



FRIENDSHIP CONCERTS

"Singing brings nations together"

That's the motto of the World Choir Games 2024, which, in addition to large competitive sessions and major events in the city, features a series of free Friendship Concerts taking place all over Tāmaki Makaurau!

Choirs of all ages from around the world will be sharing their music with Aucklanders. Informal and fun, each hour-long concert includes three or four choirs singing a diverse range of musical styles in very special settings.

You can attend a Friendship concert at All Saints Church, Howick on:

Thursday 11 July 11am

Friday 12 July 2pm

Sunday 14 July 2pm

Wednesday 17 July 3pm

Friday 19 July 2pm

Saturday 20 July 3pm

In Howick there will be a wonderful range of choirs from more than 10 different countries and from children's choirs to seniors choirs.

Don't miss this rare treat in your locality.

Full line-up to be announced!

For more information: <https://www.wcg2024.co.nz/>

Thursdays @ Seven

The Little Concert Series that Grew

Since 2000, the name Thursdays @ Seven has become a byword for music listeners in east Auckland. Audiences can roll up at the beautiful contemporary-style All Saints' Anglican Church in Selwyn Road, central Howick, and expect to bliss out for an hour or more of music presented by excellent performers. The crystal clear acoustic of the church is ideal for intimate chamber music. Best of all, the series is taking music to people where they are, near home – no parking hassles, no high costs, no extra travel time.



*All Saints' Anglican Church,
Howick, Auckland*

You can always check on the concerts on our website www.wattsandwatts.co.nz and follow the link to Thursdays @ Seven or Events Diary. Or you can "like" us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/thursdaysatseven/> and see regular updates about our concerts.

A varied programme of daytime and evening concerts commencing on Thursday 13 June.

All Saints Church, Howick.



**Series Commences
Thursday 13 June**

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Autumn Concert Series

Our 2024 Winter Series offers a fantastic new approach. In addition to 3 of our regular Thursday evening concerts plus a Saturday night visit from Auckland Youth Orchestra, we are offering a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a selection of International Choral Music. A series of six Friendship Concerts are presented as part of the World Choir Games. Thousands of singers from countries all round the world will be homing in on Auckland for ten days of choral competition and festival in July. Many choirs will also offer daytime concerts in different parts of Auckland, and we have the chance to hear some of these in Howick. See all the detail later in this brochure.

Katharine & Peter Wattz

Concert Coordinators

Concert One: Ensemble East

Thursday 13 June

Ensemble East

We open our winter series with a programme from some of our favourite artists: Ensemble East, led by Yid-Ee Goh. Yid-Ee and Lisa Chou open the programme with Bach's mighty Sonata in E major BWV1016 for violin and piano. The programme continues with Mendelssohn's String Quartet No. 2 in A minor, Op. 13. Written when Mendelssohn was still a teenager, this is nevertheless the work of an experienced composer of chamber music.



Concert Two:

Auckland Youth Orchestra

Saturday 15 June 7.30-9.00pm

Auckland Youth Orchestra

Popular with our audience for their youthful energy and expertise, the AYO return with a fascinating and varied programme featuring music by two composers, both born in 1865 and working in northern Europe. Carl Nielsen's Flute Concerto features soloist Alina Chen, winner of the AYO Soloist Competition. The concert concludes with the grand Second Symphony of Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. The orchestra's cello section features in the opening work Philip Glass' hypnotic and dramatic Symphony for Eight Cellos. The AYO is directed by their inspiring conductor Antun Poljanich.



Concert Four

Libby Montgomery, James Harrison and

Lindy Tennant-Brown

Concert Three: David Li - piano

Thursday 20 June

David Li - piano

David thrilled our audience at his last appearance at All Saints, so we are delighted to welcome his return with an exciting programme of music by Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Liszt. David is a student at the University of Auckland majoring in Classical Performance with Stephen de Pledge, and also Information Studies.



Concert Four:

Thursday 27 June

**Libby Montgomery – soprano, James Harrison -
baritone and Lindy Tennant-Brown - piano**

These three highly experienced musicians combine in a varied programme of classical vocal music written by composers from Mozart to Ross Harris by way of Rachmaninov, Strauss and Britten. The concert closes with a little Music Theatre. Libby has recently won a scholarship to the Royal Northern College of music in England. James pursues a busy performance and teaching career and has performed many opera and oratorio roles both here and in the UK. Lindy has established an international reputation as a leading collaborative pianist, working as music staff for all the major British opera companies. She returned to Aotearoa in 2020.