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Dances with Daphnis

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Interval (25 mins)

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West Australian Symphony Orchestra



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About The Artists



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Ludovic Morlot Conductor

Following eight years as Music Director, Ludovic Morlot is now Conductor Emeritus of the Seattle Symphony. Ludovic is an Associate Artist of the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and Artistic Director of the National Youth Orchestra of China. This season Ludovic will make his subscription debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra and return to the Los Angeles, BBC, Seoul and Bergen Philharmonic and Vienna Symphony Orchestras. Ludovic has a strong commitment to working with young musicians and this season conducts student orchestras at Yale University and at the Royal Academy of Music in London, as well as returning to the Aspen Festival.

Ludovic has conducted the Berliner Philharmoniker, Royal Concertgebouw, Czech Philharmonic, Dresden Staaksapelle, London Philharmonic, Budapest Festival, Tokyo Philharmonic and Melbourne Symphony Orchestras. He has appeared at the BBC Proms, Wien Modern and Edinburgh Festivals. Other recent notable performances have included the New York Philharmonic, Chicago, Houston, Minnesota and Detroit Symphony Orchestras.

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Jayson Gillham Piano

Internationally praised for his compelling performances, Australian-British pianist Jayson Gillham is recognised as one of the finest pianists of his generation. After receiving numerous prizes from some of the world's leading piano competitions including the Leeds and Van Cliburn, it was Jayson's win at the 2014 Montreal International Music Competition that brought him to international attention.

Jayson performs with the world's leading orchestras with recent highlights including engagements with the London Philharmonic, Royal Philharmonic, Bournemouth Symphony, Sydney Symphony, Melbourne Symphony, Adelaide Symphony, West Australian Symphony, Auckland Philharmonic and Christchurch Symphony Orchestras amongst many others.

In recital, Jayson appears at internationally prestigious venues including the Wigmore Hall, Barbican Hall, Birmingham Town Hall, Royal Nottingham Concert Hall, the Louvre Auditorium, Montreal Pollack Hall and Steinway Hall New York. This year Jayson toured Australia with the renowned Australian soprano Nicole Car and baritone Etienne Dupuis with concerts in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane.

About The Music

Claude Debussy

(1862-1918)

Prélude à 'L'après-midi d'un faune'

Stéphane Mallarmé's 1876 eclogue L'aprèsmidi d'un faune is a monument of symbolist poetry, reflecting in its sumptuous but fragmentary language the erotic fantasies of a drowsy faun - a mythical half-man, halfgoat - on a hot, languid, Sicilian afternoon. Running like a thread through the imagery of fruit and flowers and naked nymphs are references to music, specifically to the syrinx, or flute fashioned from reeds by the god Pan. One such reference, to the syrinx's 'sonorous, airy, monotonous line', would become the kernel of Debussy's musical rendering of the poem. Inviting Mallarmé to hear the work in 1894, he described 'the arabesque which...I believe to have been dictated by the flute of your faun'.

The first, repeated phrase of the solo flute arabesque with which the piece begins has rightly been described as a founding moment in modern music. Its **chromatic** line traces and retraces the ambiguous interval of the tritone: it is in no clearly discernible **key**, as is shown by the varied ways in which it is harmonised on its subsequent reappearances. The second half of the melody provides more 'conventional' **motifs** that are taken up by the orchestra.

Mallarmé's poem rhymes, but otherwise avoids traditional forms or a narrative line; similarly, Debussy's piece avoids the goaldirected development and tonal architecture that informs 19th-century symphonism.



Musical events, like the vivid splashes of colour that first answer the flute, are there for the immediate pleasure they give; climaxes are approached by simple repetition of motifs; the most extended melody is a richly scored, Massenet-like tune at the work's midpoint, accompanied by rocking **ostinatos**.

The faun's dream is overcome by sleep and the 'proud silence of noon', and the piece ends with the flute fading to nothingness.

Gordon Kerry © 2013

First WASO performance: 23 and 25 July 1949. Henry Krips conducting.

Most recent WASO performance: 1 June 2017. Martyn Brabbins conducting.

Instrumentation: three flutes, two oboes and cor anglais, two clarinets, two bassoons; four horns; two harps, percussion and strings.

