



murray river international music festival

24 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2012



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cover artwork - featuring local artists



Anjelie Beyer

Haiku Lilies 2010

Medium: Watercolour and gouache on paper

I am Dutch / Australian - and have many arty memories: tiny drawing books during the war, hot pencils in the Australian schoolroom, nuns teaching Abstract art, Eltham Life Drawing, Mildura's welcoming artists, twenty years of lovely art students, Artback's fabulous adventures, and the Art Vault's creative wealth. And all the exhibitions I have seen. Wow! A world of images inspires me.

beautiful music in beautiful locations

WELCOME

The Murray River International Music Festival started in 2003 and features outstanding Australian and Italian musicians performing along the Murray River accompanied by regional food and wine.

Artistic Director Sergio de Pieri, OAM and the MRIMF Committee invite you to join us as we present beautiful music in beautiful locations.

visitor information

Freecall 1800 039 043 or visit
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festival package over 20% saving

Entry to all six Mildura region concerts.

(DOES NOT INCLUDE MASTERCLASSES)

\$115 (full price \$145)

Pensioner & Student Discount
\$5 off each concert

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(DOES NOT INCLUDE MASTERCLASSES)



opening night in the heavenly gardens

World renowned musicians Interpreti Veneziani will perform on opening night in the heavenly Ampelon Gardens. Musical virtuosos Massimo Scattolin (guitar) and Roberto Fabbriciani (flute) will join Interpreti Veneziani and present to you a beautiful repertoire including Vivaldi, Rossini and Schumann.

Interpreti Veneziani are a major attraction where ever they play - in Italy or internationally. Artistic Director, Sergio de Pieri believes *"the repertoire assembled for this concert, is arguably one of the best you will ever hear in this country"*. The 2012 festival's opening night concludes with an exciting program including Schumann's violin and strings arrangement of the Bach Chaconne, Vivaldi concerto for guitar, flute and strings and concerto "Hommage a Liege" for flute, guitar and strings by Piazzolla.

8 - 10PM
TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2012

Ampelon Gardens
Cnr Pittman Avenue & North
Road Gol Gol, NSW

Tickets \$30
Children under 12 free
Bring your own chair, picnic
and BYO drinks / wines.





deborah cheetham

"Til the Black Lady Sings in Company"

A note from the Artistic Director of Short Black Opera

In July 2006 Pecan Summer was little more than the title. Ten years on from the autobiographical White Baptist Abba Fan I knew it was time for my next major theatrical effort, but what was it to be? After almost 20 years as a freelance soprano I felt that I wanted to do something to encourage other Indigenous singers to consider a career in the world of Classical vocal music. In 2007 I set out to create a pathway for Indigenous singers who wish to pursue a career in the intensely emotional world of Classical vocal music. Accompanied by Melbourne pianist Toni Lulich, *Til the Black Lady Sings in Company* tells the story of our journey in creating Australia's first Indigenous opera Pecan Summer through

the music of Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, Cilea, Gershwin and Cheetham. Joining me on stage in Mildura you will hear from three of Short Black Opera's emerging artists;

Soprano, Shauntai Batzke, Baritone John Wayne Parsons and Bass Baritone Tiriki Onus.

Deborah Cheetham - Soprano/ Composer/Yorta Yorta Woman

Til the Black Lady Sings in Company is supported by VicHealth Arts About Us to celebrate cultural diversity and start conversations about the harmful impact of race-based discrimination.

7:30 - 9PM

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2012

Mercy Theatre Cnr of Riverside Avenue
& Eleventh Street, Mildura Vic

Tickets \$25

josephine vains

Josephine Vains has established herself as a sought-after cellist and chamber music partner. She is a regular guest with the Melbourne Symphony and principal cello of Orchestra Victoria playing on an 1850 Thomas Kennedy Violoncello (London). According to our artistic director, Sergio de Pieri, she is one of the finest cello players in Australia and Wentworth Arts is delighted to host this outstanding player in their Town Hall.

8 - 9PM

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2012

Wentworth Town Hall Cnr Short Street
& Adelaide Street, Wentworth NSW

Tickets \$20



midsummer night's picnic featuring the stiletto sisters and supported by the cauldron

Bring a chair and a picnic and relax under the stars while enjoying the traditional folk style of Mildura based group The Cauldron featuring Kathy Dubois, Glenda Underhill and Mike Oates. An extraordinary and intense range of music will follow with feature act the Stiletto Sisters comprising of Hope Csutoros, Judy Gunson and Jo To, as they perform Hungarian gypsy, tango and love songs from around the world.

7:30PM FOR 8 - 10PM
SATURDAY 28 JANUARY 2012

Mildura Homestead - Woolshed Gardens
Cureton Avenue Mildura Vic

Tickets \$25

Children under 12 free

program mildura region

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY

OPENING NIGHT

Interpreti Veneziani, Massimo Scattolin & Roberto Fabbriani

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Josephine Vains (cello) details pg 2

Bach & Henze repertoire

Wentworth Town Hall Cnr Short Street & Adelaide Street, Wentworth NSW

8 - 9PM Tickets \$20

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

Massimo Scattolin (guitar)

McDougall Wines Cnr Gingham Avenue & Eleventh Street, Irymple VIC

Doors open 12PM,

Performance 2 - 3PM Tickets \$20

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY

Deborah Cheetham

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SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

Masterclasses

An opportunity for tuition with master musicians Massimo Scattolin (guitar) and Roberto Fabbriani (flute)

Bookings essential

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Mildura Arts Centre 199 Cureton Avenue, Mildura VIC

10AM - 12PM Tickets \$20

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

Midsummer Night's Picnic

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Featuring the Stiletto Sisters and supported by local Mildura act The Cauldron

Mildura Homestead Woolshed Gardens

Cureton Avenue, Mildura VIC

From 7:30PM, for 8 - 10PM Tickets \$25

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

Who is Don Giovanni?

