

ADELAIDE CHAMBER SINGERS S E A S O N 2 0 1 4



Welcome to Adelaide Chamber Singers' 2014 Concert Season.

Our successes in Italy, Wales and Austria in 2013 propel us into 2014 on a real high - and we're off to France in October to perform at the 2014 Polyfollia international choral festival.

So, we begin 2014 full of vibrancy and creative energy with virtuoso Baroque choral music of the highest order - the complete motets of J. S. Bach. We love our late night Adelaide Festival concerts in St. Peter's Cathedral and our subscription series sees us in two beautiful and acoustically rich locations in the city, and in the intimate space of the Church of Epiphany in the Adelaide Hills as we return for the second year.

We're also delighted to collaborate with Adelaide's own Zephyr Quartet in *Darkness* & *Light*, and with theatre and opera director Andy Packer in *Monteverdi's Fire*.

So, from Palestrina to Pärt, Monteverdi to Maclean, Bach to Whitacre and Zephyr, our 2014 Season - our 29th year of music-making – will see us continuing to do we love. Please join us.

Bestissimo!

Carl Crossin OAM

Artistic Director and Conductor





PRESENTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH ADELAIDE FESTIVAL

MONDAY 3 MARCH & WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH, 10PM

St. Peter's Cathedral, King William Rd, North Adelaide

Late Night in the Complete the Cathedral Motets of JS Bach

The six motets of J S Bach are amongst the most glorious - and the most virtuosic - musical masterworks of the Baroque. ACS presents Bach's complete motets in two 60-minute concerts as special Adelaide Festival performances.

The programs also feature Knut Nystedt's deconstruction of Bach's chorale "Komm, süsser Tod" in *Immortal Bach*, and music for solo violin performed by one of Australia's finest Baroque violinists, Lucinda Moon.

PROGRAM 1 Monday 3 March

Kanana Januaran DANA

Komm, Jesu, komm BWV 229

Ciaccona (from Bach's Partita No. 2 for solo violin)

Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf BWV 226

Immortal Bach 1 by Knut Nystedt

Jesu meine Freude BWV 227

PROGRAM 2

Wednesday 5 March

Fürchte dich nicht, ich bin bei dir BWV 228

Allemanda, Sarabanda & Giga (from Bach's Partita No. 2 for solo violin)

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden BWV 230

Immortal Bach 2 by Knut Nystedt

Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied BWV 225

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL 2014





FRIDAY 4 APRIL, 8PM

St. Peter's Cathedral, King William Rd, North Adelaide

SUNDAY 6 APRIL, 3PM

Church of Epiphany, Epiphany Place, Crafers

Crystalline

Crys•tal•line I 'kristl-in, -tl-,īn, - tl-,ēn (adjective) transparent, clear, pure.

What wonderful words to describe the music of Eric Whitacre, Arvo Pärt, Australia's own Clare Maclean and Renaissance masters Victoria and Palestrina.

Though this music spans five centuries, it still speaks to us with an immediacy that transcends the stylistic differences between the composers, their geography, and the historical ages themselves.

Walt Whitman said "I hear not the volumes of sound merely, I am moved by exquisite meaning."

So, whether it's in the cavernous and lofty spaces of St. Peter's Cathedral or the intimate clarity of the Church of the Epiphany in Crafers, you will be moved by the exquisiteness, the purity and the sheer beauty of this music.

Water Night

Fric Whitacre

Alleluia

Eric Whitacre

Sicut cervus/Sitivit anima mea

Palestrina

Super flumina Babylonis

Palestrina

An den Wassern zu Babel

Arvo Pärt

Agnus Dei

from Osanna Mass Clare Maclean

Salve Regina

Tomas Luis da Victoria

...and other works



Guest artists
ZEPHYR QUARTET



Darkness & Light



SATURDAY 28 JUNE, 6.30PM

Pilgrim Church, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

SUNDAY 29 JUNE, 3PM

Church of Epiphany, Epiphany Place, Crafers

We think it makes *perfect sense* for two of Adelaide's leading chamber ensembles to collaborate!

This eclectic program of music for voices and string quartet draws its inspiration from one of the central works, Ola Gjeilo's setting of the poem *Dark Night of the Soul* by 16th century Spanish poet and Catholic mystic, St. John of the Cross.

The journey from darkness into light traverses the soaring counterpoint of Victoria, the 'hair-raising' harmonic world of 16th century Spaniard Carlo Gesualdo, the beautiful spaciousness of Mozart's Ave Verum, the luminescent beauty of Koehne's 'closed world', and the warm light of Tallis and Lauridsen.