YOU MAY ALSO ENJOY

RESPIGHI Fountains of Rome featured in Brahms' Fourth Symphony Fri 4 & Sat 5 Sept 2020

Glossary

Chromaticism - use of notes which are not part of the key.

Key – the tonal centre of a piece or section of a piece. The selection of the key establishes a system of relationships between notes and chords, so that some ('consonant') notes will 'belong' to the key and others ('dissonant') will seem to 'clash' with it.

Motif – a short, distinctive melodic or rhythmic figure, often part of or derived from a theme. **Ostinato** – a brief fragment or phrase which is repeated persistently through a section of music.

About The Music

Franz Liszt

(1811-1886)

Concerto No.2 in A major for Piano and Orchestra

Piano Concerto No.2 in A, S.125

Adagio sostenuto assai – Allegro agitato assai – Allegro moderato – Allegro deciso – Marziale, un poco meno Allegro – Un poco meno mosso – Allegro animato

Liszt wrote several works for piano and orchestra, but gave the title Concerto to only two of them. At the time of their composition, his principal career was that of a travelling virtuoso performer, a career virtually invented by him (with some inspiration from the Italian violinist Nicolò Paganini). From the age of 26, Liszt remained unchallenged in the role of lion of the keyboard, until 1848 after which he spent 40 years in retirement from the concert stage, pursuing, with equal intensity, careers as composer and teacher. Let us also not forget the romantic liaisons with famous beauties, and his last years as a devout churchman. A life lived to the full!

There was international unanimity about Liszt's prowess as a pianist. From his first appearance at age nine, he amazed his listeners with his technical dexterity, musical understanding and ability to play anything at sight. His training under Carl Czerny probably gave an edge of discipline to his wild pianism, and he was noted particularly for his uncanny ability to combine power and delicacy. He had a wide palette of tone colours and was famous for making the piano sound like an orchestra, an effect he was very proud of.



While Europe was in awe of his playing, however, there was great criticism of his work as a composer. The feared Viennese critic Eduard Hanslick wrote: 'false, bogus music, characterised by tangible symptoms of decay'. Even today, he has as many admirers as detractors, and the latter often describe his music as shallow, banal and uninspired. Yet all of his major works for piano are as often played today as ever, and his orchestral and later works are full of astonishing invention.

Interestingly, his greatest supporters have always included other composers, such as Wagner, Ravel, Saint-Saëns and Scriabin.

Liszt was a great disturber of comfortable musical forms ('new wine needs new bottles'), and it was this aspect that interested many 20th-century composers. Bartók said that Liszt's invention indicated ways of development that were only fully utilised by his successors. Liszt's music needs to be approached in a mood of heightened poetic intensity, and with a willingness to accept wholeheartedly his world of extremes. The Piano Concerto No.2 is a splendid example of what must have been his playing style. He worked on several versions of the piece before publishing it in 1863, dedicated to his student Bronsart, who had premiered it in Weimar in 1857 with the composer conducting. It features extreme contrasts between the pathetic and the bombastic, the religiously contemplative and the wildly passionate. His son Daniel, in a letter to his mother, claimed that it was an exact portrait of his father in all his contrasting aspects.

The opening orchestral bars contain nearly everything you need to listen for in this concerto. The melodic and harmonic details form the basis of a theme which undergoes astonishing transformations, changing key, time signature, speed and character, throughout the concerto. Liszt was justly proud of this compositional technique of thematic transformation. The theme reappears in every possible guise: some of the more surprising include the one for solo cello with piano accompaniment in the slow section, the military alla marcia fortissimo version, and the declamatory piano solo in the second half of the work.

The concerto is not considered as 'popular' as the first one in E flat, but perhaps this is because it is marginally less showy. It is certainly just as virtuosic and even more poetic. It is written, as are all Liszt's works for piano and orchestra, in a continuous unfolding cyclic structure, which often sounds like several different movements. From a classical viewpoint, this type of structure might seem a disaster, but at no stage in the work are we in any doubt as to what is happening, and how it relates to what has gone before. Throughout, the melodic development in the solo piano part is constantly interesting and beautiful, while the **coda** is one of shining ingenuity.

George Bernard Shaw, in his obituary for Liszt in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, wrote, 'Liszt was a man who loved his art, despised money, attracted everybody worth knowing in the 19th century, lived through the worst of it, and got out of it at last with his hands unstained.'

