

MUSIC ON THE TERRACE



2023 PROGRAM

WELCOME



I am delighted to present the 2023 Music on the Terrace program for the Government House Foundation. It is always a pleasure to program concerts in the beautiful, historic Ballroom with its

wonderful ambiance and fine acoustic. The Julie Michael Garden has also proven to be a perfect setting for an afternoon of relaxed music, with some audience members picnicking on the grass while others are seated at tables.

Nurturing the professional development of young people in the arts continues to be an important focus for the Foundation and this year we have focused on showcasing young musical talent and providing high quality performance opportunities for early career musicians. Our first Music on the Terrace concert, Dazzling Strings, features eight of Western Australia's most brilliant young string players performing one of the most exciting works in the repertoire, the glorious Mendelssohn Octet. The demands on all eight players are intense; they are required to play with soloistic virtuosity while at the same time blending together to form a perfect ensemble and a unified sound. I have no doubt this will be an exhilarating performance. We are delighted to be partnering with Opus WA Arts Orchestra and Chorale to present an Opera Gala in June. Opus WA consists of a professional symphony orchestra and a group of talented singers, both young professionals and senior students. The organisation presents operas and oratorios throughout the year and its performances are characterised by youthful energy and enthusiasm. The Opera Gala will present a cross section of some of the most loved arias and ensembles from Mozart to Verdi interspersed with orchestral overtures and

interludes. After the great success of Alexander Gadjević's piano recital in 2022, we are thrilled to be once more partnering with the Sydney International Piano Competition to present a recital by the winning pianist. This competition has an excellent track record at attracting some of the finest young pianists in the world and we eagerly anticipate a stunning recital by the winner of this year's competition. Our final Music on the Terrace concert this year features the outstanding young soprano Samantha Clarke. Samantha made a stunning debut with West Australian opera in 2022 with her riveting performance of Violetta in Verdi's *La Traviata*. After winning the prestigious Gold Medal from London's Guildhall School, Samantha has sung with opera houses around the UK and Australia. In this recital Samantha will perform one of the most sumptuous and beautiful works ever written for voice, the *Four Last Songs* of Richard Strauss. This will be a recital not to be missed.

Once again we open and close the year with Music on the Lawn, relaxed, family-friendly performances in the Julie Michael Garden. It is a pleasure to welcome Sassafras to Government House. This talented group of musicians delight audiences with their brilliant gypsy jazz performances, led by beguiling voice of Jessie Gordon. In December we welcome the young singers from St George's College Consort. They will present an entertaining afternoon of unaccompanied vocal music from barbershop to jazz in what promises to be a perfect conclusion to our musical year. Thank you for your support of Music on the Terrace and I look forward to seeing you at Government House in 2023.

Mark Coughlan
Artistic Director

Photo by Frances Andrijich.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

I am delighted to welcome you to Government House for the latest season of Music on the Terrace, curated by the talented Mark Coughlan and presented by the Government House Foundation.

This coming year we look forward to bringing a variety of music and life to the Ballroom and Gardens.

We invite you to join the Government House Foundation. A membership with the Foundation directly supports our mission to improve awareness

and understanding of the significance of Government House and its gardens as a State asset, and a place that belongs to the people of Western Australia.

Darrilyn and I look forward to these wonderful events and seeing the Government House community grow further this year.

His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM
Governor of Western Australia



MUSIC ON THE LAWN



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SASSAFRAS

Perth's brilliant Gypsy Jazz Band, Sassafras, with the golden voice of Jessie Gordon, opens our 2023 program. Sassafras performs toe-tapping swing, breakneck gypsy jazz and reworked jazz standards performed with the dazzling virtuosity and passion intrinsic to the gypsy jazz tradition.

Bring your picnic and enjoy the tranquil setting of the Government House Gardens for this family-friendly, uplifting concert with one of Perth's most entertaining music groups.

Sunday 19 March, 4.00pm
Government House Gardens

Your ticket is for entry to the grounds. BYO picnic. Licensed bar open for you to purchase drinks. Unreserved seating at tables. Only low chairs and blankets permitted on the lawn.

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PRICING	LAWN	TABLE
Standard	\$60	\$70
Member	\$50	\$60



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ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE CONSORT

This concert features a popular and light-hearted program of a cappella singing by the brilliant young voices of the St George's College Consort. From folk tunes to jazz classics with a bit of barbershop and a dash of light-hearted humour thrown in, this relaxed, family-friendly concert will be presented in an informal picnic format.

Sunday 3 December, 4.00pm
Government House Gardens

Your ticket is for entry to the grounds. BYO picnic. Licensed bar open for you to purchase drinks. Unreserved seating at tables. Only low chairs and blankets permitted on the lawn.

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PRICING	STANDARD	MEMBER
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CONCERTS

Standard	\$240
Member	\$200



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DAZZLING STRINGS

THE MENDELSSOHN OCTET

Eight of Western Australia's brightest young professional string players come together to create an exhilarating program of chamber music, from quartet to octet. The program culminates in a performance of Mendelssohn's Octet, a dazzling work of great vitality and beauty, written when the composer was only 16 years old. According to Conrad Wilson, "Its youthful verve, brilliance and perfection make it one of the miracles of nineteenth-century music."

Sunday 30 April, 4pm
Government House Ballroom

*Concert duration 75 minutes with
no interval.*

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OPERA GALA

WITH OPUSWA

An afternoon at the opera that focuses on some of the greatest moments from Mozart and Donizetti to Puccini and Verdi. This concert offers a full-on indulgence in the arias, duets and ensembles that showcase the glories of the human voice and the expressiveness of the operatic experience. The OpusWA Arts Orchestra is directed by Mark Coughlan and joined by a group of extraordinary young singers.

Presented in association with OpusWA Arts Orchestra and Chorale.

Sunday 18 June, 4pm
Government House Ballroom

*Concert duration 120 minutes including
20 minute interval.*

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PIANO MAGIC

FIRST PRIZE WINNER OF SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

The Sydney International Piano Competition is widely regarded as one of the world's finest, attracting many of the most talented early-career pianists from around the world. The quality of playing is uniformly high and many past winners have progressed to major careers. After the superb recital by past winner Alexander Gadjiev, we are excited to present the 2023 competition winner in a solo recital in Government House Ballroom.

Presented in association with The Sydney International Piano Competition.

Sunday 6 August, 4pm
Government House Ballroom

*Concert duration 120 minutes including
20 minute interval.*

FOUR LAST SONGS

WITH SAMANTHA CLARKE

Richard Strauss wrote his first song at the age of 6 and his last at 84. In a lifetime of composing music, it was in song where he expressed himself most intimately and never with greater poignancy and gentle heartache than in these four songs written right at the end of his life. There is nothing like this music for its exquisite, sustained intensity and sheer finesse. Soprano Samantha Clarke won many hearts in her stunning debut as Violetta in West Australian Opera's recent production of La Traviata. We are delighted to welcome her to Music on the Terrace to sing this masterpiece.

Sunday 8 October, 4pm
Government House Ballroom

*Concert duration 75 minutes with
no interval.*

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Music on the Lawn	\$
Music on the Terrace	\$
TOTAL	\$

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