

NEWS FROM

## Orchestra Victoria

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## Orchestra Victoria's *Bendigo Festival* returns with a week-long series of concerts and workshops in August 2016



OV's Erica Kennedy. Photo Daniel Boud

Following the success of *Bendigo Festival's* inaugural year, **Orchestra Victoria** (OV) returns to Bendigo with a week-long festival of chamber music, brass ensembles and symphonic programs. From **22 – 26 August**, residents of Bendigo will have the chance to experience one of the country's finest orchestras.

The Festival offers a range of exciting opportunities for residents to meet, learn and engage directly with over 60 of the state's finest musicians. The week culminates in a spectacular orchestral concert *Arabian Nights and Other Exotic Tales*, conducted by Artistic Director of Orchestra Victoria, Maestro Nicolette Fraillon.

Also returning is Orchestra Victoria's much loved education program *On the mOve!*. Members of the Orchestra will undertake a series of rehearsals and tutorials with aspiring young musicians from across the district. The three-day workshop finishes with the students performing alongside their professional role models. The *On the mOve!* program will be led by Maestro Dominic Harvey.

Nicolette Fraillon said, "The Bendigo Festival was a wonderful success in its inaugural year in 2015. We're all very excited about returning this year. The Orchestra loves engaging with the broader community in such an exciting manner and taking quality music to regional Victoria."

This tour is supported by Creative Victoria, the William Buckland Foundation and **Bendigo Bank** as Orchestra Victoria's proud principal regional partner.

Robert Musgrove, Executive for Engagement Innovation, Bendigo Bank said, "We are very proud of the Bank's 12 year association with Orchestra Victoria. As partners we've shared a vision, and our efforts, so that communities across Victoria can have access to great music performed by world class professionals. This shouldn't be confined to the cities. We also want to foster the emerging talent within our communities, and this is why we've been such ardent supporters of the *mOve!* program that gives young Victorians an exceptional opportunity to learn and develop their skills alongside the Orchestra's musicians."

Orchestra Victoria is one of only two specialist pit orchestras in the country. The Orchestra was established in 1969 as the Elizabethan Melbourne Orchestra. Now in its fifth decade, it is a very versatile orchestra, performing brilliantly whether solo on stage, partnering opera and ballet, or mentoring the state's next generations of musicians.

### PERFORMANCE DETAILS

Bendigo Festival: 22 – 26 August

*On the mOve!*: 23 – 25 August

Orchestra Victoria in Concert: 26 August

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### Monday 22 August

#### **Orchestra Victoria Cathedral Brass**

Sacred Heart Cathedral  
MacKenzie St, Bendigo  
7pm **FREE**

### Tuesday 23 August

#### **Lunchtime Delights 1**

#### **Orchestra Victoria Chamber Players**

Bendigo Art Gallery  
42 View St, Bendigo  
12pm **FREE**  
Bookings: 03 5434 6088

#### **Orchestra Victoria at the Library 1: Two's Company**

Bendigo Library  
259 Hargreaves St, Bendigo  
2pm **FREE**

#### **Percussion and the Dragon**

Golden Dragon Museum  
1 - 11 Bridge St, Bendigo  
3pm **FREE**

#### **Brilliant Brass**

Elmore Memorial Hall  
Hervey St, Elmore  
7pm **FREE**

### Wednesday 24 August

#### **Lunchtime Delights 2**

#### **Orchestra Victoria Percussion**

Bendigo Bank Theatre, The Capital  
50 View St, Bendigo  
12pm **FREE**

#### **Orchestra Victoria at the Library 2: Brass and friends**

Bendigo Library  
259 Hargreaves St, Bendigo  
2pm **FREE**

#### **Chamber Masterpieces**

Bendigo Town Hall  
212 -214 Lyttleton Tce, Bendigo  
7pm **FREE**

### Thursday 25 August

#### **Lunchtime Delights 3**

#### **Guitarist Massimo Scattolin and Orchestra Victoria friends**

St Paul's Cathedral  
8 Myers St, Bendigo  
12pm **FREE**

#### **Orchestra Victoria at the Library 3: Larking About**

Bendigo Library  
259 Hargreaves St, Bendigo  
2pm **FREE**

#### **mOve! Education Concert**

Bendigo Bank Theatre, The Capital  
50 View St, Bendigo  
6:30pm **FREE**

### Friday 26 August

#### **Lunchtime Delights 4: The Power of Two**

Bendigo Bank Theatre, The Capital  
50 View St, Bendigo  
12pm **FREE**

#### **Arabian Nights and Other Exotic Tales**

#### **Orchestra Victoria in Concert**

Ulumbarra Theatre  
10-20 Gaol Rd, Bendigo  
7pm  
Ticket Prices: Full \$20, Concession \$15  
Bookings: [www.gotix.com.au](http://www.gotix.com.au) or 03 5434 6100

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