Stephen McIntyre © 2004

First WASO performance: 6-7 June 1945. [Ernest?] MacMillan conducting, Betty Munro George soloist.

Most recent WASO performance: 27-28 July 2001. George Pehlivanian conducting, Duncan Gifford, soloist.

Instrumentation: three flutes (one doubling piccolo), two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons; two horns, two trumpets, three trombones and tuba; timpani and percussion; strings.

YOU MAY ALSO ENJOY

MOZART Piano Concerto No.21 Elvira Madigan featured in Mozart's Elvira Madigan Concerto Fri 31 July & Sat 1 Aug 2020

Glossary

Coda – a concluding section added to the basic structure of a piece or movement to emphasise the sense of finality. **Key** – the tonal centre of a piece or section of a piece. The selection of the key establishes a system of relationships between notes and chords, so that some ('consonant') notes will 'belong' to the key and others ('dissonant') will seem to 'clash' with it.

Time signature - the indication at the beginning of a piece of music as to how many beats are in each bar.

About The Music

Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)

Les Biches: Suite

Rondeau Adagietto Rag-Mazurka Andantino Final

The curtain rises on a stage flooded with pink light. The scene is a white room with a huge draped window. A blue sofa sits centre stage, a character in its own right. Women in pink frolic and flirt with three athletic men, and sometimes with each other. The Girl in Blue enters in a velvet pageboy outfit, dancing en pointe. Eventually the Hostess arrives, fashionably late to her own party, accessorised with pearls, feathers and a long cigarette holder. But despite the feminine garb, she dances in soft slippers and leaps like a man. Two girls in grey dance, arms clasped - perhaps they kiss. Everyone mingles. In this ballet, said Poulenc, 'the characters do not succumb to lifelong love, they simply have affairs'.

A modern Les Sylphides

When Diaghilev introduced Russian ballet to Paris audiences in 1909, the season included *Les Sylphides*. One of the great 'white ballets', its ballerinas float in the long tutus of the 1840s, Chopin's music underpinning a 20th-century ballet in a romantic vein.

Thirteen years later, Diaghilev approached Poulenc with the idea of staging a 'modern *Les Sylphides*' – the ballet that was to become *Les Biches*, with choreography by Bronislava Nijinska. What did he mean? Surely two ballets could not be more different. On the one hand a pensive reverie set in a moonlit



forest glade; on the other an effervescent creation of the Roaring Twenties, decked in fashionable pastels by Marie Laurencin.

According to Poulenc, Diaghilev wanted an 'atmospheric ballet' and from this came the 22-year-old composer's vision of the country house, the sofa, the flirtatious women gambolling with young men in bathing costumes.

Like Les Sylphides, Les Biches is plotless: a series of vignettes in which atmosphere replaces action. As in Les Sylphides, which has just one male character, the men in Les Biches are outnumbered. This is the idealised femininity of ballet updated for a modern age. In one interview, Poulenc describe the sylphides as 'womenbutterflies in romantic moonlight', whereas Les Biches was populated by 'women used to Rolls-Royces and Cartier pearl necklaces'.

Naughty but nice

More tellingly, Poulenc described *Les Biches* as a modern *fête-galante* – a nod to the rococo paintings of Watteau and Fragonard. Paintings in which, as Poulenc said, 'you cannot really see anything but can nonetheless imagine the worst.' (Think of *The Swing* – her slipper is flying off, he reclines under her billowing skirts...) Everything is left to the imagination: there is no real story line, explained Poulenc, 'for the very good reason that, if it had one, it could well have provoked a scandal'. The atmosphere is one of 'wantonness, which you sense if you are corrupted, but of which an innocentminded girl would not be conscious'.

The title itself is a *double entendre*, mirroring the sexual innuendo of the choreography. Literally, a 'biche' is a young doe, but the term was also used in a more suggestive sense as 'little darling'. (When the ballet was taken to London in 1925, it was promoted as *The House Party*.)

