

Emma Sayers and Rachel Thomson – piano duet

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



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. 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

6 Children's Pieces

Anton Arensky
(1861-1906)

1. Fairy Tale
2. Cuckoo
3. Tears
4. Waltz
5. Cradle Song
6. Fugue on a Russian Theme

Five New Zealand Characters

David Hamilton
(b.1955)

1. The Sleepy Tuatara
2. The Long-tailed Bat (Pekapeka)
3. The Little Spotted Kiwi
4. The Fantail (Piwakawaka)
5. The Yellow-eyed Penguin (Hoiho)

Fantasie in F minor Op.103

Franz Schubert
(1797-1828)

1. Allegro molto moderato
2. Largo
3. Allegro vivace
4. Allegro molto moderato

Biography

Emma Sayers was born in Wellington and after early studies with Judith Utting she went on to study for many years with Judith Clark. After graduating from Victoria University Emma went on to live in Budapest, Hungary, where she studied with Rita Wagner, Ferenc Rados and Péter Solymos at the Ferenc Liszt Academy.

Emma is an active chamber musician, accompanist and ensemble pianist. She has performed and toured many times with new music ensemble Stroma, and regularly collaborates with other local and touring musicians. She is a keen teacher and was on the faculty of Massey University/NZSM for many years.

Rachel Thomson was born in Dunedin, New Zealand, and grew up in Wellington where she began her piano studies with her mother. She went on to study with Judith Clark, graduating from Victoria University of Wellington before continuing her studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music in the United States, where she gained a doctorate in piano performance.

Rachel regularly performs with some of the country's leading musicians. She has toured on numerous occasions for Chamber Music New Zealand and is a member of various chamber ensembles including the Koru Trio. She has worked as an orchestral pianist with the NZSO, Orchestra Wellington, and the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. Rachel is active as a teacher, adjudicator and accompanist.

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Coming Up

11 March - Uriele - (Gabriele Geschwentner) piano recital.

Original compositions

18 March - Music for viola and piano - Grant Baker (viola) and Nicholas Kovacev (piano) Bach, Clarke, Hoffmeister, Hindemith, Shostakovich

25 March - The Queen's Closet – Early Music Ensemble. a period instrument orchestra dedicated to historically inspired performance practice. Music from the Restoration

1 April - Duo Eolienne- Michelle Velvin (harp) and Genevieve Davidson (saxophone)

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