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Musica Viva Festival 2017

Zukerman Trio and Amy Dickson top guest list in four-day celebration of music



20 APRIL – 23 APRIL
SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

The **Musica Viva Festival** is like a big party – a four-day celebration of chamber music, family, food and wine, where the world's great performers rub shoulders with rising stars, composers and fans. Returning to the **Sydney Conservatorium** from **20-23 April**, it boasts an impressive guest list topped by legendary violinist **Pinchas Zukerman**, pianist **Lambert Orkis** and Australian saxophonist **Amy Dickson**. Packages and individual tickets are available to suit every schedule, with a dedicated Festival Hub offering great food and a chance to mingle all weekend long. There's plenty for young music lovers too, including a **free Family Fun Day** on **21 April** from 11am to 3pm. With the scheduled **Family Concert already sold out**, it pays to get in fast.

“Violin superstar **Pinchas Zukerman** heads the line-up in 2017 with the **Zukerman Trio**, featuring JUNO Award-winning cellist **Amanda Forsyth**, and long-time concert partner **Angela Cheng** on piano,” says Musica Viva's Artistic Director, **Carl Vine AO**. Praised in *Limelight Magazine* as ‘a trio made in heaven’, the three will appear together and separately in all **six mainstage concerts**, performing chamber music blockbusters including Dvořák's mighty ‘Dumky’ Trio and Beethoven's ‘Archduke’.

Back by popular demand, American pianist **Lambert Orkis** rose to prominence as the preferred recital partner of Mstislav Rostropovich and Anne-Sophie Mutter. He was recently awarded the Cross of the Order of Merit by the Federal Republic of Germany in recognition of his achievements.

“We also feature electrifying saxophone virtuoso **Amy Dickson** in a range of repertoire culminating in a world premiere for sax and string quartet by Australian composer **Ross Edwards**,” adds Vine. The first saxophonist to win the ABC Young Performers Award, Dickson has since shot to fame, recently topping the classical charts in the UK.

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“Regulars on the Musica Viva concert roster, the **Elias Quartet** make their first Festival appearance in 2017,” continues Vine. Based in the UK, they are celebrated as much for their telepathic qualities as their ‘wonderful exuberance and fire’ (The Guardian), making them a good match for Festival stalwarts, the **Goldner String Quartet**. The two ensembles unite in the final concert for the world premiere of a string octet by brilliant young Adelaide composer **Jakub Jankowski**.



“At the heart of the Festival is our collaboration with the **Australian Youth Orchestra** and its incredible **AYO Chamber Players** program,” Vine explains. This year, 34 outstanding young musicians will be mentored by several visiting artists and will showcase their talents in **five public concerts**.

The musicians of **Arcadia Winds** are living proof of the program’s impact. Inaugural participants in Musica Viva’s new **FutureMakers** program, the Arcadians appeared as students with the AYO Chamber Players at the 2015 Festival. “It is a special pleasure to see them come into their own, as welcome colleagues on the main stage,” says Vine.

Other popular guests include **Amir Farid** (piano), **Kees Boersma** (double bass), **Kerry Martin** (violin), **Marianne Broadfoot** (violin), **Timothy Constable** (percussion), **Jacqui Cronin** (viola), **Nicole Forsyth** (viola) and **Rowena Macneish** (cello).

Along with the customary blend of familiar masterpieces, world premieres and little-known gems, music lovers will be treated to demonstrations by some of Musica Viva’s finest ‘In Schools’ ensembles, a **masterclass with Pinchas Zukerman**, the ever popular **In Conversation series with Carl Vine** and much more, making the 2017 Musica Viva Festival a party to remember.

Tickets are selling fast. To book a Festival Package or secure seats for the concerts of your choice, please visit www.musicaviva.com.au/Festival.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 20 APRIL

7:30pm – 10pm FESTIVAL CONCERT #1

FRIDAY 21 APRIL

10am – 11am Festival Family Concert (**SOLD OUT**)
11am – 3pm Family Fun Day - **FREE live music and activities**
11:30am – 1pm AYO Chamber Players Concert 1
2pm – 3:30pm Pinchas Zukerman Masterclass
4:45pm – 6:15pm AYO Chamber Players Concert 2
6:45pm – 7:15pm Artists in Conversation 1
7:30pm – 10pm FESTIVAL CONCERT #2

SATURDAY 22 APRIL

11:30am – 1pm AYO Chamber Players Concert 3
2pm – 4:30pm FESTIVAL CONCERT #3
4:45pm – 6:15pm AYO Chamber Players Concert 4
6:45pm – 7:15pm Artists in Conversation 2
7:30pm – 10pm FESTIVAL CONCERT #4

SUNDAY 23 APRIL

11:30pm – 2pm FESTIVAL CONCERT #5
2:30pm – 3:15pm AYO Chamber Players Concert 5
3:45pm – 4:15pm Artists in Conversation 3
4:30pm – 7pm FESTIVAL CONCERT #6
7pm – 8pm Meet & Mingle - Festival closing



