

Your NZSO Events Diary

Welcome to the Season, NZSO Donors & Members. We are pleased to share with you a range of activities available in your area. The 2025 Season includes beloved orchestral favourites and significant NZ debuts by international artists including pianist Daniil Trifonov, cellist Kian Soltani and opera star Joyce DiDonato. Your generous support for the NZSO helps us share these memorable musical experiences throughout the country.



Thank you for being by our side, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Donor & Sponsor VIP Hospitality

Pictures at an Exhibition

Principal Conductor Gemma New launches our 2025 Season with vivid paintings in sound, including a world premiere by Guillaume Connesson featuring guest solo flautist Emily Beynon from the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra (Amsterdam).



Wellington

Thu, 27 Mar, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$500+

Christchurch

Sat, 29 Mar, 6.30pm + interval
Cambridge Bar, Christchurch Town Hall
For Donors \$250+

Pinnacle: Respighi & Rachmaninov

Umberto Clerici conducts Daniil Trifonov, one of the most astounding pianists of our age, in his much-anticipated New Zealand debut.



Wellington

Fri, 11 Apr, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$1000+

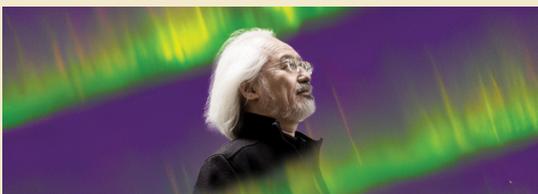
Auckland

Sat, 12 Apr, 6.30pm + interval
Balcony Foyer, Auckland Town Hall
For Donors \$500+

Daniil Trifonov appears with generous support from Dame Bronwen Holdsworth DNZM.

Legends: Mozart & Beethoven

Maestro Masaaki Suzuki is a legendary conductor and harpsichordist, justly-acclaimed as a leading interpreter of Baroque music. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience a true master at work.



Wellington

Fri, 09 May, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$2500+

Auckland

Sat, 10 May, 6.30pm + interval
Balcony Foyer, Auckland Town Hall
For Donors \$2500+

Echoes of Home: Bartók & Dvořák

Conductor Gábor Káli and violinist Amalia Hall bring to life Bartók's unique, folk-inspired soundworld.



Wellington

Fri, 23 May, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$500+

Amalia Hall appears with generous support from Jason Boyes and Nickie Van Der Beek.

NYO Adventure: Rachmaninoff & Strauss

The NYO is a heartwarming celebration of Aotearoa New Zealand's emerging musicians, presenting pillars of the Romantic era, including orchestrated *Strauss Lieder* performed by Soprano Madison Horman.



Wellington

Sat, 05 Jul, Post-concert Function
Renouf Foyer, Michael Fowler Centre
For NYO Chair Sponsors



Firebird: Ravel & Stravinsky

Finnish conductor Emilia Hoving conducts a thrilling programme exploring Basque roots, jazz rhythms and seductive Andalusian colours, featuring pianist Javier Perianes.



Wellington
Thu, 17 Jul, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$1000+

Christchurch
Sat, 19 Jul, 6.30pm + interval
Cambridge Bar, Christchurch Town Hall
For Donors \$500+

Enchanted: Stravinsky, Dukas & Mussorgsky

Join us to herald the opening night of our Winter Festival with an enchanting programme of beloved works by Stravinsky, Dukas and Mussorgsky conducted by Andre de Ridder, returning to the NZSO for his third consecutive Winter season.



Wellington
Fri, 08 Aug, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$1000+

Auckland
Fri, 15 Aug, 6.30pm + interval
Balcony Foyer, Auckland Town Hall
For Donors \$500+

Andre de Ridder appears with generous support from The Diessl Family.

Mahler 6

Maestra New continues NZSO's cycle of Mahler symphonies with his Sixth Symphony. Join us to celebrate this monumental symphonic celebration with our musicians for a post-concert party.



