



Canterbury Philharmonia

*2017 Concert Season
At the Piano*

in the Philip Carter Family Concert Hall

154 Armagh Street Christchurch



“THE AMERICAS”

Sunday 12th of November at 2.30pm.

Programme



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Copland **Four Dance Episodes *from*
Rodeo**

1. Buckaroo Holiday
2. Corral Nocturne
3. Saturday Night Waltz
4. Hoe-Down

Viotti **Violin Concerto No.23 in G
major**
Harry Hartstone - Violin

INTERVAL

Emeleus **Piano Quintet 2017 2nd
movement "Lente"**

Moncayo **Huapango**

Ginastera **Danzas del Ballet
"Estancia"**

I: Los trabajadores agrícolas *The land workers*

II: Danza del trigo *Wheat dance*

III: Los peones de hacienda *The cattle men*

IV: Danza final (Malambo)

Mark Hodgkinson – Conductor

Mark Hodgkinson is a Christchurch free-lance conductor and teacher.

Following study towards a performance degree in trumpet at Canterbury University, he travelled to Sweden to learn from Bo Nilsson. On his return to New Zealand, he joined the Auckland Philharmonia and played with them for a period of three years before returning to Christchurch.

Mark had already received conducting tuition in his teens from Peter Zwartz at the then Christchurch School of Instrumental Music (now the Christchurch School of Music - CSM), and had conducted some of their ensembles. This work continued in Sweden with opportunities to work with Limhamns Brass Band and on his return to Auckland, Perkel Opera and Mercury Opera.

Back in Christchurch, he was re-engaged by the CSM, and was soon receiving engagements with amongst others Christchurch Operatic, Canterbury Music Theatre, Christchurch Youth Orchestra, Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Symphony Orchestra, and Canterbury Opera. He was music director of the chamber orchestra Da Capo for some ten years.

Shortly after his return to Christchurch he began conducting for the Canterbury Philharmonia. He has been with them for more than 25 years.

Mark also conducts the Christchurch Doctors' Orchestra, the New Zealand Doctors' Orchestra (NZDO) and the chamber orchestra Resonance Ensemble.

Harry Hartstone – Violin

Harry Hartstone is 17 years old, and is studying NCEA Level 3 at Christ's College. He began his violin studies as a pre-schooler using the Suzuki violin method with his current teacher, Lorraine Horton. Harry's violin auditions gained him music scholarships to both Medbury Preparatory School and Christ's College. He also won prizes at the 2015 Institute of Registered Music Teacher's Christchurch Trophy Awards: 1st Orchestral section for best performance and 1st June Fogden Award for most promising string player. Harry has been playing 1st violin in the Canterbury Youth Orchestra for 2 years. He also plays the double bass in the school orchestra, Big Band and a Jazz Trio, which has played at the Dim 7th Jazz Bar. Harry was a member of the 2017 NZ Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra.

Harry's other interests include singing bass in the Canterbury University Consortia Choir, winning a gold medal at the 2017 South Island Secondary Athletics Championships and a silver medal at the 2017 NZ National Athletics Championships in the under 18 4x 400 relay. He plays hockey and was awarded his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. In 2018 Harry will be in Sweden focusing on music study, learning Swedish, playing ice-hockey and eating sill (pickled herring) and kanelbullar (delicious cinnamon cakes).

Piano Quintet

The members of the piano quintet at today's performance are:

- Alastair Sands – Violin
- Katherine Trought – Viola
- Jane Radford – Cello
- Tim Wilkinson – Double Bass
- Richard Oswin - Piano

Programme

Music from America

Today's programme was inspired by a visit I made to an exhibition of contemporary South American art in the Auckland Public Art Gallery last year. The exhibition was remarkable for its diversity of ideas and included a surprising resonance with an element of a South Pacific photographic exhibition, but the most important idea I came away with was that the words 'America' and 'American' describe a cultural range and experience far wider than our use of those words often embodies. That's not to say there aren't similarities in the concerns of the composers presented here. All of them, intentionally or otherwise, were part of movements in their respective countries that sought to establish the cultural identity of their individual nations. In Mexico and Argentina, these movements included assimilating a variety of cultural differences from both indigenous and immigrant sources.

