

The Genius of Shostakovich

2:00PM – SATURDAY,
25 MAY 2024
THE CUBE, WODONGA



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PROUDLY PRESENTS

Program

Introduction and welcome –
Gordon Kerry, Murray River Fine Music

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

Piano Trio No.1, Op.8

Seven Verses of Alexander Blok, Op.127

Song of Ophelia

Gamayun, the Bird of Prophecy

We were together (That Troubled Night)

The City Sleeps (Deep in Sleep)

The Storm

Secret Signs

Music

INTERVAL

Quintet in G minor, Op.57

for piano, two violins, viola and cello

Prelude (Lento – Poco più mosso – Lento)

Fugue (Allegro)

Scherzo (Allegretto)

Intermezzo (Lento – Appassionato)

Finale (Allegretto)

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The Artists

ORPHEUS TRIO

Kaori Sparks – violin
Sam Goble – cello
Helena Kernaghan – piano

Orpheus Trio was formed in early 2012, with members calling Albury and Castlemaine home. All members of the Orpheus Piano Trio are established performers in their own right, and have gained experience performing and studying internationally throughout Europe, Asia and Australia. Orpheus has collaborated with a diverse range of musicians including Merlyn Quaife, clarinetist David Griffiths, and mezzo soprano Sally-Anne Russell.

The trio have two recordings, one live performance recorded in Wangaratta in 2013 (featuring works by Beethoven, Brahms and Debussy), the other a studio recording from 2018 (Dvorak and Shostakovich).

MERLYN QUAIFE

Soprano Merlyn Quaife was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2013 for significant service to music. She has performed opera, oratorio, Lieder, chamber music and contemporary music to great acclaim throughout Australia and Europe.

Between 1995 and 2007 she headed the Vocal Department at the Faculty of Music at the University of Melbourne. From 2014 – 2018, Merlyn was appointed Associate Professor at the Sir Zelman Cowan School of Music at Monash University where she established an innovative classical vocal program.

MARKIYAN MELNYCHENKO

Ukrainian-Australian violinist Markiyan Melnychenko CF has served as Lecturer in Violin at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and Principal First Violin with the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra.

He has performed in 17 countries, has been widely broadcast and has commercially released recordings.

In 2013 he was selected to perform in a quartet at the US Capitol for the Inaugural Luncheon at Barack Obama's Presidential Inauguration.

Markiyan studied at the Eastman School of Music and the Australian National Academy of Music.

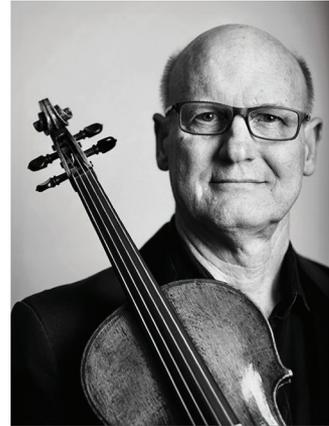
SIMON OSWELL

Violist Simon Oswell trained in Australia and the United States. He has performed and recorded as a soloist and chamber musician in Australia, Europe and South East Asia and subsequently in the United States in the LA based chamber music

groups, the Capitol Ensemble and Pacific Serenades. In California he occupied several Principal Viola positions, and recorded for the motion picture industry. Simon has appeared as Guest Principal with Australia's leading orchestras and chamber ensembles. He currently teaches at the University of Melbourne



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