Saxophonist Amy Dickson

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MUSICA VIVA FESTIVAL CONCERTS

VERBRUGGHEN HALL, SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM

CONCERT #1 - THURSDAY 20 APRIL, 7:30PM

SCHMITT Légende, op 66 - *Amy Dickson (saxophone), Amir Farid (piano)*

SCHUMANN Piano Quintet in E-flat major, op 44 - *Lambert Orkis (piano), Goldner String Quartet*

BRITTEN String Quartet no 3, op 94 - *Elias Quartet*

DVOŘÁK Piano Trio no 4 in E minor, op 90 'Dumky' - *Zukerman Trio*

CONCERT #2 - FRIDAY 21 APRIL, 7:30PM

FRANCK Sonata in A major for violin and piano - *Pinchas Zukerman (violin), Angela Cheng (piano)*

KOPPEL Quintet for saxophone and string quartet - *Amy Dickson (saxophone), Goldner String Quartet*

PAUL DEAN *Jasper and Charlie* for Wind Quintet - *Arcadia Winds*

DVOŘÁK Piano Quintet no 2 in A major, op 81 - *Lambert Orkis (piano), Elias Quartet*

CONCERT #3 - SATURDAY 22 APRIL, 2:30PM

MARTINŮ Trio for flute, cello and piano, H. 300 - *Kiran Phatak (flute), Rowena Macneish (cello), Amir Farid (piano)*

LIGETI Six Bagatelles for Wind Quintet - *Arcadia Winds*

TANSMAN Sonatina for bassoon and piano - *Matthew Kneale (bassoon), Amir Farid (piano)*

BRITTEN Sinfonietta for chamber orchestra, op 1 - *Arcadia Winds, Marianne Broadfoot (violin), Kerry Martin (violin), Jacqui Cronin (viola), Rowena Macneish (cello), Kees Boersma (double bass)*

FITKIN *Gate* for soprano saxophone and piano - *Amy Dickson (saxophone), Amir Farid (piano)*

GLIÈRE Duos (1-7) op 39 for violin and cello - *Pinchas Zukerman (violin), Amanda Forsyth (cello)*

WESTLAKE *Rare Sugar* - *Lloyd Van't Hoff (clarinet), Amir Farid (piano), Goldner String Quartet, Kees Boersma (double bass)*

CONCERT #4 - SATURDAY 22 APRIL, 7:30pm

VASKS String Quartet no 3 - *Goldner String Quartet*

BRAHMS Violin Sonata no 3 in D minor, op 108 - *Pinchas Zukerman (violin), Angela Cheng (piano)*

BROADSTOCK *My Feet Want to Dance but My Eyes Want to Sleep* - *Kiran Phatak (flute), Lloyd Van't Hoff (clarinet), Amir Farid (piano), Marianne Broadfoot (violin), Kerry Martin (violin), Jacqui Cronin (viola), Rowena Macneish (cello)*

EDWARDS *Bright Birds and Sorrows* (World Premiere)* - *Amy Dickson (saxophone), Elias Quartet*

*Commissioned by Kim Williams AM

CONCERT #5 - SUNDAY 23 APRIL, 11:30am

MOZART Horn Quintet in E-flat major, K407 - *Rachel Shaw (horn), Marianne Broadfoot (violin), Jacqui Cronin (violin), Nicole Forsyth (viola), Rowena Macneish (cello)*

WESLEY-SMITH *White Knight and Beaver* - *Amy Dickson (saxophone), Timothy Constable (percussion)*

POULENC Sextet, FP100 - *Lambert Orkis (piano), Arcadia Winds*

YOUNAN *Shoreditch Grind** - *Arcadia Winds*

WESLEY-SMITH *For Marimba and Tape* - *Timothy Constable (percussion)*

BEETHOVEN Cello Sonata no 3, op 69 - *Amanda Forsyth (cello), Lambert Orkis (piano)*

*Developed with assistance from Musica Viva's Hildegard Project

CONCERT #6 - SUNDAY 23 APRIL, 4:30pm

DECRUCK Sonata in C-sharp major for alto saxophone and piano - *Amy Dickson (saxophone), Amir Farid (piano)*

BEETHOVEN Piano Trio in B-flat major, op 97 'Archduke' - *Zukerman Trio*

CRUMB *A Little Suite for Christmas, A.D. 1979* - *Lambert Orkis (piano)*

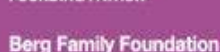
JANKOWSKI String Octet (World Premiere)* - *Goldner String Quartet, Elias Quartet*

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FAMILY FUN DAY

FREE! Friday 21 April 11am - 3pm

A school holiday treat for children of all ages. Spend the day alongside our resident musicians, have the chance to try an instrument, talk to musicians and composers, explore musical interactive books and more.

Among other activities, families can enjoy a **mini pop up concert** with Musica Viva In Schools groups **Teranga** and **Zeeko**, **paint a piano**, create a **musical sculpture**, discover interactive **music making** or polish their **African dance moves**.

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