In North America, the net was not cast as wide quite as early as further south. All three composers though are clearly identified with their countries of birth, and the music presented here captures in sound the cultural essence of their respective homelands.

The American works in this concert were all written within two years of each other, at a time of international conflict. Whether their composers were wishing to clarify their countries identities at such a time or not, whether they had an eye to uplifting public morale or not, these works were all performed to great acclaim on first hearing and have remained in the core repertoire since. They share a positivity that might make one wish that the phrase 'the United States of America' meant something more than it does at the moment.

Four Dance Episodes *from Rodeo*

**Aaron
COPLAND
(1900-1990)**

Copland, together with Agnes de Mille, was commissioned to create a western ballet for the 1942-43 season of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. It takes for its setting the traditional Saturday rodeo routine that was a feature of frontier life well into the twentieth century. An evening dance would typically follow, providing an opportunity for courtship to take place, or as de Mille expressed it ... "find a suitable man"...

Copland made extensive use of western folk music in *Rodeo*. In *Buckaroo Holiday* he uses "If he be a Buckaroo by his Trade", easily

recognisable by its introduction with a solo trombone, and a song called "Sis Joe". *Saturday Night Waltz* includes "Old Paint", with the oboe leading it out after a raucous string tune-up, and the concluding *Hoe-down* presents two square dance melodies, "Bonyparte" and "McLeod's Reel".

Violin Concerto No.23 in G major

**Giovanni
Battista VIOTTI
(1755-1824)**

Born into a musical family, Viotti became one of the most important developers of both technique and composition for the violin in a career that included performing for Frederick the Great of Prussia, Catherine the Great of Russia, and Marie-Antoinette of France. He spent a considerable period based in Paris, moving to London on the outbreak of the Revolution. This concerto dates from his time in London.

While few of Viotti's 29 violin concertos are heard today, he is credited with expanding the concerto format for the instrument, both in his use of a more developed sonata form structure, and in the technical demands placed on the soloist. His innovations can be considered as the starting point for the first truly substantial concerto for the instrument, that by Beethoven.

Piano Quintet 2017 – 2nd Movement "Lente"

John EMELEUS

John Emeleus was born in Northern Ireland and later attended the Royal Academy of Music in London where he majored in composition. At that time he had success in having a number of original works published and then went on to a career in education which brought John and his bride, Janet, to New Zealand in 1963.

Some of us have been fortunate to work with John as conductor of the Philharmonia for a number of years and in more recent times his arrangements of many traditional and folk pieces have been performed by adults and children in many communities.

It is not surprising, then, that John has used his composition skills in the piano quintet which exploits each instrument's special voice and brings a truly original sound using harmonies and scales unfamiliar to most classically trained musicians. For this reason, the audience is encouraged to savour this slow movement as a fine example of contemporary composition.

Huapango

**José Pablo
MONCAYO
(1912-1958)**

Moncayo trained initially as a pianist and percussionist, but by the time of his early death, he had established himself as both a significant composer and conductor, recognised by none other than Aaron Copland as an important musical voice. Moncayo's art was considerably influenced by Carlos Chávez, a major figure in establishing a philosophy of composition of incorporating Mexican and Aztec music traditions into Western forms.

Moncayo composed 40 works during his lifetime, although he is only known internationally for the work on today's programme. This is somewhat unfair, given the quality of his works and the fact that *Huapango* is alone in his output for its overt Mexican character. In keeping with many composers who draw on their folk heritage, Moncayo was very adept at crafting work that contained Mexican influences in a more personal compositional style.

Huapango was composed and first performed in 1941, after the composer had collected several Huapango melodies during a trip to Alvarado. Notable for the juxtaposition of duple and triple rhythms, it has become a second national anthem of Mexico, such is its popularity.