The music

Les Biches has all the hallmarks of youth: blithe energy, good humour and tonguein-cheek frivolity. There's unabashed hero worship - from Mozart to Tchaikovsky and especially Stravinsky - and a veritable magpie's nest of borrowings and allusions. The music seeks to please - and succeeds! The eroticism of the scenario is echoed in sensuous melodies and the zesty instrumental and harmonic colours of the Parisian music hall. The structure of the complete ballet - an overture followed by eight dance movements - adopts the model of a baroque suite. The orchestral writing evokes the clarity and lightness associated with Mozart. All these characteristics are evident in the first movement of the concert suite: the Rondeau, with its jaunty woodwind and brass exchanges and gentler, more lyrical moments.

In the *Adagietto* for the Girl in Blue, Poulenc told Diaghilev he'd gone out of his way to avoid all the usual waltz clichés, instead writing irresistibly lilting music in duple time: 'very lithe, very danceable'. He found inspiration in the Pas de quatre from Act III of Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty: not a direct quotation so much as a shared sweep of melody above a pulsing accompaniment, common rhythmic gestures and the same yearning quality.

The Hostess has the longest movement, the *Rag-Mazurka*. Neither an American rag nor a mazurka, this edgy, skittish movement waltzes, gallops and even breaks into a tango. It could be argued that this music is as confused about its genre as the Hostess is about her gender.

The Andantino sees the Girl in Blue return to dance with one of the athletes in music with a Mozartian character and quotations from the earlier Adagietto. The Final also reprises themes from earlier in the ballet, again with playful allusions to Mozart as well as Stravinsky.

The ballet concludes with a drum-roll flourish, which, at the 1924 premiere in Monte Carlo, was met with eight curtain calls. In Paris, four months later, the reception was even more enthusiastic. The fashionable Ballets Russes audiences responded to the chic atmosphere and the erotic thrill of the choreography – infinitely more subtle than the eroticism in Vaslav Nijinsky's *Afternoon of a Faun*. But the ballet's ultimate success owed everything to the radiant charm and knowing innocence of Poulenc's music. His name was made!

Yvonne Frindle © 2020

Instrumentation: three flutes (one doubling piccolo), two oboes and cor anglais, two clarinets and bass clarinet, two bassoons and contrabassoon; four horns, three trumpets, three trombones and tuba; timpani and percussion; harp; celesta; strings.

About The Music

Maurice Ravel

(1875-1937)

Daphnis et Chloé Suite No.2

Daybreak Pantomime General Dance (Bacchanale)

The 20th century owes a great debt to the Russian impresario Sergei Diaghilev, who commissioned so many of the orchestral scores which have become modern classics. Diaghilev, who created something of a craze for Russian art in the West in the early years of the century, first brought his Ballets Russes to Paris in 1909. It was at that time that he commissioned Maurice Ravel to write a ballet to a scenario by Michel Fokine, the ballet's resident choreographer. The storyline was based on Longus' Daphnis and Chloe.

Ravel lingered over this, arguably his greatest score, and it was not completed until April 1912, shortly before the scheduled first performance date. Preparations for the first performance were so rushed that Diaghilev at one stage enlisted Fokine's wife, Vera, to persuade Fokine to cancel the ballet. 'But you have only three days left and there are still more than 20 pages to choregraph,' she had said.

Fokine hoped that the ballet would embody his dreams of classical Greece, but the delay saw other 'Greek' ballets take their place in the repertoire. Tcherepnin's *Narcisse* had premiered in the 1911 season. Fokine fretted that the designer Léon Bakst was transferring ideas earmarked for *Daphnis* to this other ballet. And Vaslav Nijinsky's ballet *L'Après-midi d'un faune* (to music by Ravel's great contemporary, Debussy) was also performed in early 1912. Ravel also had his own ideas about what Ancient Greece meant to him:



My intention was to compose a vast musical fresco, in which I was less concerned with archaism than with reproducing faithfully the Greece of my dreams, which is very similar to that imagined and painted by French artists at the end of the 18th century. The work is constructed symphonically, according to a strict plan of key sequences, out of a small number of themes, the development of which ensure the work's homogeneity.

Daphnis et Chloé was first presented at the Théâtre du Châtelet on 8 June 1912, with Pierre Monteux conducting, but it was not a success and was soon dropped from the company's repertoire. Fortunately its music has become a staple of the concert hall.

