

# Robbie Ellis

**Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts** *providing lunchtime music in the heart of the city since 1974*

*St Andrew's on The Terrace WELLINGTON*



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## Welcome

It is wonderful that you have come. Thank you. We want your experience today to be the best that it can be and would appreciate you taking a moment to read the following before the concert commences.

**Keep safe** by locating the exit nearest to your seat. In the event of an earthquake, our recommendation is to **Drop, Cover and Hold**.

**Bon appetit!** You are welcome to have your lunch during the performance. Switching your cell phone to **silent** is important to the performers and other members of the audience. Your support by way of a **donation** and telling others about the concerts would be fantastic and very much appreciated. It does make a difference.

If you wish to photograph or video today's concert, please ask for permission from the performer(s) before the concert begins. This is important.

We invite you now to sit back, relax and **enjoy** the concert.

**Our Mission** is to create a lively, open Christian faith community, to act for a just and peaceful world, and to be catalysts for discovery, compassion and celebration in the capital.

These lunchtime concerts are **advertised** through Radio New Zealand Concert's Live Diary at around 8.10 am on the day of the concert, and listed on St Andrew's website.

To be placed on the email **circulation list** for concert information, please email Marjan on [marjan@marjan.co.nz](mailto:marjan@marjan.co.nz). Also join our Facebook group Friends of St Andrew's on The Terrace Lunchtime Concerts, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/315497448862287/>.

Check out the noticeboards in the foyer each time you come.

# Programme:

**Metric System**

**Symphony No 1 in Eb**

**Book Club**

**Flat White**

**Relaxed**

**Sheepdog Plainchant**

**Pumpkins**

**I am a Cat**

**Where I'm From**

**Dry July**

All music and lyrics by Robbie Ellis. He may decide to add in some more songs, depending on time, and will almost certainly leave room for a "spontaneous" encore.

# Biography:

Robbie Ellis is a composer, music director, comedy songmaker and broadcaster. A graduate of the University of Auckland School of Music, he held the 2012 University of Otago Mozart Fellowship as a composer, and he's had his writing played by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, Orchestra Wellington, Saxcess, 175 East, the SMP Ensemble, the Jade String Quartet, Choral Chameleon in New York City, Chicago Classical Revolution, the Kaia String Quartet, and more.

In 2015 he moved to Chicago where he works as a music director for improv, sketch comedy and musical theatre. He's part of legendary comedy theatre The Second City, touring on land and sea as a music director and teaching in the Training Center. He also performs at iO Chicago, The Annoyance Theater, ComedySportz Chicago, and many other theatres. He's also done work for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chicago Opera Theater in their education programmes.

Robbie is a classical music broadcaster, formerly working for RNZ Concert as a producer and presenter, and now for Classical WFMT Chicago as a presenter. He performs comedy songs from the piano, and in April 2018 he released his debut album, Pumpkins. He will happily sell you a copy after the show.

More can be found at [www.robbyeellis.net](http://www.robbyeellis.net)

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### February

**27<sup>th</sup> Larry Axelrod, piano**

Works by Janacek, De Castro-Robinson, Holloway,  
Axelrod and others

### March

**6<sup>th</sup> Bernard Wells and Duncan Robbie**

Improvisations on guitar and keyboard

**13<sup>th</sup> Gabriel Gschwendtner**

solo piano

**20<sup>th</sup> Vocal Ensemble**

Linden Loader, Lesley Graham and Roger Wilson,  
accompanied by Julie Coulson

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