



**FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC NEWSLETTER NO 6
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CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE - If you wish to get in touch with the Committee about any aspect of this newsletter, you may email us at friends.som.anu@gmail.com. This will ensure your query is dealt with relatively quickly. This is also the address for requests to advertise student concerts.

The Friends web page is at <https://music.anu.edu.au/friends>

If you are on Facebook you might like to follow the Friends at <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-ANU-School-of-Music-361161650736719/> or keep up with the latest news from the School at <https://www.facebook.com/schoolofmusicANU/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Italian Embassy Concert Thursday August 31

Historic Instruments Concert Saturday September 23

Hungarian Embassy Concert Thursday October 26

ITALIAN EMBASSY CONCERT

Invitations and the booking form have been sent out for this event. Tertiary students and prizewinners from the Open School of Music will present a varied program followed by a light supper. The booking form can be downloaded from the Friends web site. You must book tickets using this form.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Dr Mike Cheng-Yu Lee and his wife Ji Young Kim have arrived in Canberra to take up their positions in the ANU Keyboard Institute, the southern hemisphere's largest collection of historic pianos. Originally from New Zealand, Dr Lee has a distinguished career in the USA where he studied at Yale and Cornell Universities and has held positions at Yale and the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. We look forward to hearing them perform at the Historical Instruments concert.

Marcella Fiorillo will be presenting a lecture at the piano entitled **Clasicos Argentinos** at 3.30 pm on July 27 in the Larry Sitsky Recital Room at the School of Music. Marcella will give an illustrated journey through Argentinian musical history. The lecture is free and open to the

public but please RSVP via <https://music.anu.edu.au/events/cl%C3%A1sicos-argentinos-lecture-piano-marcela-fiorello>

Also, at 7pm on July 27, the ANU School of Music is proud to present their **Jazz Faculty in concert**. Tickets are \$20 or \$15 for concession and the concert is in the Big Band Room of the Peter Karmel Building. More details at <https://music.anu.edu.au/events/anu-school-music-presents-jazz-faculty>

NEWS FROM THE OPEN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Semester 1 Performance Prizes were awarded to students of the Open School of Music in a concert on July 17. Prizes were provided by the Friends of the School of Music and Better Music. The winners were as follows:

- Best Classical Ensemble – Shane Campbell and Donica Tran
- Runner up in Best Classical Ensemble – Patrick Gu, Jacob Jaksa and David Yang
- Best Solo Classical – Ev Ramadan
- Runner up in Best Best Solo Classical – Patrick Gu
- Best Jazz Performer – Alex Wanjura
- Runner up in Best Jazz Performer – Claire Waddell-Wood
- Music Encouragement Award – Percussion Ensemble, Annie Eggleton, Sam Parkinson, Claire Roder, Oceane Tinarran

Shane Campbell (guitar), Donica Tran (violin) and Ev Ramadan (flute) will be performing at the Italian Embassy Concert.

Drs Edward and Stephanie Neeman will be giving masterclasses in piano on July 31 to August 4 for students of both the School of Music and the Open School of Music.

NEWS FROM PRIZE WINNERS

Brendan Keller-Tuberg is about to release an album that he recorded with help from a Friends Recording Grant. Other players in the trio are Tate Sheridan and Daniel Faber. The album will be launched on August 12 at 8.30pm at the Street Theatre.

Roya Safaei received financial support to attend a conference entitled “Performing Indeterminacy” at Leeds in the UK. Roya reported that the conference provided many ideas to help with her Honours Thesis “Relationships and Interactions between composers, performers and audiences since 1945”.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Fees in 2017 remain the same as for the last two years: \$40 for single membership, \$65 for families, \$20 for pensioners, \$100 for corporate organisations. Life Membership is 10 times the annual membership fee. It is possible to include a donation with your membership payment and donations to the Friends Public Fund of \$2 or over are tax deductible (Note however that donations to the Friends' general funds are not tax deductible). The membership form was attached to a previous newsletter or can be downloaded from the Friends web site. We rely on membership fees to be able to provide support to the students of the School of Music so every membership is gratefully received.

RECENT CONCERTS BY GRADUATES

On Saturday July 23 Drs Edward Neeman and Eloise Fisher gave a splendid performance of music for clarinet and piano by Jewish composers. Both performers are graduates of the School of Music who have completed Doctorate studies at the Julliard School of Music.

Drs Edward and Stephanie Neeman performed a program of music for cello and piano with David Pereira on Thursday June 29.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Friends of Opera

Friends of Opera are presenting an evening of music from Vienna at the Hungarian Embassy on Wednesday 2 August. Singers Sonia Anfiloff and Ben Connor will be accompanied by Alan Hicks in a program featuring the music of Robert Stoltz. The invitation and booking form for this event are attached to this email.

Wednesday Lunchtime Live at Wesley

- Andrew Blanch on guitar, "From Latin America and Beyond", on Saturday August 12 at 7.30pm. Andrew will play music from Venezuela, Brazil, Paraguay, Spain and Australia.
- Larry Sitsky, "The First Russian Sonata", on Wednesday August 23 at 12.40pm. The program focuses on the works of Anton Rubinstein and will consist of five miniatures for piano followed by the Sonata No 1 Op12 which is the first sonata composed by a Russian.
- Rupert Boyd (guitar) and Laura Metcalff (cello), "Boyd Meets Girl", on Saturday September 2 at 7.30pm.

High Court of Australia

Concerts at the High Court featuring ANU current students and graduates.

- Sunday 15 October 1.30pm Staff and students of the Australian National University's **Open School of Music** present an eclectic recital of chamber, vocal and solo repertoire, in the last month before their end of year recitals at the ANU.

National Capital Orchestra at the Q in Queanbeyan on Sunday August 6 at 3pm. The orchestra will be conducted by Leonard Weiss and Katherine Day will be soloist in the Beethoven Emperor Concerto No 5. Both Leonard and Katherine are on the staff of the Open School teaching in the Classical H-course for Year 11 and 12 students.

Musica da Camera at the Holy Covenant Church, Dexter St Cook on Saturday August 19 at 2.30 pm. The orchestra will be conducted by Leonard Weiss in a program of varied string orchestra pieces.

Celebrating Manning Clark with Music. Would you like to sing in a choir to perform extracts of "Manning Clark The Musical" by George Dreyfus to celebrate 25 years of Manning Clark House being a hub for artistic ventures? Contact Fleur Millar at fleurmillar@yahoo.com.au or 0421 187688 for more information.