Speaker: Dr Luisella Botteon, La Trobe University Lecture Theatre Benetook Avneue, Mildura VIC

11AM - 1PM Cost Free

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

Massimo Scattolin (guitar) and Roberto Fabbriani (flute)

The Art Vault

43 Deakin Avenue, Mildura VIC

5:30 - 6:30PM Tickets \$25



other murray river regions

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY BALRANALD

Roberto Fabbriani (flute)
and Massimo Scattolin (guitar)
Balranald Royal Theatre
Market Street, Balranald NSW
8PM Tickets \$35
Bookings: Balranald Visitor
Information Centre (03) 5020 1599

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY SWAN HILL

Roberto Fabbriani (flute)
and Massimo Scattolin (guitar)
Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery
Horseshoe Bend, Swan Hill VIC
8PM Bookings and Special Ticket
Offers: (03) 5036 2430

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY COHUNA

Roberto Fabbriani (flute)
and Massimo Scattolin (guitar)
Heritage & Cultural Centre,
Cohuna VIC
8PM Ticket \$15
Bookings email: is.lodge@bigpond.com
*Please bring your own chair

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY SHEPPARTON

Roberto Fabbriani (flute)
and Massimo Scattolin (guitar)
The Connection Mooroopna Causeway,
Shepparton VIC
1PM Lunch 2PM Performance commences
Tickets \$50 (includes lunch and wine)
Bookings: (03) 58 313 762 or email:
info@theconnectionshepparton.com.au



Luisella Botteon graduated in flute from the Conservatory of Bologna in Salzburg under the guidance of Roberto Fabbriciani. In 1985 she graduated in Humanities at the University of Padua with a Thesis in Music History. She has released on various international record labels, as well as publishing essays for magazines including Contemporary Music Review. She is currently Professor of Music at the Conservatory “L. Cherubini” of Florence.

The Cauldron are a Mildura based, traditional style, folk-group featuring Kathy Dubois, Glenda Underhill and Mike Oates and are best known as a Celtic trio. However, their versatility enables them to present music from many genres. The Cauldron's repertoire features both the familiar and the obscure. Instruments include harp, concertina, guitar, harmonica, whistle and bodhran, blended with three contrasting vocal styles guarantee that audiences will be served an interesting brew by The Cauldron.

Deborah Cheetham Yorta Yorta woman, Soprano, composer and author has established her place as an artist in great demand. Since her international debut in 1997 Ms Cheetham has performed in the theatre and concert halls of the United States, France, Germany, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and throughout Australia.

Roberto Fabbriciani was born in Arezzo, Italy and is known for his versatility and creativeness and for his large repertoire. He has played for the most important festivals throughout Europe. He is a passionate interpreter of the New Music and collaborates with composers such as John Cage, Ennio Morricone, Karl Stockhausen and Takemitsu who have dedicated works to him. He has also worked extensively with some of the great conductors. He holds Master Classes for the University Mozarteum in Salzburg, for Sibelius Academy in Helsinki and at New York University.

The Stiletto Sisters are a dynamic and vibrant trio featuring Hope Csutoros on violin, Judy Gunson on piano accordion and vocals, and double-bassist Jo To. The Stiletto Sisters perform regularly to packed houses in their home town of Melbourne. They have participated in festivals nationally and overseas including the prestigious Four Winds Festival in Bermagui, the Brunswick Music Festival, the Famous Spiegeltent and “Live en Août” Festival in New Caledonia and most recently a European tour culminating in the Prague 9 Gates Festival. They tour regularly to regional Victoria including performances at The Castlemaine State Festival and sell-out performances at the

Port Fairy Spring Festival in 2006, 2007 and in 2009 for the 20th anniversary of the Festival. In 2007 the Stiletto Sisters recorded the music for Rolf de Heer's most recent film “Dr. Plonk” and performed live for the film's premiere. The Stiletto Sisters have just released their second live CD, “The Fox and the Bear” recorded at one of their Spiegeltent concerts.

Massimo Scattolin started his concert activity as a soloist, and later took up chamber music, becoming specialized in the most important concerts for guitar and orchestra, including some specially written for him by great composers such as Violet Archer and Astor Piazzolla. He has collaborated with the major European television networks and with great theatre actors. He is a member of prestigious international contests and holds master classes at the Mozarteum in Salzburg. He has been recording for the Sonar, Symposium, and Rivoalto labels, both as a soloist and together with some of the most outstanding musicians in Europe. In 2007 he played with the Buena Vista Social Club launching their Warner Bros CD of orchestral works in Havana, Cuba.

Josephine Vains relocated to Europe for five years to study cello and after winning the 1997 inaugural National Chamber Music Competition with Trio 3.0.3. She regularly performs with the Melbourne Symphony, Orchestra Victoria, ASTRA, Australia Pro Arte, for the Piano Landmarks Series and the Team of Pianists. As a chamber musician she has performed throughout Germany,

Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, China and Japan and competed in the Melbourne, Osaka and Trieste International Chamber Music Competitions. She enjoys teaching at the Victorian College of the Arts, University of Melbourne and Monash University. Josephine performs with the Firebird Trio and can be heard regularly on ABC FM.

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other artsmildura festivals coming up in 2012

- MILDURA WENTWORTH ARTS FESTIVAL MARCH
- MILDURA WRITERS FESTIVAL JULY
- MILDURA PALIMPSEST SEPTEMBER
- MILDURA JAZZ FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL OCTOBER

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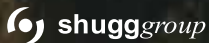
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