

NEWS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET

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Orchestra Victoria's Joshua de Graaf, Tania Hardy-Smith and Anthony Pope. Photo Gavin Green

The *Orchestra Victoria Hamilton Festival* returns to regional Victoria with a world-class series of concerts and workshops

One of Australia's leading orchestras, **Orchestra Victoria** will return to Greater Hamilton and Southern Grampians with the highly anticipated ***Orchestra Victoria Hamilton Festival*** and ***On the mOve!*** education program from **3 to 6 April 2018**.

Fifty of the state's top musicians will host an exciting series of chamber concerts, education programs and pop-up performances, encouraging people of all ages to experience world-class music in their local towns. The festival will offer music lovers the opportunity to hear, question and learn from some of country's finest musicians.

This year's festival will open with *Blithesome Brass*, featuring a varied and captivating repertoire spanning three centuries, performed by Orchestra Victoria's brass musicians. In celebration of the legendary friendship between Joseph Haydn and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the orchestra will also perform Haydn's *Symphony No. 73, "La Chasse,"* Hindson's *Ellipse*, and Mozart's *Symphony No. 40 in G minor in Friends and Admirers*. The concert will be conducted by burgeoning young Australian conductor, Patrick Burns, who currently holds both the Hephzibah Tintner and the Robert and Elizabeth Albert Conducting Fellowships.

Commenting on the festival, Artistic Director of Orchestra Victoria Nicolette Fraillon said: "Now in its fifth year, *Hamilton Festival* is a highlight in Orchestra Victoria's annual calendar. We have fallen in love with the region, its wonderful and enthusiastic audiences, the lovely venues

and the incredibly talented students of the region. There is a palpable love of music wherever we go, and we are delighted to be able to bring live music to the very welcoming population."

The *Orchestra Victoria Hamilton Festival* is generously supported by The Geoff and Helen Handbury Foundation Education Endowment. This endowment was made specifically to support activities in the Hamilton region and to ensure the continuation of the annual Orchestra Victoria education program *On the mOve!*

The festival is also supported by Creative Victoria's Touring Victoria program and Bendigo Bank as Orchestra Victoria's proud Principal Regional Partner.

Robert Musgrove Executive, Engagement Innovation Bendigo Bank said, "We are very proud of the bank's fourteen-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 musicians. 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 *On the mOve!* program that gives young Victorians an exceptional opportunity to learn and develop their skills alongside the orchestra's musicians."

Performance Dates: Hamilton Festival: 3 to 6 April 2018 and *On the mOve!* Workshops: 4 to 6 April.

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Tuesday 3 April

Blithesome Brass, Hamilton Performing Arts Centre, 113 Brown St, Hamilton. 7.30pm **Free**
Post-event: Meet the musicians

Wednesday 4 April

Blithesome Brass, Casterton Town Hall, 67 Henty Street, Casterton. 11.00am **Free**

The Strings Sing, Hamilton Gallery, 107 Brown Street, Hamilton. 12.00pm **Free**

The Winds in Balmoral. St Mary's Church, corner Stirling Street and Bell Street, Balmoral. 2.00pm **Free**
Post-event: afternoon tea and meet the musicians

The Strings Sing, Digby Memorial Hall, Clarke Street, Digby. 7.00pm **Free**
Post-event: supper and meet the musicians

Dancing Winds, Christ Church Anglican Church, 22 Gray St Hamilton 7.30pm **Free**
Post-event: supper and meet the musicians

Thursday 5 April

Friends and Admirers, Hamilton Performing Arts Centre, 113 Brown St, Hamilton. 7.30pm **Tickets: \$20 / \$15.**

Bookings: www.hamiltonpac.com.au/

Friday 6 April

Winds in the Gallery, Hamilton Gallery, 107 Brown Street, Hamilton. 12.00pm **Free**

Giants of Chamber Music, Hamilton Uniting Church, 113 Lonsdale Street, Hamilton. 2.00pm **Free**

Dancing Winds, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, corner Church and Henry Streets, Coleraine. 4.00pm **Free**
Post-event: supper and meet the musicians

On the mOVe! Student Orchestral Concert, Kantor Music and Performing Arts Centre, Hamilton and Alexandra College, 1 Chaucer Street, Hamilton. 6.30pm **Free**

Giants of Chamber Music, Sterling Place Community Centre, 14 Sterling Street, Dunkeld. 7.30pm **Free**
Post-event: supper and meet the musicians

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