Danzas del Ballet "Estancia"

**Alberto
GINASTERA
(1916-1983)**

Not long after graduating, Ginastera received a commission to compose a ballet for a forth-coming tour by the American Ballet Caravan. Sadly for Ginastera, the company dissolved after the music was composed but before it could be performed. Undeterred, he extracted a suite of four dances from the music and it was performed for the first time in 1943, meeting with instant success. The ballet had to wait until 1952.

The ballet depicts life on a cattle ranch, with a developing love story between the ranch owner's daughter and a city boy driving the narrative forwards. A malambo provides the musical material for the first movement as the day gets underway on the ranch. This is followed by a delicately scored dance that reflects the movement of wheat in a breeze

before a vigorous and rhythmically complex piece of music characterises the energy and bravado of the *gauchos* (cattle men). The final dance is another malambo. Traditionally a competitive dance, where the last *gaucho* standing is the winner, in the ballet the city boy overcomes all to win his girl's heart.

Programme notes by Mark Hodgkinson / Alastair Sands

This is the Philharmonia's final concert our 2017 concert series. Look out for details of our 2018 concert series on our Web and Facebook pages – coming soon...



For more information about the orchestra look at our website:

www.canterburyphilharmonia.org.nz

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Xylophone

We would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Lion Foundation for a grant towards our new xylophone (heard publicly for the first time today) and to Roger Cleave from KBB Music for his assistance in the acquisition of a suitable model for the orchestra.

The orchestra would appreciate the support of our friends. To donate towards the remaining cost of the xylophone, please drop an email to our secretary at:

secretary@canterburyphilharmonia.org.nz

The Orchestra

Violin 1

Alastair Sands ●
Justine Bradley
David Bui #
Marlys Donaldson
Alison Griffith-Collins
Lorraine Horton
Margaret Maw
Emma Norrish

Violin 2

Carol Frost ●
Sarah Brennan #
Ruth Dove
Beth Garvey
Clive Morriss
Lynette Murdoch
Olivia Murray
Alice Sillifant

Viola

Katherine Trought ●
Kaylene Murdoch
Jennifer Jacobs #
Hanna Krause
Mary Lovell
Lynn Oliff
Margaret Sands
Nick Wogan

Cello

Jane Radford ●*
Mike Hurrell ●
Bridget Beck
Alan Bower
Katharina Cairns
Morag Macpherson
Tracey Morgan #
Kerry Murphy #
Erika White #
Christy Yau #

Double Bass

Tim Wilkinson ●
Robyn Bisset
John Blunt
Bryan Isbister

Flute

Sarah Helleur ●
Bryony Bedggood
Natasha Chernousova

Piccolo

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Natasha Chernousova
Sarah Helleur

Oboe

Alison Macklan ●
Catherine Loye
Malcolm McCulloch

Cor Anglais

Alison Macklan ●

Clarinet

Barbara Peddie ●
Nicole Crone
Stephen Gregory
Jennifer Tubb

Bassoon

Marco Rijnberg ●
Reina Dornan
Anne Godfrey

Horn

Sally Botur ●
Jenny Bartley
Elizabeth Christensen
Angeline Dew

Trumpet

Lucy Page-Dalton
Mark Smith

Trombone

Carol Crowther ● #
Rod Cross
Emily McCulloch +

Bass Trombone

Brian Hodges

Tuba

Matthew Bennett

Timpani

David Scales

Percussion

Jonathon Tressler
Joel Longworth +
Darren Webber +
Craig Given +

Keyboard

Victoria Panckhurst +

Piano

Matt Oswin +

- Principal
- * Acting Principal
- # On leave
- + Guest player

Orchestra patron

John Emeleus

Conductor

Mark Hodgkinson

Leader

Alastair Sands

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The Canterbury Philharmonia is very grateful to the Rata Foundation for a recent grant towards the acquisition of a xylophone for the orchestra. The instrument is being used at today's concert. Please support us in our fundraising for the remaining cost.



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The Canterbury Philharmonia is very grateful to the Rata Foundation for a recent grant which will allow the Orchestra to continue its community programme here at The Piano.

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