

MEDIA RELEASE

Unique music in unexpected spaces

Musica Viva launches Adelaide 'Sessions'



Head down to **Prohibition Liquor Co** on **26 September from 6:30pm**, grab an **award-winning G&T** and immerse yourself in the cutting-edge sounds of the **Zephyr Quartet** as **Musica Viva Sessions** makes its Adelaide debut.

Designed to explore unique music in unusual settings, Musica Viva Sessions is a three-concert series featuring unexpected collaborations by some of Australia's leading classical musicians.

"Sessions came about because we were looking for ways to share this fantastic music with people who might not be up for the full-length, concert hall experience," says Katherine Kemp, Director of Concerts & Communities at Musica Viva. "It's also an opportunity for people to get to know some of Australia's best performers, and the music they love to play, up close and personal."

"Adelaide's Musica Viva Sessions is the first series of its kind to take place outside of Sydney," adds Hilary Kleinig, cellist with the Zephyr Quartet and Creative Producer of the Adelaide series. "The inaugural Adelaide Sessions has a focus on string ensembles and features the work of South Australian composers including Belinda Gehlert, Anne Cawrse and Catherine Fraser. It's a wonderful platform to showcase some of the incredible talent that exists within the Adelaide music scene as well as to expose some of the city's undiscovered performance spaces."

The series kicks off on 26 September in **Prohibition Liquor Co's Gilbert Street Tasting Room** – the first 'Distillery Door' in the Adelaide CBD and according to Lonely Planet, the 'main reason why Adelaide is set to be crowned the new gin capital of Australia'. Home to the international prizewinning Prohibition Gins, the venue showcases gin flights and great food in a meet-the-maker setting.

It's the perfect backdrop for an hour of musical exploration with the **Zephyr Quartet**, an award-winning string quartet whose musicians also compose, arrange and improvise. Considered one of Australia's leading explorers of cross-artform collaborations, Zephyr shares its distinct musical world in a program of string works by contemporary master Philip Glass, Australian composer Kate Moore and some of the players' own works.

For bookings and details, please visit www.musicaviva.com.au/sessions.

Musica Viva Sessions – Zephyr Quartet

Wednesday 26 September, Drinks 6.30pm, Performance 7pm-8pm

Prohibition Liquor Co, 22 Gilbert St. Adelaide

\$20 (includes a Gin & Tonic on arrival)