Wellington
Fri, 05 Sep, post-concert
Renouf Foyer, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$250+

Auckland
Sat, 06 Sep, post-concert
Auckland Town Hall
For Donors \$250+

Mahler's 6th Symphony is part of a multi-year series conducted by Gemma New generously supported by Bill Falconer CNZM.

Stabat Mater

A very special tour and collaboration with Voices NZ featuring soloists Madison Nonoa, Anna Pierard, Felipe Manu and Teddy Tahu-Rhodes performing Rossini's operatic work paired with the World Premiere of Victoria Kelly's *Stabat Mater*.



Wellington
Thu, 02 Oct, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$2500+

Auckland
Fri, 03 Oct, 6.30pm + interval
Balcony Foyer, Auckland Town Hall
For Donors \$2500+

Made possible with support from The NZSO Stabat Mater Syndicate of donors and The Stout Trust.

Four Seasons

Pekka Kuusisto, renowned for his innovative and contemporary approach, delivers his take on an old classic and a new favourite.



Wellington
Fri, 09 Oct, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$1000+

Christchurch
Sat, 11 Oct, 6.30pm + interval
Cambridge Bar, Christchurch Town Hall
For Donors \$500+

Affirmation: Dvořák & Brahms

Simone Young conducts Wagner's *Prelude to Lohengrin* and we celebrate the New Zealand debut of Iranian-Austrian cellist Kian Soltani, making waves internationally, in a programme of rich romanticism.



Wellington
Thu, 23 Oct, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$2500+

Auckland
Fri, 24 Oct, 6.30pm + interval
Balcony Foyer, Auckland Town Hall
For Donors \$2500+

Kian Soltani appears with generous support from Susan and Donald Best ONZM.

Symphonic Dances

Jess Gillam was the first saxophonist ever to reach the finals of the BBC Young Musician of the Year. Don't miss her energy and svelte sounds in this programme featuring works by Squire, Glazunov, Milhaud, and Rachmaninoff.



Wellington

Thu, 20 Nov, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$2500+

Christchurch

Sat, 22 Nov, 6.30pm + interval
Cambridge Bar, Christchurch Town Hall
For Donors \$1000+

Jess Gillam appears with generous support from Tim Fulton and Anna Greenwood.

Joyce DiDonato: Summer Nights

Mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato makes her New Zealand debut with the NZSO in a programme of Berlioz and Bruckner conducted by Gemma New. Not to be missed, Grammy-Award winner DiDonato is a magnificent artist, described as an "American treasure" (Operawire) and "increasingly incomparable" (New Yorker).



Wellington

Fri, 28 Nov, 5.30pm only
Civic Café, Michael Fowler Centre
For Donors \$2500+

Auckland

Sat, 29 Nov, 6.30pm + interval
Balcony Foyer, Auckland Town Hall
For Donors \$2500+

Exclusive Major Donor Experiences \$5,000+

Logan Brown Wrap Party

Generously hosted by Steve Logan and his superb team, NZSO Chair Sponsors and corporate supporters are treated to an end of year celebration away from the concert hall with NZSO musicians.



Wellington

A date in November to be advised
Logan Brown, Cuba St, Wellington



Exclusive Behind-the-Scenes Hospitality & Networking Events

NZSO Chair Sponsors and major project donors also receive invitations to bespoke hospitality occasions with guest artists and conductors, exclusive performances by NZSO musicians, and special networking events with the diplomatic and business community.



Behind-the-Scenes Rehearsal Access

For Sonata Donors \$500+ (WLG)

Sonata Donors will be invited to observe the NZSO in rehearsal for an upcoming tour with leading international conductors and soloists. Look out for these e-invitations to join us during the season at the Michael Fowler Centre (maximum 50 guests offered on a first come first served basis).

