

# **Semi-Finals Concert**

Sat 11 August 4:30pm

Eugene Goossens Hall, ABC Centre 700 Harris Street, Ultimo, Sydney The IFAC Handa Australian Singing Competition is Australasia's premier competition of its kind. Since 1982 the competition has provided cash prizes, awards and career development opportunities for young opera & classical singers and is the home of the Marianne Mathy Scholarship ('The Mathy').

#### Adjudicators

Linnhe Robertson (National Adjudicator) Michael Halliwell Anthony Hunt Noëmi Nadelmann

### Compere

Camille Merčep

#### Personnel

Audio Recording and Broadcast ABC Classic FM Producer Brooke Green Sound Engineer Christian Huff Johnston Photography Kann Huang Videographer Ussher Direction Graphic Design Dialogic Studios

#### Venue Partner



### **Guest Artist**

Benett Tsai (cello) Accompanied by Joshua Tsai

#### Thank you

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# **Program**

Sophie Sparrow
Tornami a vagheggiar
Alcina / Handel

Xenia Puskarz Thomas Nobles seigneurs, salut! Les Huguenots / Meyerbeer

Josi Ann Ellem
Oh! Quand je dors
S. 282 / Liszt

Pasquale Orchard
In Uomini, in soldati
Così fan tutte / Mozart

Shakira Tsindos Die Mainacht 4 Songs, Op. 43 / Brahms

Cleo Lee-McGowan
Nichts Op 10 / Strauss

Tristan Entwistle Hai già vinta la causa Le Nozze di Figaro / Mozart

Georgia Melville Apparition L. 57 / Debussy

Katherine McIndoe Let the florid music praise! On This Island / Britten Nicole Mealey
O Ma Lyre Immortelle
Sapho / Gounod

Zoe Drummond Nel grave tormento Mitridate, re di ponto / Mozart

#### INTERVAL

Sophie Sparrow He Moemoea / Ritchie

Xenia Puskarz Thomas Canta un augello in voce sì suave / Ghedini

Josi Ann Ellem Je Marche sur tous les chemins... Obeissons quand leur voix appelle Manon / Massenet

Pasquale Orchard
Kennst du das Land
Mignon / Wolf

Shakira Tsindos Ah scostati... Smanie implacabili Così Fan Tutte / Mozart

Cleo Lee-McGowan Deh vieni, non tardar Le Nozze di Figaro / Mozart Tristan Entwistle
Die beiden Grenadiere
Romanzen und
Balladen, vol II, opus
49 / Schumann

Georgia Melville Ragion nell'alma siede Il mondo della luna / Havdn

Katherine McIndoe L'air de Lia L'enfant prodigue / Debussy

Nicole Mealey Where Corals Lie Sea Pictures / Elgar

Zoe Drummond
Wie sollten wir geheim
sie halten Sechs
Lieder / Strauss

Benett Tsai (Guest)
Hungarian Rhapsody
Op. 68 / Popper
Après un rêve
Op 7, No 1 / Fauré
Romance Op.36 /
Saint-Saëns
The Swan Carnival of
the Animals: XIII Le
Cygne / Saint-Saëns

Announcements
Linnhe Robertson
Prizes and Awards,
Selection of Finalists

# **Artists**



**Zoe Drummond** Soprano VIC (25)



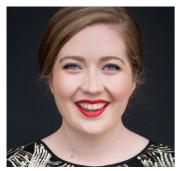
**Josi Ann Ellem** Soprano NSW (22)



**Tristan Entwistle**Baritone NSW (24)



Cleo Lee-McGowan Soprano VIC (23)



**Katherine McIndoe** Soprano NZ (24)



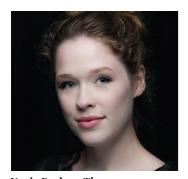
**Nicole Mealey** Mezzo Soprano WA (21)



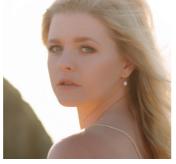
Georgia Melville Soprano NSW (22)



Pasquale Orchard Soprano NZ (21)



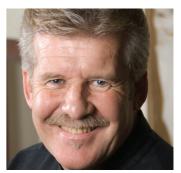
**Xenia Puskarz Thomas** Mezzo Soprano QLD (21)



**Sophie Sparrow** Soprano NZ (25)



**Shakira Tsindos** Mezzo Soprano VIC (24)



**David Harper**Collaborative Artist

# Prizes and Opportunities Awarded at the Semi-Finals

### **Tinkler Encouragement Award**

Awarded to a singer not selected as a Finalist. Sponsored by the Tinkler Trust.

### Radzyminksi Family Prize

French tuition at an Alliance Francaise Centre in the singer's city.

Sponsored by Lucienne Radzyminski.

### Instituto Italiano Di Cultura Award

25 hours of study in Italian at the Italian Cultural Institute in Sydney. Sponsored by Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Sydney.

### **Running Bare Prize**

Gift Voucher for each Semi-Finalist to purchase sports clothing and accessories.

Sponsored by Running Bare.

5 gifted singers from tonight's concert will proceed on to the ASC Finals Concert.





## **ASC Finals Concert**

Join us at the IFAC Handa Australian Singing Competition Finals Concert at Verbrugghen Hall, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, 8 September at 7pm.

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