



**FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC NEWSLETTER NO 5
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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.

FRIENDS ENSEMBLE COMPETITION – 19 OCTOBER 6pm – ENSEMBLES FROM THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC COMPETE FOR THE FRIENDS PRIZE.

The Friends Ensemble Music Competition (formerly known as the Chamber Music Competition) and the Margaret Smiles Accompaniment Prize will be held jointly at 6pm on Wednesday October 19 in the Larry Sitsky Recital Hall. Admission is free.

The Friends Ensemble Competition will feature chamber music, jazz and contemporary music. First prizes and People's Choice awards total \$3000.

Don't miss this end-of-year event featuring the best School of Music musicians and the opportunity to vote for your favourite group. Information on the finalists will be available on the School of Music website on Tuesday October 18.

ANU SCHOOL OF MUSIC GALA CONCERT – 26 OCTOBER 2016 8pm

The School of Music will be presenting a special gala concert to showcase both staff and students on Wednesday 26 October. They will be joined by three times Grammy nominated cellist **David Eggar** who is visiting the school to give masterclasses and workshops on October 22.

The event includes a keynote address by the Vice-Chancellor, **Brian Schmidt**, and features performances by **Tate Sheridan**, **Andrew Rumsey**, **Rachael Thoms** and **Leonard Weiss** playing works by Albinoni, Rachmaninoff, Paganini and Coldplay. The concert is at 8pm in the Larry Sitsky Recital Hall and is preceded by a VIP event at 7.30pm with the artists, School of Music staff and community stakeholders.

This is free to the public but there is limited seating so please register your interest on the School of Music website to reserve your place.

PODGER REPORT INTO THE FUTURE OF THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Prof Andrew Podger tabled his final report on October 4. You can find a link to the full report and the ANU's response to it here –

<http://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/anu-commits-125-million-to-future-of-school-of-music>

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS ANNOUNCED

At recent meetings of the committee the following award was made.

- Travel Support Grants
 - **Maxine Powell** to travel to the Tyalgum Music Festival

WHITWORTH ROACH CLASSICAL MUSIC COMPETITION

This competition was held on the weekend of September 21-22 and was won by PhD classical guitar student **Callum Henshaw**. He also won the People's Choice Award. Guitarist **Hamish Strathdee** was second and pianist **Mia Huang** was third. The Australian String Quartet acted as adjudicators for the competition.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

The Program for future concerts of “**Jazz in Concert at the Gods Café**” is reproduced below:

Wed Nov 2 **Leigh Barker Group** — The Music of Duke Ellington (MELB)

Tues Dec 6 **Victor Rufus/Tate Sheridan Duo** — A Tribute to Jim Hall & Bill Evans (CBR)

Admission \$22/\$15 (conc).

The Gods Café/Bar is in the ANU Arts Centre (diagonally across the quadrangle from the Student Union near Sullivans Creek).

Bookings essential. Light meals available beforehand at 6.00 pm. Please book early on **6248 5538**. 'Non-eating' seats can also be booked. Seating is limited to 80. Music starts at 7.30 pm.

Other concerts in Canberra

Musica da Camera, a community string orchestra will be presenting a concert on Nov 12 under the direction of **Barbara Jane Gilby**. The program includes music by Respighi, Shostakovich, Vaughan Williams and Leyden. It will feature a performance of a cello concerto by Couperin with soloist **Anneliese McGee-Collett**, a recent graduate of the School of Music now studying at the Sydney Conservatorium. The concert is at 2.30 pm, Nov 12 at the Holy Covenant Church, Dexter St, Cook. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for concessions. More information and on-line ticket booking is at www.musicadacamera.org.au

Wesley Music Centre, a selection of upcoming concerts featuring School of Music graduates.

- Wednesday Oct 19 12.40pm. Music by Dvorak and Kroll performed by **Jack Chenoweth, Samuel Jenkin, Lucy Carrigy-Ryan and Meriel Owen**.
- Sunday Oct 30 4pm. Wesley scholar's concert.
- Saturday Nov 5 5.30pm. “Bleu – Paris on a Spring Evening”