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Musica Viva Festival 2019

Double bass sensation heads stellar lineup in four-day musical feast



World-leading bassist Edgar Meyer and brilliant violinist Tessa Lark are just two of the stars converging on the Sydney Con.

25-28 APRIL 2019 - SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

From **25-28 April**, the **Musica Viva Festival** returns to the **Sydney Conservatorium**, uniting global stars, emerging artists, composers and fans in an unforgettable celebration of chamber music, food, family and wine.

Artistic Director Carl Vine AO has assembled a truly memorable cast for his **final Festival at the helm of Musica Viva**, presenting a rare chance to experience legendary double bassist **Edgar Meyer**, violinist **Tessa Lark**, pianist **Andrew Tyson** and many other local and international artists in a range of inspiring repertoire.

Join the Festival family and spend your ANZAC weekend immersed in music. Packages and individual tickets are available to suit every schedule, with a dedicated **Festival Hub** offering great food and opportunities to mingle. There's plenty for youngsters too, including a special **Family Concert** and a **free Family Fun Day on 26 April**.

ALL ABOUT THAT BASS

"Heading the list of visiting artists is a double bass player who is only ever referred to as 'the best in the world'," says Vine. American star **Edgar Meyer** is renowned for moving freely between genres, with collaborators ranging from leading classical artists to banjoists and tabla players. The only bassist to receive the Avery Fisher Prize, he is currently Visiting Professor of Double Bass at the Curtis Institute of Music.

"Meyer is joined by his friends and collaborators – the **Dover Quartet** and pianist **Andrew Tyson** – as well as getting to work for the first time with the brilliant young violinist **Tessa Lark** and our own chamber music legends, the **Goldner String Quartet**," Vine continues.

"The roster is rounded out by the incredibly talented Principal Flute of the London Symphony, **Adam Walker**, the esteemed Principal Cello of the Australian Chamber Orchestra, **Timo-Veikko Valve**, and two multi-award-winning pianists, **Konstantin Shamray** and **Musica Viva FutureMaker Aura Go**."

Also under the Festival spotlight – and revelling in the opportunity to work with and learn from these stellar artists – are some of Australia's brightest young musicians, thanks to the **Chamber Players Program of the Australian Youth Orchestra**.

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FAVOURITES AND WORLD FIRSTS

The six major festival concerts contain nine hours of music, with great classics alongside new and less familiar repertoire. There will be two major compositions by Edgar Meyer plus the **world premiere** of a new string octet by **Australian composer Nicole Murphy**.

Music lovers will also be treated to demonstrations by some of Musica Viva's finest 'In Schools' ensembles, a **masterclass with Edgar Meyer**, a series of **'Inside the Music' sessions with prominent guests**, the ever popular **In Conversation series with Carl Vine** and much more, making the 2019 Musica Viva Festival an occasion to remember.

"If you have ever wondered about the insane dedication of chamber music aficionados, this is the place to find out what makes the best performances an unmissable thrill and an affirmation of life itself," concludes Vine.

The Musica Viva Festival is presented in association with the Australian Youth Orchestra and the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. To book a Festival Package or secure seats for the concerts of your choice, please visit www.musicaviva.com.au/Festival2019.

MUSICA VIVA FESTIVAL

25-28 APRIL 2019

SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

7:30pm – 10pm - FESTIVAL CONCERT 1 | OPENING NIGHT

FRIDAY 26 APRIL

10am – 11am - Family Concert – B'Tutta

11am – 3pm - Free Family Fun Day

11:30am – 1pm - AYO Chamber Players Concert 1

2pm – 3:30pm - Edgar Meyer Masterclass

3:45pm – 4:30pm - Inside the Music Talk

4:45pm – 6:15pm - AYO Chamber Players Concert 2

6:45pm – 7:15pm - Artists in Conversation 1

7:30pm – 10pm - FESTIVAL CONCERT 2 | CONNECTIONS

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

11:30am – 1pm - AYO Chamber Players Concert 3

1:00pm – 1:45pm - Inside the Music

2pm – 4:30pm - FESTIVAL CONCERT 3 | RESONANCE

4:45pm – 6:15pm - AYO Chamber Players Concert 4

6:45pm – 7:15pm - Artists in Conversation 2

7:30pm – 10pm - FESTIVAL CONCERT 4 | ESSENCE

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

10:30am – 11:15am - Inside the Music

11:30am – 2pm - FESTIVAL CONCERT 5 | SCENES

2:30pm – 3:15pm - AYO Chamber Players Concert 5

3:45pm – 4:15pm - Artists in Conversation 3

4:30pm – 7pm - FESTIVAL CONCERT 6 | FINALE

7pm – 8pm - Meet & Mingle – Festival Farewell



Pianists Aura Go & Andrew Tyson



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MUSICA VIVA FESTIVAL CONCERTS VERBRUGGHEN HALL, SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM



Dover Quartet

FESTIVAL CONCERT 1 | OPENING NIGHT 25 Apr 2019 7:30 PM

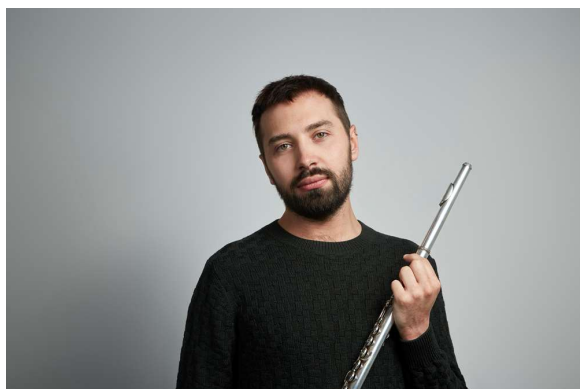
JS BACH Cello Suite no 1 in G major, BWV1007
BERG Piano Sonata, op 1
CHOPIN Ballade no 4 in F minor, op 52
JS BACH Partita for Solo Violin no 3 in E major, BWV1006
SCHUMANN String Quartet no 3 in A major, op 41 no 3

EDGAR MEYER double bass, **ANDREW TYSON** piano
TESSA LARK violin, **DOVER QUARTET**

FESTIVAL CONCERT 2 | CONNECTIONS 26 Apr 2019 7:30 PM

RACHMANINOFF Suite no 2 for two pianos, op 17
GRIEG Violin Sonata no 3 in C minor, op 45
DUTILLEUX Sonatine for Flute and Piano
FRANCK Piano Quintet in F minor

KONSTANTIN SHAMRAY piano, **AURA GO** piano, **TESSA LARK** violin, **ADAM WALKER** flute, **ANDREW TYSON** piano, **GOLDNER STRING QUARTET**



Flautist Adam Walker & pianist Konstantin Shamray



FESTIVAL CONCERT 3 | RESONANCE 27 Apr 2019 2:00 PM

PROKOFIEV Flute Sonata in D major, op 94
BEETHOVEN String Quartet no 16 in F major, op 135
MOZART Piano Trio in E major, K542
MEYER Quintet for String Quartet and Double Bass

ADAM WALKER flute, **AURA GO** piano, **GOLDNER STRING QUARTET**, **ANDREW TYSON** piano, **DIMITY HALL** violin, **JULIAN SMILES** cello, **DOVER QUARTET**, **EDGAR MEYER** double bass

FESTIVAL CONCERT 4 | ESSENCE 27 Apr 2019 7:30 PM

MOZART Flute Quartet in D major, K285
RAVEL Sonata for Violin and Cello
HINDSON String Quartet no 2
SCHUBERT Piano Quintet in A major, D667 'Trout'

ADAM WALKER flute, **TESSA LARK** violin, **GOLDNER STRING QUARTET**, **TIMO-VEIKKO VALVE** cello, **ANDREW TYSON** piano, **DOVER QUARTET**, **EDGAR MEYER** double bass

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Goldner String Quartet

FESTIVAL CONCERT 5 | SCENES

28 Apr 2019 11:30 AM

DVOŘÁK Piano Trio no 3 in F minor, op 65
ESCAICH *Scènes d'enfant au crépuscule*
JS BACH Sonata in G major, BWV1027
MEYER Concert Duo for Violin and Double Bass (Mvts I & IV)

TESSA LARK violin, **KONSTANTIN SHAMRAY** piano, **TIMO-VEIKKO VALVE** cello, **ADAM WALKER** flute, **AURA GO** piano, **EDGAR MEYER** double bass, **CAMDEN SHAW** cello

FESTIVAL CONCERT 6 | FINALE

28 Apr 2019 4:30 PM

DEBUSSY *Syrinx*
MESSIAEN *Première communion de la Vierge*
CHOPIN Nocturne in F-sharp major, op15no2
RAVEL *Oiseaux tristes* and *Alborada del gracioso*
VARÈSE *Density 21.5*
MURPHY String Octet (World Premiere)*
MARTINŮ Sonata for Flute and Piano, H306
BRUCH String Octet in B-flat major, op posth
*Commissioned for Musica Viva Australia by Barry & Diana Moore in support of Australian composition.

ADAM WALKER flute, **ANDREW TYSON** piano, **GOLDNER STRING QUARTET**, **DOVER QUARTET**, **AURA GO** piano, **EDGAR MEYER** double bass

FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN DAY

FREE! Friday 26 April 11am - 3pm

A school holiday treat for children of all ages. Spend the day with our resident musicians, try an instrument, talk to a composer, 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 B'Tutta, create a **musical instrument**, investigate found sounds and help deconstruct a grand piano. For details, visit <https://musicaviva.com.au/concerts/festival2019/family/>

FAMILY CONCERT

Friday 26 April 10am – 11am

B'Tutta are a nationally renowned percussion ensemble with inspirations as diverse as Brazilian Samba and the vibe of Tokyo subways. Come and be introduced to a wide range of percussive instruments, and join in the fun of making music with this dynamic band. Suitable for all ages. Single \$10 / Family \$25 (up to 4)

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