Diaghilev had wanted music which would be important but not dominant. Ravel felt that his music should be supreme. He had refused the smallest cuts. To underline the point Ravel subtitled the piece 'a choreographic symphony in three parts'. The ballet is usually heard in the concert hall in the form of two suites ('Fragments symphoniques') comprising continuous parts of the ballet. Tonight you will hear Suite 2, comprising the last 20 minutes or so of the full work. The opening of the ballet, which you will not hear, introduces Daphnis and Chloé and their shepherd and shepherdess friends. We follow their games, the flirting and rivalry between them and their companions, and the awakening of Daphnis and Chloé's love. Chloé is abducted by pirates and Daphnis collapses in despair. Three nymphs invoke the god Pan to come to Daphnis' aid. As Chloé, captive in the pirates' camp, is ordered to dance, all hope of escape gone, the atmosphere suddenly seems to be full of strange elements. As Fokine's scenario goes on:

Here and there, lit by invisible hands, little fires appear. All about, fantastic beings creep and jump. Fauns appear everywhere and surround the pirates. The ground opens, and the formidable profile of Pan can be seen on the mountains in the background, making a menacing gesture. All flee in bewilderment. The scenery seems to melt away...

It is at this point that Suite 2 begins, with the sunrise (*Daybreak*), surely one of the most graphic portrayals of nature in the orchestral literature, masterfully derived from a simple rising sequence. The pastoral atmosphere of the scene is emphasised by imitation of birdsongs and the piping of the two shepherds who unite Daphnis with Chloé. Daphnis knows from Chloé's crown that she has been saved by Pan in remembrance of his love for Syrinx. Daphnis and Chloé mime the courtship of Syrinx by Pan, accompanied appropriately enough by a florid solo flute (*Pantomime*). The concluding *General Dance* represents the joyful celebration of the lovers and shepherds. Composed in 5/4, this **metre** initially posed some difficulty for Diaghilev's dancers – until they found a way of using their boss's name as a mnemonic (DIA-ghi-lev, SERgei DIA-ghi-lev...).

Gordon Kalton Williams Symphony Australia © 1997

First WASO performance: 12 September 1947. Goossens conducting (Daybreak and Bacchanale only).

First WASO performance of complete suite: 29-30 March 1968. Uri Mayer conducting.

Most recent WASO performance: 6-8 October 2011. Mario Venzago conducting.

Instrumentation: two flutes, two piccolo (second doubling and one offstage) and alto flute, two oboes and cor anglais, two clarinets, E flat clarinet (offstage) and bass clarinet, three bassoons and contrabassoon; four horns, four trumpets, three trombones and tuba; timpani and percussion; two harps; celesta; strings.

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GERSHWIN *An American in Paris* featured in *An American in Paris* Fri 21 & Sat 22 Aug 2020

Glossary

Metre – how many beats are in each bar, e.g. three like a waltz (1-2-3, 1-2-3), or four like 'Baa baa black sheep' (1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4).

About The Speaker

Tim White Pre-concert Speaker

Tim White is Head of Classical Music at WAAPA (the WA Academy of Performing Arts). He was born in Canberra and grew up on Christmas Island, where he fell in love with recordings of orchestral music and the Beatles. Tim studied percussion in Sydney, Denmark and Germany, and became Principal Percussionist of the WASO in 1985 – a role he held for 28 years. In 2013, after more than 3,000 concerts with the WASO, Tim moved to the WA Academy of Performing Arts as a Senior Lecturer in Music.

Tim has played with all of Australia's professional symphony, opera and ballet orchestras, and performed numerous percussion concertos in Australia and Germany. He holds two Masters degrees and won a Churchill Fellowship in 1999. Tim has led the percussion programme at WAAPA since 1994, and 58 of his percussion graduates have established fulltime careers as professional musicians. Tim won the Australian Award for Teaching Excellence in 2015, and is married to WASO violist Rachael Kirk.

Timeline of Composers & Works



West Australian Symphony Orchestra

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FOOD & BEVERAGES

You are now able to take your drinks to your seat.

Foyer bars are open for drinks and coffee two hours before, during interval and after the concert. To save time we recommend you pre-order your interval drinks.



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ACCESSIBILITY

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Meet The Musician

Kierstan Arkleysmith Viola

Can you remember your first performance?

My teacher had studio concerts regularly but my first big performance was for my Grade 1 class; I teamed up with my friend who played the piano and we played 'The Happy Farmer'.

How did you find yourself playing the viola?

