community and 33% youth players. Participants in orchestral projects and workshops come from all over the Auckland region: 45% from South and East, 35% from West and Central, 18% from the North Shore, and 3% from outside the region.

MSO TUAKANA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The MSO prides itself on its Mentorship Programme which was established in 1993, giving youth and community players the opportunity to participate in an orchestra alongside professional mentors. Each participant has something unique to offer, making playing together a mutual learning encounter. Known as the MSO Tuakana Mentorship Programme, the term Tuakana comes from Tuakanateina (meaning: older sibling, younger sibling) which is a learning approach drawn from Te Ao Māori. Originating on the Marae, it is now used to describe equal and interchangeable learning relationships in the context of adult education. It recognises that all MSO players, regardless of age



and background, can grow, explore and refine their technique and musical expression through playing together and sharing perspectives.





MSO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The MSO Youth Scholarship program runs parallel to the mentorship programme. In 2024 we have offered scholarships to young players including the first Youth Conducting Scholar, to assist with their tuition, as well as providing at least two guaranteed places in our subscription series concerts. Robert Liu, Conductor, now aged 17, was a scholarship recipient in 2023. Robert writes about the scholarship as an

'opportunity which allowed me to interact and enter the world of conducting. Since then, my conducting skills have improved "miles".

The MSO wishes to thank Phil and Helen Greenbank and The Stringed Instrument Company for making this programme possible. Scholarships will be presented on stage at the HOUSTOUN & EROICA concert at the end of the year.



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- Manukau Symphony Orchestra Youth Scholarships are offered yearly
 to young musicians. Could you help foster the next generation of upcoming
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Find out more at www.manukausymphony.org.nz



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The MSO Office will be closed from 20 Dec 2023 – 14 January 2024

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Parking at TeTuhi is free at the rear of the building off Reeves Road.

Manukau Symphony Orchestra reserves the right to alter any advertised schedule of artists and programmes.

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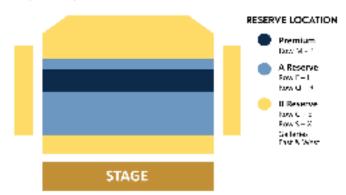
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Nicholas Tarling Aria Competition Final Round Symphonic Journey Workshop – Informal Concert

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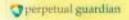








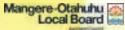




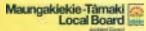


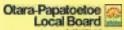
















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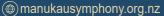
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