



NEWSLETTER 3 – MARCH-APRIL 2021

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TRIO ÉLAN

SUNDAY 11 APRIL at 2:30pm

WAIKANAE MEMORIAL HALL, PEHI KUPA ST, WAIKANAE



This will be a fun concert with a very accessible programme, even though some composers may be unfamiliar. The performers have all been on our concert stage before, but never before have we heard them as a trio. The classical saxophone is a wonderful instrument that deserves its place in regular chamber music repertoire. Trio Élan are making that happen, and we are sure you will be both delighted and surprised by the beauty of this combination

PROGRAMME:

Russ Peterson	Trio for Alto Saxophone, Violin and Piano (11 Minutes) – lush and very accessible
Peter Liley	Deux Images for Trio (a short new composition)
Claude Debussy	Violin Sonata in G Minor (15 mins)
Marc Eychenne	Cantilène and Dance (12 minutes)
Gareth Farr	Meditation (saxophone and piano) (7 mins)
Astor Piazzolla	Otoño Porteño (Autumn)(5 mins)
Gareth Farr	Tango: Un Verano de Passion (3 mins) Part of the incidental music for the TV show <i>The Strip</i>

THE PERFORMERS

Donald Armstrong, violin, is Associate Concertmaster of the NZSO. He was formerly Music Director of the NZ Chamber Orchestra, Principal Second Violin of the Tivoli Sinfoniorkester in Denmark and Co-Concertmaster of the Orchestre Philharmonique de Nice in France. He is best known to us as the leader of the Amici Ensemble. Donald is interested in preserving and advancing New Zealand’s musical heritage. He has taught as an artist teacher at the New Zealand School of Music and teaches, coaches and encourages young instrumentalists. He plays a violin by Nicolo Gagliano of 1754.

Sarah Watkins, piano, is a graduate of the University of Canterbury (NZ) and the Juilliard School in New York City, where she gained both Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in collaborative piano. She then worked as a staff pianist at Juilliard, Yale University, and the Aspen Music Festival. She has been an official pianist for the Michael Hill International Violin Competition since its inception in 2001, has performed freelance in the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, and the Auckland Chamber Orchestra, and has appeared as concerto soloist with St. Matthew's Chamber Orchestra, ACO, and the APO. Sarah was a founding member of NZTrio.

Simon Brew, saxophone, graduated from the Artez Conservatorium, the Netherlands, in 2010 with a Masters degree in classical saxophone after gaining a 1st class Honours degree from Massey University under Debbie Rawson. He has been a player for the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, Auckland Philharmonia and the Netherlands Blazers Ensemble. Simon has toured New Zealand with chamber ensembles Saxcess and Tango Virtuosi including tours for Chamber Music NZ. Simon was Director of Music of the Royal New Zealand Airforce Band for four years until 2017, and is currently Music Director of the Wellington Youth Sinfonietta.

TICKETS

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

A CALL TO PEOPLE FROM LEVIN AND OTAKI

We would like to help match up people from Otaki and Levin who do not have transport but would love to come to our concerts with people from those locales who have room for a passenger in their car. If you are one of these people, can you please contact Carol Dyer on caropete@xnet.co.nz or phone 06 3676488.

CONCERT NOTES Tuesday 30 March at 6pm and Thursday 1 April at 11:30am

Listen to Concert Notes this month for tasters of the composers being performed in the next concert.. 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

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY?

The Committee has two vacancies that we are very keen to fill. There are a lot of tasks involved in putting on our concert season – not just on concert day. If you would like to work with our fabulous team, please approach me or any other member of the Committee for more information: president@waikanaemusic.org.nz

FOLLOWING CONCERT: MICHAEL ENDRES, Sunday 2 May

After too long an absence, Michael Endres returns to our stage to perform Mozart, Schubert and Schumann – an irresistible programme.