



Kettering Concerts

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Next Concert — 17 March 2024 - 3pm

Our first concert for 2024 will be presented by the Allen brothers - Zachary and Reuben together with Jennifer Marten-Smith (piano). The brothers will play trumpets, clarinet and piano, solo and duo - talented young men! Full details of the programme including bios of the musicians are available at <https://ketteringconcerts.au/concerts/2024-03-17.php>. Highlights are the *Trumpet Concerto* by Vivaldi, *Hungarian Rhapsody* by Liszt and *Vocalise* by Rachmaninoff.

Tickets can be booked on-line at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPIAR>.

Remaining 2024 Concerts

April 14: *Piano Recital* - Alexey Yemtsov

May 12: *Flute & piano duo* - Rachel Howie (flute) and Amanda Hodder (piano)

August 18: *Clarinet & piano duo* - Andrew Seymour (clarinet) and Karen Smithies (piano)

September 22: *Première of the String Quartet by Elena Kats-Chernin*. The Tasmanian String Quartet - members of the TSO.

October 13: *Piano & viola duo* - Jennifer Marten-Smith (piano) & William Newbery (viola)

November 10: *Piano Recital* - Sheng-Yuan Lynch

Milestones

The date of the May concert will be almost exactly 20 years after the first Kettering Concert on 2 May 2004. So Kettering Concerts will be turning 21! We will mark the occasion with a slightly special afternoon tea. Perhaps of interest the May concert will be number 116 since the first in 2004. That averages nearly 6 concerts per year. Generally we now plan for 7 per year.

There have been over 350 works programmed in the concerts to date - there is a list at https://ketteringconcerts.au/past_concerts/works_performed.php. That's a lot of programme notes to write. Thanks to Annick Anselin for the studios work.

It's also interesting to note that there have been about 100 musicians who have performed in Kettering. The list can be found at https://ketteringconcerts.au/past_concerts/musicians.php. The number is an underestimate to the extent that we do not have full lists of the members

of the student or choral groups that have given concerts.

The String Quartet Commission

Towards the end of 2023 the target for the commission of Elena Kats-Chernin was reached. Many thanks to those who contributed. We know it was a big ask, and are grateful to the many generous donors. Elena has told us that work on the quartet has commenced. The scores should be available in August for the Tasmanian String Quartet to prepare their performance in Kettering on 22 September.

We anticipate this concert will sell-out so door sales will not be possible. We'll give plenty of notice through the email list.

An Easter Festival

Those who enjoy live chamber music should be interested in a festival called "Master and Apprentice" planned for Friday 29 March to 1 April 2024. Organised by the Huon Valley Collective, it includes 3 chamber music concerts, band, and jazz events. Full details at <https://huonmusic.au> including how to book tickets.

Other concerts?

If you want to find chamber music concerts, including the Kettering ones, use the [ChamberMusicTas website](https://chambermusic.tas.gov.au). If you know of any concerts that are not listed, please let webmaster@chambermusic.tas.gov.au know.

Can you help?

Absolutely. Note we are all volunteers. Without volunteers there will be no concerts.

There is a lot our volunteers must do. There are the obvious activities on the day: putting up the sails and artwork; putting the platforms in place; getting the chairs out; setting up for the afternoon tea, checking and sometimes cleaning the toilets. That all has to be done in the morning before the musicians arrive for their rehearsal. Then there is the food preparation, assisting the musicians with their set-up, managing the heating, scanning or selling the tickets. Then that all-important afternoon tea that requires a small army of people. Afterwards there is the bumping out, the washing up and the hall cleaning.

But there are other activities: e.g. preparing posters, flyers and programmes; preparing and erecting the roadside signs etc.

So assistance will always be appreciated.