

*7. James Donaldson and
Kyoko Takashima*

Thursday 11 April

**James Donaldson (cello) and
Kyoko Takashima (piano)**

Bach, Beethoven and Shostakovich. Three masters of melody and expression. Three angles on the classical musical world. Three works for cello and piano spanning three eras. Three consummate composers capturing their own human struggle. Cellist James Donaldson and pianist Kyoko Takashima explore the beauty of Bach's intricate counterpoint as he looks forward to classicism, Beethoven's mastery of expression at its height, and the raw emotion of Shostakovich as he looks back.



Autumn

by Emily Dickinson

The morns are meeker than they were,

The nuts are getting brown;

The berry's cheek is plumper,

The rose is out of town.

The maple wears a gayer scarf,

The field a scarlet gown.

Lest I should be old-fashioned,

I'll put a trinket on.

*Autumn Concert
Series*



*All Saints' Anglican Church,
Howick, Auckland*

Whether newcomer or regular friend of our series, everyone is welcome to our Autumn concerts at All Saints Church, Howick. We hope that the sun continues to shine on our series and you will enjoy coming often to join us. You will hear solos, duos, trios, quartets and a full symphony orchestra over the coming weeks. New Zealand IS a musical nation. Let's be part of this, enjoying Auckland's diversity.

Katharine & Peter Watts
Concert Coordinators

Thursdays @ Seven

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Six informal one-hour concerts on Thursday evenings 7-8pm at All Saints Church, Howick, plus one Saturday evening with Auckland Youth Orchestra.

All Saints Church, Howick.



**Series Commences
Thursday 29 February**

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1. Arwen Newband and Peter Watts

Thursday 29 February

Arwen Newband (violin) and Peter Watts (piano)

UK-based violinist Arwen grew up in Bucklands Beach and attended Auckland University. She has been a frequent performer at our concerts on her visits to New Zealand. She has wide experience as a soloist, chamber musician, orchestral player and teacher. Arwen is joined by Auckland pianist Peter Watts, and they perform music by Mozart, Beethoven, Shostakovich and Saint-Saëns.



3. David Li and Henry Meng (piano)

Thursday 14 March

David Li and Henry Meng (piano)

David and Henry are both senior students in piano at Auckland University, studying with Stephen De Pledge and Rae de Lisle. They have won many awards and prizes for their performances and we are delighted to be hosting them in Howick. David performs Mozart's Sonata in F, K332 and Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody no. 6, and Henry plays Samuel Barber's Sonata op. 26 and Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody no. 2.



5. Charlotte Francis and Gemma Lee

Thursday 4 April

Charlotte Francis (violin) and Gemma Lee (piano)

We are delighted to welcome the Francis/Lee duo back to Howick. Beethoven's Violin Sonata no 1, Paderewski's Violin Sonata in A minor and Kreisler's Caprice Viennois are on the programme for this concert. Charlotte and Gemma's skillful performances are always a delight.

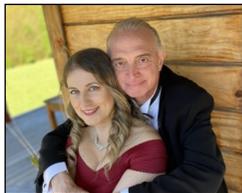


2. Songs and Dances

Thursday 7 March

**Lilia Carpinelli (soprano)
and Matteo Napoli (piano)**

The dances are represented by Chopin's well-known Polonaises for piano, while the songs are his much lesser-known Polish Folksongs. Chopin, though residing for most of his life in Paris, was still a passionate advocate of Polish culture. Husband and wife team Lilia and Matteo combine the skills of lyric coloratura soprano and concert pianist in this intriguing musical mix.

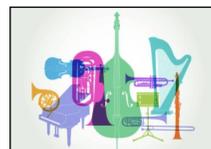


4. Chamber Groups from Auckland University

Thursday 21 March

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These eleven young people are preparing for masterclasses with major overseas performers, so we are delighted to have 4 ensembles presenting wide-ranging musical choices. We will hear extracts from: a piano quartet by Mozart, a string quartet by Schubert, Romances by Clara Schumann, Winter by Piazzolla and a piano trio by Beethoven.



6. Auckland Youth Orchestra

Saturday 6 April 7.30pm

AUCKLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Auckland Youth Orchestra have been regular visitors to Howick under their inspirational conductor Antun Poljanich. Their full-evening concert includes Dvorak's American Suite, Haydn's Oboe Concerto in C with soloist Alex Wu, and Mahler's symphonic poem 'Totenfeier'. The Youth Orchestra always present a thrilling evening and this will be no exception.

