

GEORGE MUSIC SOCIETY

2019 CONCERT SERIES

George Music Society was formed in 1959, and has since then promoted fine music in the town & Eden District. Both overseas and local artists are sourced, either through music agents or directly, to perform for members of the Society & the music loving public. Membership of GMS affords a significant discount on ticket prices. The Society is managed by a committee, and being voluntary, welcomes new members to assist in the running of the Society's affairs and bring new ideas. Details about GMS can be found on our website at www.georgemusicsociety.co.za

Zappa & Mainolfi

Fri 22 February - Arts Theatre



Formed in 1994 during their studies at the Juilliard School in New York, the Zappa-Mainolfi duo comprises Mattia Zappa (cello) and Massimiliano Mainolfi (piano). This will be their 7th concert tour of South Africa. Their tour recital programme comprises works by J.S. Bach, American composer Samuel Barber, Swiss composer Daniel Schnyder and another all-time great, Ludwig van Beethoven. With regard to the Beethoven, contemporary cellist Steven Isserlis describes it as the first cello sonata in history to give the two instruments equal importance.

Quatuor Avena

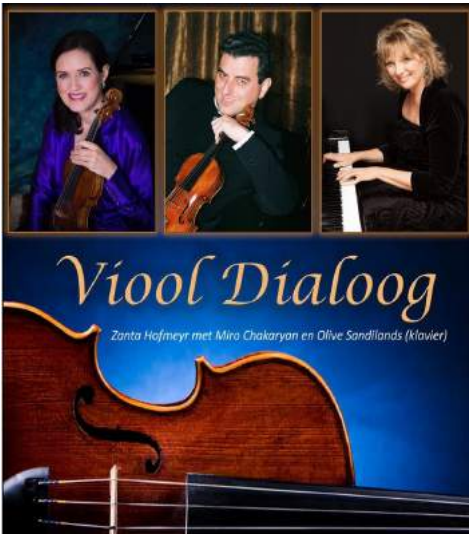
Fri 5 April - Arts Theatre



The Quatuor AVENA was born in 2016 after four young saxophonists, each one from a different part of the world (Italy, Japan, France and South Africa) met for their musical studies in Strasbourg at the Haute Ecole des Arts du Rhin. Their pleasure and passion for playing together in chamber music brought them together for a new adventure which has since turned into the Quatuor AVENA. Given their different social and musical backgrounds, the four young musicians set about working on a repertoire rich in variety, from Baroque transcriptions to contemporary music, adding in music from around the globe along the way and even bringing in jazz standards, they have explored the potential of the saxophone quartet formation, and are now considered one of Europe's most vibrant and talented young saxophone quartets

Zanta Hofmeyer Trio

Fri 3 May - Arts Theatre



The well-known South African and Bulgarian violinists Zanta Hofmeyer and Miro Chakaryan, accompanied by Olive Sandilands perform an exciting programme of virtuoso violin duos. They share their love for the violin by engaging in a musical dialogue performing works by Wieniawski, Sarasate, Leclair, Shostakovich and Mozowski. Miro Chakaryan is the concertmaster of the Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra and Zanta Hofmeyer is well known as a concert violinist and chamber musician. Audiences can expect a concert full of musical fire-works, bursting with intensity, enthusiasm and passion.

Little Winds Quintet

Sat 8 June - George Museum



This is a varied and entertaining selection of chamber music of different genres ranging from Classical and Romantic to Modern masterworks. The group consists of a flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn, and because of the very individual characters of these instruments, the quintet is very stylistically versatile and can produce a vast range of sound colours. The programme will be appealing, and full of lush melodies and skilful instrumentation, showing off some of the very best of the music in the wind quintet repertory. Led by clarinettist, David Little, the musicians have performed together many times over the past few years in various orchestral and chamber music capacities, and particularly in the wind quintet format.

Concert Liaison is administered by Beatrice Esterhuysen

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Please encourage your family & friends who are lovers of quality live music to join George Music Society, by sharing this music series bulletin with them.

Also, the Society urgently needs some new membership of its organising committee. For information please contact GMS at

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Trio Goede Hoop

Fri 13 Sept - Arts Theatre



Matthew Reid (clarinet), Cheryl de Havilland (cello) and Tertia Visser Downie (piano) present a programme of Beethoven's popular "Gassenhauer" Trio Opus 11, Saint-Saens' lyrical "The Swan", sultry tangos by Piazzolla, and top it off with exuberant Klezmer music. This trio of old friends have played together for many years; this is how the best music is made.

"Most highly-accomplished and entertaining" - Dr Cliff Moran, Hermanus Music Society

Young Musicians Gala Concert

Fri 11 October - Arts Theatre



George Music Society has organised this music competition for local talent for more than 25 years. Auditions this year will be on 9 Sept. from which the finalists will be selected to perform at this **Gala Concert**. Come and enjoy these enthusiastic youngsters from George and the surrounding area. Our town is blessed with much musical talent, encouraged by some of the best music teachers in the country.

Songmaker Trio

Fri 8 Nov - Arts Theatre



Albi van Schalkwyk – pianist, accompanist par excellence and director of the Songmakers' Guild; Antoinette Blyth, singer, and Hans Huysen, cellist and composer are all song makers in their own very different ways. Sharing a special love for everything cantabile in music, they join forces to explore this very quality in unusual ways in their program Gesungen! Apart from some well-known songs, piano and cello pieces by Robert Schumann, Gesungen! contains beautiful rarities from his sister Clara's pen, transcriptions of songs for cello and piano, dialogues in various combinations and of course soaring trio-logues involving the whole ensemble. Join us in an exploration of the innermost core of Robert and Clara's music and in singing the praises of one of the 19th century's foremost musical couples.

More detailed information is emailed to members & friends of GMS prior to each concert.

Advance bookings for all concerts, approximately two weeks before, will be available via the GMS website at www.georgemusicsociety.co.za