My mother succumbed to my pestering to learn the violin after about a year. Somewhere along the line I noticed that the people I wanted to be played the viola and not the violin, so I thought clearly that 2 + 2 = 7 and asked to change. I was dissuaded at the time and subsequently for a number of reasons, including size, I didn't actually change instruments until I had finished my music degree on violin.

What concert are you most looking forward to in the upcoming 2020 season and why?

I love the energy of John Adams' *Absolute Jest* for String Quartet and Orchestra in Masters 1, and I'm looking forward to hearing our new principal viola, Daniel Schmitt play the Mozart Sinfonia Concertante in Masters 2, but I'm a fan of Dvořák so I think Masters 4 will be one I look forward to the most, especially as that one also has a world premiere on the program and Gil Shaham playing Brahms!

Which musician(s) do you admire? Why?

The musicians I really admire are some of the buskers in the big city subways whose playing is so captivating that you're compelled to stop and listen.



What do you enjoy most about your career?

I love the fact that doing something I enjoy also brings joy to the audience.

How do you feel after a concert?

Usually I'm pretty hungry... we used to get cake in the concert hall cafe after concerts before joining everyone else in the bar.

Where was your last holiday destination? Home, and it was fabulous!

What do you find is the most rewarding aspect of passing on your skills to the next generation?

The knowledge that people will always want to play and hear music, and that orchestras will continue to exist.

How do you see the partnership of WASO and MSWA benefitting the community? I see this partnership as an opportunity for WASO to take the space as an essential service within our community providing live music as a wellness tool rather than a commodity.With the support of MSWA we have been able to advocate for the engagement of people under the age of 30 with WASO and it is exciting to deliver concerts with this greater diversity of ages in our audience.

WASO's Community Engagement & Education program continues to be the largest and far reaching of any Orchestra in Australia. These programs speak to the heart of our company mission to touch souls and enrich lives through music. In 2019, our Community Engagement Department proudly

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WASO's Annual Giving Fund

Donations remain vital for WASO to present inspiring and joyful concerts and continue to powerfully impact the lives of so many people in Western Australia. In particular, donations to our Annual Giving fund are fundamental to the daily operations of the Orchestra in helping to cover our core operating costs.

As a not-for-profit, charitable organisation, we are extremely proud to be supported by many individuals who each year renew their gift to our Annual Giving fund. Your Orchestra would be a very different one without this ongoing support.

Gifts to WASO's Annual Giving fund support our ability to achieve artistic excellence, secure the finest guest conductors and soloists, present a diverse program of Education & Community Engagement activities across WA and work in partnership with the opera and ballet companies. This year we invite you to become, or renew as, a WASO Patron by making a donation to our Annual Giving fund. Those who give \$500 or above in a year are acknowledged as WASO Patrons and enjoy opportunities to experience the Orchestra from different perspectives – not just from the auditorium – through invitations to exclusive Patron events, getting to know our musicians and fellow music lovers.

Want to join our community and become a WASO Patron?

If you wish to become a Patron, renew for 2020 or increase your current gift, please contact Jacinta Sirr-Williams on 9326 0014 or sirrj@waso.com.au. It is also quick and easy to make a donation online at waso.com.au/supportus or you can make a donation at the Box Office with your ticket purchase. All donations over \$2 are fully tax deductible.

Patrons & Friends Fundraising Event

Alex Brogan & Louise Sandercock Talk Violas & Violins

Tuesday 24 March | 6pm Aquinas College \$45 | Contact the WASO Box Office on 9326 0000

For all Patrons, Friends & Bequestors

As we welcome you back from the summer break, hear from the musicians you supported with the 2019 Friends of WASO Scholarship: Associate Principal Viola, Alex Brogan and Tutti Violin, Louise Sandercock, as they recount stories of their travels and learnings.

Both Alex and Louise will shed some light on their travels whilst on their respective



trips, supported by the 2019 Friends of WASO Scholarship, before treating the audience to a short performance each.

The evening includes a glass of Margaret River wine and canapes.

Philanthropic partnerships come in all shapes and sizes

Whatever the shape or size, your donation helps WASO make a difference and we thank you for your support. WASO's philanthropy program continues to grow, supporting our vision now and into the future. It is an exciting time to be a part of this community, to meet our musicians and to know you have helped your Orchestra to *touch souls and enrich lives through music*. Together we can do amazing things.

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