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## CALLING YOUNG MUSICIANS!

Applications are open for the 2021 Australian Festival of Chamber Music Winterschool

International acclaimed Australian violinist **Adam Chalabi** is ready for the challenge – the challenge of directing the Australian Festival of Chamber Music's famed Winterschool and mentoring the next generation of Australian orchestral artists.

The Australian Festival of Chamber Music (AFCM) Winterschool is famed globally for its high calibre of coaching and mentoring and the incredible opportunity it offers for students to learn and play alongside some of the best chamber musicians in the world. And then there's the tropical location, being Townsville in North Queensland!

Applications are now open for students to apply for the Winterschool which takes place from 23 July to 1 August. Interested musicians can apply online at [afcm.com.au](http://afcm.com.au), by phone 07 4771 4144 or email [winterschool@afcm.com.au](mailto:winterschool@afcm.com.au)

Not only does the program include private and public masterclasses, coaching, mentoring, and opportunities for private lessons and public performances, but ensembles will also be able to attend daily group sessions with their peers and hear guest presenters from the incredible line up of musicians appearing at AFCM 2021. Students participating in the AFCM Winterschool also receive free admission to Festival concerts.

The full 2021 program will be unveiled on Monday 1 March and is the final under the artistic direction of acclaimed pianist, **Kathryn Stott**, before the famed UK violinist **Jack Liebeck** takes over.

Kathryn Stott said the presence of such high calibre musicians in Townsville for the Festival provides wonderful opportunities for emerging professional level students. "It's just one of the elements that make the AFCM such a special festival and we are thrilled to welcome Adam Chalabi to lead this important program, in nurturing the next generation of classical musicians."

Associate Professor at the University of Queensland School of Music, Adam Chalabi is first violinist of the internationally renowned Tinalley String Quartet and held the position of Concertmaster of Orchestra Victoria from 2009-2014. He has appeared as guest concertmaster with numerous orchestras within Australia and overseas including the Sydney, Melbourne, Queensland and Tasmanian Symphony Orchestras and was previously Head of Strings at the Australian National Academy of Music. Between 2002 and 2009 Adam was Principal Violin with the Zurich Chamber Orchestra.

Born in London, Adam began his violin studies at four with the Suzuki Method and attended the Purcell School and Royal Northern College of Music under the tutelage of Maciej Rakowski. He plays on a Joseph Panormo violin circa 1805. Adam takes over the role from the much-loved violinist, composer and teacher Pavel Fischer who has led the program for three years.

Winterschool applications close 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

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23 July to 1 August 2021 in  
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