

Thursdays @ Seven

The Little Concert Series that Grew

Since 2000, the name Thursdays @ Seven has become a byword for music listeners in east Auckland. You 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 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.



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.



Autumn Concert Series

Currently rain has been the soundtrack to our “summer”! So let's discover a fresh soundtrack in the autumn series of Thursdays @ Seven. There should be enough variety to please many tastes. We have piano duets, an emerging jazz quartet, violins, piano accordion, classical guitar, piano solo, clarinet duo....and the music choice covers five centuries and a number of nationalities. We hope you enjoy listening to your favourites, but also challenge yourself and sample something entirely new. The adventure is part of the rationale of our series!

Katharine & Peter Watts
Concert Coordinators

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Six informal one-hour concerts
Thursday evenings 7 - 8pm
All Saints Church, Howick.



**Series Commences
Thursday 23 February**

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1. *Ya-Ting Liou and Blas González*

Thursday 23 February

Ya-Ting Liou and Blas González
Piano duet

Ya-Ting has been a regular visitor to All Saints concerts, presenting some stunning piano recitals. For the opening concert of our season she is joined by her husband, Blas, to present enchanting duets by Fauré, Schumann and Ravel. The duo have been performing together since 2006, and in 2011 recorded a CD of piano duets by NZ composers.



2. *Otranto Jazz Quartet*

Thursday 2 March

Otranto Jazz Quartet

Comprised of four fine gentlemen, former and current students of the Auckland University Jazz Programme, Otranto are firm friends who each bring a unique sound to create something original, showcasing an array of contrasting aspects of the jazz idiom. Expect to hear tunes from icons like Thelonius Monk and John Coltrane, while also some more modern endeavours from Aotearoa's own great composers.



3. *Duo Vivo*

Violin and Piano/Piano accordion

Thursday 9 March

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Miranda Adams (violin) is a regular visitor to Thursdays @ Seven as leader of the Jade String Quartet. Tonight she is joined by talented pianist and accordionist Tatiana Lanchtchikova (piano and piano accordion) in a wonderfully varied programme travelling from Mozart, through Brahms and Kreisler, to Tango composer Piazzolla.



4. *A Night in the Gardens of Spain*

*Miles Jackson classical and flamenco
guitar*

Thursday 16 March

The evocative title of this programme reflects Miles' profound affinity for the music of Spain. Virtuosity and sensitivity for both Classical and Flamenco styles make him an inspiring performer. Miles has lived and worked in Spain and returned many times to immerse himself in the music and culture of the country.



5. *Francis/Lee Duo*

Thursday 23 March

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Successful chamber musicians in New Zealand and overseas, Charlotte Francis (violin) and Gemma Lee (piano) present a recital of sonatas by Beethoven and Sarasate's Spanish Dances. Having previously enjoyed working with each other in the University of Auckland as administrative staff, in 2016 the two decided to collaborate musically with long-term professional intentions. Both also have extensive teaching practices.



6. *Donald Nicholls and Marie Ross - clarinets, Kent Tsomura - piano*

Thursday 30 March

Donald has been a frequent visitor to our concerts, always bringing fascinating programmes. This time works for two clarinets by Mendelssohn bookend the recital. Together with those great pieces, the artists include works for solo clarinet and piano by Schumann, Messager, Spohr and Debussy.

