



GCMS celebrates 10 years

Our much-awaited 10th anniversary year has finally arrived and it promises to be a very special one. Thank you all for your support over the past nine years of chamber music concerts. They have been years of wonderful music performed by first class musicians and, importantly, along the way we have all made new friends who share our love of this music.

Our first stellar ensemble is the Firebird Trio, and they have agreed to include the beautiful Schubert Trio in E flat in the program. The Freshwater Trio, of which Josephine Vains was the cellist, performed it at the very first concert presented by GCMS. A sentimental request, perhaps, but there could be no more beautiful work to reprise.

A surprise is the Anniversary Trio, specially written for the occasion by our patron, Dr Malcolm John. This is Malcolm's fourth piano trio, and we are delighted to present its world premiere!

Thanks are due to all the members of the GCMS Committees, past and present, for helping to nurture the society from its small beginning, to this happy 10th anniversary.

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying another year of fine chamber music with friends at McAuley Hall.

Helen Jordan



Firebird Trio

Founded in 2010, Firebird Trio has performed nationwide to critical acclaim, with a vibrancy of imagination that echoes its name. Described by The Australian as "an ensemble of immense energy and focus" and praised in The Age for their "togetherness, charisma and playfulness", Firebird Trio has performed around Australia for Musica Viva, Noosa Long Weekend Festival, Coffs Harbour Music Society, Camberwell Music Society, Macedon Music, Melbourne Recital Centre, 3MBS Marathon and ABC Sunday Live. Their performances are regularly heard on ABC Classic FM and 3MBS FM.

As passionate chamber musicians the members of Firebird Trio have enjoyed educating the next generation of chamber musicians for Australian Youth Orchestra, Melbourne Conservatorium of Music at the University of Melbourne, VCA Secondary School and Monash University.

GCMS partners Musica Viva in schools

As part of its celebration of 10 years in the Geelong community, GCMS will help to bring the Musica Viva In Schools program to about 500 students in the junior schools affiliated with Northern Bay College and other primary schools in the area. The \$4,000 required for this project will be drawn from the society's Donations Fund and will be supplemented by funds from the Musica Viva Equal Music Fund that assists schools in disadvantaged areas to access the program.

Small groups of instrumentalists and singers travel to schools Australia-wide, performing and showing children how they can make music too. The children are actively involved in music-making and, for some, it is their first such experience. The group that will come to these schools is 'Mara!', which is comprised of a singer and four instrumentalists. Their presentation is called 'Story and Song across the world', very appropriate for such a multi-cultural area as Norlane/Corio.



More information about the program, and pictures from past programs are available on the Musica Viva website musicaviva.com.au/education.

Geelong Gallery



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Free until March 4 - an amazing display of Kylie's stage costumes.

Concert Diary

Wednesday 21 February

12.30-1pm

Shannon Ebeling - saxophone
Music at The Basilica

Saturday 24 February

7.30pm

Geelong Symphony Orchestra -
Rhapsody
Costa Hall, Deakin waterfront

Friday 23 February

7.30pm

Firebird Trio
McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College

Sunday 18 March

3pm

Orchestra Geelong - Cool Classics
details on their website