

Press Release

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Dunedin Concerto Competition – Launch : 3 September 2020

‘An opportunity for the young musicians of Otago and Southland’



Patron: The Hodgson Towers Family Trust

Preliminary Round: 6 and 7 March 2021

Final Concert with Orchestra: 7 May 2021

Applications by 1 December 2020

An exciting new opportunity for young Classical musicians in Otago and Southland has been announced.

The Dunedin Concerto Competition will be held next year for instrumentalists under the age of 23 with the final concert to take place in Dunedin Town Hall in partnership with the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra (DSO) and the Dunedin Youth Orchestra (DYO).

This initiative is thanks to the generous support of the Hodgson Towers Family Trust. “The Trust has long hoped for an event of this kind to take place,” says Chair of the Competition Organizing Committee Professor John Drummond, “and we decided we could make it happen. We’re delighted that the two orchestras have both agreed to be play in the final concert, making this not only a fabulous opportunity for our concerto players but a unique musical event for Dunedin and the region.”

Applications from competitors are due by 1 December this year. Preliminary heats will be held in March 2021 and the Final Concert is on 7 May. The public is invited to attend both events.

Significant prizes are offered: \$5000 for the winner, \$3000 for second place and \$1500 for third place.

Judging the Competition are three top New Zealand musicians: pianist Diedre Irons, violinist Donald Maurice and NZSO flute player Bridget Douglas. They are enthusiastic, Donald Maurice calling it “a wonderful initiative.”

Full information can be found at www.dunedinconcerto.com where those interested can sign up to be kept informed.

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Embargoed : Thursday 3 September 2020, 9 am

Visit www.dunedinconcerto.com for more information about the competition. **Remark : Website will be published on 3 September**

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