

# Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts

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### Music for cello and piano

Roger Brown - Cello Rosemary Barnes - Piano



#### 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, they are also advertised on Eventfinda, Dominion Post Arts Pages and Arts Wellington online, and listed on St Andrew's website.

To be placed on the email **circulation list** for concert information, please email wednesday@standrews.org.nz. Also join our facebook group Friends of St Andrew's on The Terrace Lunchtime Concerts, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/315497448862287/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/315497448862287/</a>.

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### **Programme**

### **Drei Fantasiestücke Op 73 Robert Schumann** (1810 – 1856)

Zart und mit Ausdruck (tender and with expression), Lebhaft leicht (lively light), Rasch und mit Feuer (quick and with fire)

Written in Dresden in 1849, these three contrasting pieces were originally for clarinet but the composer authorised their performance in this version for cello and piano. Schumann's choice of the title 'fantasy' is confirmed by the whimsical nature and abrupt mood changes of these short pieces.

### Sonata for cello and piano Op102 No1 Ludwig Beethoven (1770 – 1827)

1<sup>st</sup> Movement: Andante - Allegro vivace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement: Adagio - Tempo d'andante - Allegro vivace.

This sonata is the first of the two late sonatas for cello and piano and was written in 1817. As with much of Beethoven's late output, critics at the time were somewhat perplexed by its form and intent. Its visionary character marks the start of Beethoven's 'third period' and comes from a world of lyricism and humour. The essence of this quirky work is minimalism with motivic material insistently deployed. The first allegro is taut with unrelieved urgency, whilst the finale is full of contradictions and typical of Beethoven's recalcitrant late polyphonic style.

#### Short Story George Gershwin (1898 – 1937)

Originally written for violin and piano, this work was composed in 1925 and is the combination of two forgotten fragments - 'Rubato Prelude' and 'Novelette in Fourths'. This arrangement for cello is by Geza Hegyi.

#### Someone to watch over me

This well-known song (written in 1926) is the most enduring number from a Broadway musical called "Oh Kay" (about bootleggers in the prohibition era). This beautiful arrangement is by Joseph Turrin, a well-known American orchestrator and composer.

## **Introduction and Polonaise Brilliante Op3 Frederic Chopin** (1810 – 1849)

This very early work was written in 1829 and dedicated to the cellist Joseph Merk. It was one of Chopin's first published compositions and was written at the time of his youthful infatuation with Princess Wanda the daughter of Prince Antoni Radziwill an amateur cellist. Chopin sums up this work with his own appraisal: 'There is nothing in it but glitter, a salon piece for the ladies'.

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# Coming Up May

26<sup>th</sup> Monique Lapins and Jian Liu – music for violin and piano

27<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)
Classical voice students of the
NZSM

#### **June**

2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Rosomon – music for organ

9<sup>th</sup> Pohl-Gjelsten and Friends



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