



**NEWSLETTER 1 – JANUARY 2021**

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**OPENING CONCERT FOR 2021: AMICI ENSEMBLE with JIAN LIU (PIANO)**



**SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY at 2:30pm  
WAIKANAE MEMORIAL HALL, PEHI KUPA ST, WAIKANAE**

Waikanae Music Society favourites, Amici Ensemble, are joined by pianist Jian Liu to kick off the 2021 season. This year, with Jian, they are an ensemble of six players, performing in a variety of combinations. We love their joyous music-making and brilliant programming and look forward to a grand start to the year.

**PROGRAMME:**

LISZT	Hungarian Rhapsody No 8 in E, Carnival de Pest (arranged by Liszt for piano trio)
MOZART	String Quintet in G Minor, K516 – one of Mozart’s finest chamber works
CHAUSSON	Concert for Violin, Piano and String Quartet, Opus 21

**THE PERFORMERS:**

**THE AMICI ENSEMBLE:** Donald Armstrong (violin) leads the Amici Ensemble – a group of top performers from the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, in which Donald is Associate Concertmaster. Donald is joined this year by Malavika Gopal (violin), Andrew Thompson (violin and viola), Julia Joyce (viola) and Andrew Joyce (cello).

**PIANIST JIAN LIU:** Jian was accepted at the prestigious Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing at the age of 12. He moved to the United States when he was 15, and promptly won first place at the 6th Missouri Southern International Competition in 1996. Since then, Jian has been honoured at a number of competitions, performed widely around the world, and amongst his numerous qualifications has completed a Master of Musical Arts at the Yale School of Music. Jian is Head of Piano Studies and Programme Director of Classical Performance at the New Zealand School of Music. He is also the founding pianist of Te Kōkī Trio, the resident trio there.

## **TICKETS**

You still have time to pay an **annual subscription** for this year's concert season before the first concert on 14 February. By doing so, you will make savings and avoid a queue at the sales desk on concert day.

You can buy **tickets for this concert** in advance from New World Waikanae and Moby Dickens Paraparaumu Beach, or by internet banking (account number BNZ Waikanae 02 0591 0018930 00 – Waikanae Music Society. Put your name in the Particulars, and phone no. in the Reference fields). If you wish to pay for subscriptions or tickets by credit card, ring Treasurer Paul Dunmore on (021) 251 7030. You can also buy your tickets at the concert (cash or Eftpos). **Note that we do not open the doors before 1.45 pm.**

Members: \$30

Non-Members: \$40

Students under 25: \$5

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**CONCERT NOTES**, Tuesday Feb 2 at 6pm and Thursday Feb 4 at 11.30am.

Concert Notes this month will feature the music by Chausson, Mozart and Liszt . To replay this programme, go to our website <https://www.waikanaemusic.org.nz> and click on the Concert Notes link on the front page. If you have music you would like to hear on Concert Notes, email [concertmanager@waikanaemusic.org.nz](mailto:concertmanager@waikanaemusic.org.nz)

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## **FOLLOWING CONCERT – SUNDAY 14 MARCH, 2:30 pm**

Martin Setchell, organ, performs a selection of organ masterpieces for WMS for the first time, focusing on two great eras – the Baroque and the Romantic.

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## **ADVANCE NOTICE OF CHANGE OF PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY 1 AUGUST**

We were advised shortly after printing the brochure that Lorelle McNaughton is no longer available to perform on 1 August. We are delighted to have secured a remarkable young pianist – Lixin Zhang – to replace her. We will provide more about him and his programme in due course.

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