For Sonata Donors \$500+ (AKL)



Mahler 6

Sat, 06 Sep, 6.30pm - 7pm
Auckland Town Hall

Affirmation

Fri, 24 Oct, 6.30pm - 7pm
Auckland Town Hall

Please look out for further invitations to acoustic rehearsals during the season.

Fostering Young Talent - Donor and Member Access

Emily Beynon NZSO Foundation Masterclass

An opportunity to attend a special masterclass, led by flautist Emily Beynon from the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, who will inspire up-and-coming musicians. Contact rsvp@nzso.co.nz to register your attendance. Look out for more opportunities to attend masterclasses by our guest artists during the season.



Auckland
Sat, 22 Mar, 10.30am
University of Auckland

Wellington
Mon, 24 Mar, 5pm
The New Zealand School of Music

 THE NZSO
FOUNDATION

NZSO Todd Young Composer Awards

Now in its 21st year, the Awards provide young New Zealanders the opportunity to have their compositions workshopped, recorded, and performed by the NZSO.



Wellington
Fri, 19 Sep, 6pm
Michael Fowler Centre

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NZSO Conducting Fellowship Showcase

Our premier offering for emerging orchestral conductors, culminating in a Showcase concert at the end of the year.



Wellington
Wed, 24 Sep, 1.30pm
Michael Fowler Centre

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Free Activities for Families

Storytime for Kids @ Te Papa

NZSO Storytime live in-concert, presented in collaboration with the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa.



Wellington
Wed, 16 Apr, 10.30am & 12.30pm
Thu, 17 Apr, 10.30am & 12.30pm*
Te Papa

*Relaxed Concert

Schools' Concerts

Exciting and interactive performances showcasing beloved symphonic music, a specially composed suite by Dr Jeremy Mayall and live art created during the performance. Email rsvp@nzso.co.nz to register your attendance. Places are limited.



Wellington
Thu, 29 May, 11am
Michael Fowler Centre

South Auckland
Wed, 11 Jun, 11am & 1pm
Due Drop Events Centre

Whangarei
Thu, 12 Jun, 11am & 1pm
Te Kotahitanga Exhibition Hall

Kerikeri
Fri, 13 Jun, 11am
Turner Centre

Relaxed Concerts

Concerts designed for neurodivergent people of all ages who may feel uncomfortable in a traditional concert environment.



Nelson
Fri, 06 Jun, 1.30pm
Nelson Centre of Musical Arts

South Auckland
Tue, 10 Jun, 1pm
Due Drop Events Centre

Tamariki Time

Tamariki Time is an interactive concert designed for the smallest members of your whānau!



Wellington

Sat, 09 Aug, 10am & 11.30am*
Michael Fowler Centre

*Relaxed Concert

Auckland

Sat, 16 Aug, 10am & 11.30am*
Auckland Town Hall

*Relaxed Concert

Te Papa Whānau Concerts

Whānau-friendly concerts, presented in collaboration with the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa.



Wellington

Fri, 26 Sep, 11am & 1.30pm
Sat, 27 Sep, 11am & 1.30pm
Te Papa

Dining Events with NZSO Partners

NZSO Live Lunch at Logan Brown

Enjoy a delicious three course meal accompanied by a live NZSO ensemble for \$110 per person. Reserve your table with Logan Brown directly, contact steve@loganbrown.co.nz.



Wellington

Fri, 28 Mar, 12pm
Fri, 04 Jul, 12pm
Fri, 12 Sep, 12pm
Fri, 07 Nov, 12pm
Logan Brown, Cuba St, Wellington



Pre-concert dining with Everybody Eats

Everybody Eats is a pioneering social enterprise that promotes food sustainability while creating delicious and affordable meals. For just \$30 per person, Everybody Eats will craft a concert themed menu. Book at nzso.co.nz.



Wellington

Thu, 17 Jul, 5pm
Thu, 20 Nov, 5pm
LTD, Dixon Street, Te Aro

Everybody Eats

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