And, we introduce two new works for chamber choir and string quartet to help grow this wonderful combination of instrumental and vocal forces.

Dark Night of the Soul Ola Gjeilo

Tenebrae factae sunt Carlo Gesualdo

Ave verum corpus

Mozart

O Nata Lux

Morten Lauridsen

O Nata Lux

Thomas Tallis

Requiem Aeternam/Lux Aeterna

Tomas Luis da Victoria

A Closed World of Fine Feelings and Grand Design New choral version

Graeme Koehne

...and including new music composed especially for this collaboration by Hilary Kleinig and Carl Crossin





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Church of Epiphany, Epiphany Place, Crafers

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, 6PM

performers.

Melbourne Recital Centre, Salon Cnr Southbank Blvd and Sturt St, Southbank

Monteverdi's Fire

Monteverdi's Sixth Book of Madrigals (complete)

Director - Andy Packer Musical Director - Carl Crossin

Monteverdi was one of the greatest of all madrigal composers and his eight books of madrigals represent the pinnacle of that intimate and dramatic musical genre that entertained and flourished in the royal courts of Renaissance Italy. We have woven together as a musical theatre creation, the eight madrigals and two great madrigal cycles of Libro Sesto Madrigali (6th Book).

These madrigals were composed at a very significant time for Monteverdi as he innovatively fulfilled his obligations as composer at the court of Vincenzo Gonzaga, the Duke of Mantua, in Northern Italy. They are full of musical invention and deep, passionate emotional expression – and they represent the final flowering of a genre that eventually gave way to the creation of opera. Be witness to this new and powerful production that combines profound music with the musical and theatrical talents of some of Adelaide's finest





Adelaide Chamber Singers has been a passionate and innovative contributor to music making in Adelaide for almost thirty years. Formed in 1985 by its Artistic Director and Conductor Carl Crossin, the ensemble comprises some of Adelaide's best and most experienced ensemble singers, some of whom are also emerging artists or conductors in their own right. ACS is widely respected as one of Australia's leading chamber choirs and was recently awarded one of SA's premier Arts awards, the 2011 Ruby Award for "sustained contribution by an organisation".

In 2013, Adelaide Chamber Singers performed to critical acclaim at three of Europe's leading competetive choral festivals: the Musica Sacra a Roma in Italy, the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales and the 1st European Choir Games in Austria. ACS won six out of six Gold awards, the Vincitore della Gran Premio (Grand Prize) in Rome, and the Pavarotti Trophy for "Choir of the World at Llangollen 2013" in Wales.

Other international appearances have included: the 2006 International Choral Kathaumixw in Canada (where it won the award of "Choir of the World at Kathaumixw 2006"), the 2006 International Choral Festival in the USA, the 2006 Cambridge Summer Music Festival in England, the 2004 Tokyo International Festival, the 6th World Symposium on Choral Music in the USA in 2002, the Asia Pacific Symposium on Choral Music in Singapore in 2001, the 1999 Norfolk and Norwich Festival, and the 1996 National Convention of the Association of British Choral Directors.

Adelaide Chamber Singers has also performed at the Adelaide, Melbourne and Perth International Festivals and a range of regional festivals around Australia including: the Bundaleer, Coonawarra, Barossa and Coriole Festivals, the Port Fairy Spring Music Festival, the Brisbane Festival of Contemporary Sacred Music, and the Musica Viva Huntington Estate Festival in NSW. ACS has also developed very successful collaborations in recent years with the Sydney Chamber Choir and the Brisbane Chamber Choir.



ACS has also received awards for its recordings: the ABC Classics recording of Peter Sculthorpe's Requiem with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arvo Volmer was selected as an Editor's Choice in the July 2007 edition of Gramophone magazine, and the ACS recording (with the ASO conducted by Richard Mills) of Ross Edwards' Symphony No. 4 "Star Chant" was awarded the "Best Choral/Orchestral Recording of 2008" by the Australian Music Centre.

ACS has given the Adelaide première of most of the choral works of Arvo Pärt and performed Arvo Pärt's *Passio* under the direction of internationally recognised Pärt specialist, Paul Hillier at the 2007 Adelaide Film festival.



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Calendar 2014

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Sunday 28 September, 3pm

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Tuesday 30 September, 6pm

Melbourne Recital Centre, Southbank

Monteverdi's Fire

Spotlight Series

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Adelaide Town Hall, Adelaide

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Adelaide Symphony Orchestra Gala Series

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