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Thursday 3 December

Ya-Ting Liou - piano

This concert features Beethoven's *Diabelli Variations*, a work which has earned accolades from some of the world's greatest musicians. Pianist Alfred Brendel: *the greatest of all piano works*. Musicologist Martin Cooper: *the variety of treatment is almost without parallel*.

Composer Arnold Schoenberg: *in respect of its harmony, it deserves to be called the most adventurous work by Beethoven*.

Welcome back to Ya-Ting for this monumental work!



2020 has been an unforgettable year - for so many wrong reasons! These have included the demolition of our creative

and performing arts scene as event after event has been cancelled. Artforms we hold dear have vanished before our eyes.

So it is with joy and hope that we at last return to doing what we do best - bringing music to those who love and need it - as we have done now for 20 years. Music can stir the emotions and revive the spirits. We hope you will join us and our artists in this 20th Spring Series as we celebrate the return of the music.

Katharine & Peter Watts

Concert Coordinators

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Thursday 10 December

Uwe Grodd - flute and Rosemary Barnes - piano

For Uwe, conducting, a solo career, chamber music, teaching and music editing are complementary disciplines. Every aspect of music-making, each musical engagement, every activity makes a vital contribution to the development of the whole musician.

His programme with Rosemary Barnes features an

early sonata by Beethoven and Schubert songs arranged by Theobald Boehm.



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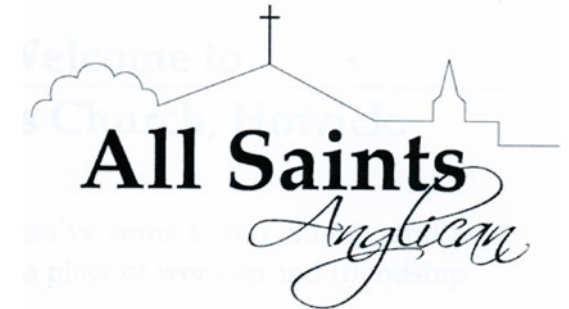
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Spring Concert Series 2020

Seven informal one-hour concerts on Thursday evenings, 7-8pm at All Saints Church, Howick



Series commences Thursday 29 October

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1*Thursday 29 October****Celebration******20 years of Thursdays @ Seven
a milestone worth marking!****Katharine and Peter Watts have coordinated the series since the year 2000 - around 450 concerts!**To mark 20 years we're launching a new Chamber Orchestra which will play two central works for this ensemble, Edvard Grieg's Holberg Suite and Gustav Holst's St Paul's Suite. These engaging works are full of excitement and inspiration from folk melody.**In contrast you can hear the first NZ performance of Harpsichord Concerto in G by CPE Bach (son of JS Bach). Peter directs and plays harpsichord, Yid-Ee Goh leads the orchestra and Katharine is MC.**Howick Local Board has recognized the importance of this occasion with their support. We hope you will too!***2***Thursday 5 November****Francis-Lee Duo****Violinist Dr Charlotte Francis and pianist Gemma Lee are both graduates of Auckland University School of Music, who have worked as a duo since 2016 and performed in New Zealand and internationally. They continue this year's Beethoven celebration with two of his violin sonatas and the Much Ado About Nothing Suite by Korngold.***4***Thursday 19 November****Ensemble East Kids****Experience the amazing talent of some of our young performers in East Auckland. Trained by Yid-Ee Goh and supported by experienced musicians, they present Bach's Violin Concerto in A minor, Vivaldi's "Autumn" from The Four Seasons and Elgar's Serenade for Strings. The launch of this ensemble last year was a great occasion and we look forward to this, their second outing.***3***Thursday 12 November****Donald Nicholls and friends****We are very fortunate that Donald Nicholls has many friends and over the years has brought them in relays to share his concerts in Howick! This year Donald is joined by**leading clarinetist Marie Ross, cellist James Yoo and pianist Kent Isomura in music by Schubert, Lilburn and Brahms.***5***Thursday 26 November****Ensemble East****Ensemble East has thrilled us with many performances in recent years and this concert will no doubt do the same. First Yid-Ee Goh and Lisa Chou play Beethoven's Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 2 in A major, then the whole group performs Dvorak's Piano Quintet No. 2, one of the masterpieces of the Piano Quintet repertoire.*