

VCASS | **MUSIC** | 2024  
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# CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION

**Thursday 1, August @ 6PM**

**VCASS Recital Room**  
57 MILES STREET, SOUTHBANK VICTORIA



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## 2024 Chamber Music Competition - Adjudicator Biography

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### Adjudicator - Caroline Almonte

Melbourne-born pianist Caroline Almonte has won numerous awards, has recorded and produced for the ABC and, alongside her performance commitments, teaches piano at the University of Melbourne. She has performed in Europe, the US, China, Japan, Canada and South America, and at the Edinburgh Festival, Teatro Colosseo series, and major festivals in Australia. She has played under conductors Nicholas Braithwaite, Oleg Caetani, Reinhard Goebel, Hiroyuki Iwaki, Richard Mills, Benjamin Northey, Tadaaki Otaka, David Porcelijn and Markus Stenz. Her chamber partners have included, among others, Ralph Kirshbaum, Yvonne Kenny, Ian Munro, Li-Wei Qin, Merlyn Quaife, Miki Tsunoda- Duo Sol , Elizabeth Sellars and Molly Kadarauach in the Sutherland Trio. Previous Engagements have included Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, recitals with Daniel Hope, Sarah Chang and Pieter Wispelwey in Sydney and Melbourne, the Dunkeld Festival of Music with the Australian String Quartet and Musica Viva's festival at Huntington. She also appeared with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra on the Hush Music Foundation's album, The Magic Island. Caroline Almonte studied with Stephen McIntyre at the Victorian College of the Arts before completing postgraduate studies at the Juilliard School in New York.

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### Adjudicator - Nicholas Waters

Affinity Quartet founding member and violinist, Nicholas Waters completed a Bachelor of Music at Melbourne University, and Professional Performance studies at the Australian National Academy of Music with teachers Dr Robin Wilson, Sophie Rowell and Mark Mogilevski. With Affinity Quartet, recent highlights include ongoing mentorship with Alban Berg Quartet founder Günter Pichler, and winning major prizes at four international string quartet competitions including the 2023 Grand Prize, String Quartet First Prize and Audience Prize at the Melbourne International Chamber Music Competition.

Further training overseas has included the Prussia Cove International Musicians Seminar UK, Amsterdam String Quartet Biennale, McGill International String Quartet Academy, and with mentors Heime Müller, Rainer Schmidt, and members of Alban Berg, Casals, Juilliard, Doric, Belcea, and Kuss Quartets. In Australia, Nicholas was an Australian Chamber Orchestra Emerging Artist, a Sydney Symphony Orchestra Fellow, prizewinner of the Kendall Violin Competition, and a recipient of the E.V. Llewellyn Travelling Scholarship. Nicholas was Concertmaster of the Momentum Ensemble at UKARIA 24 Festival directed by Nicolas Alstaedt, and has been guest principal with Sydney Chamber Opera and Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. Alongside Affinity Quartet, Nicholas enjoys teaching chamber music and violin. Nicholas plays an 1890 Stefano Scarpella violin generously on loan to Affinity Quartet.

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Adjudicators - Caroline Almonte, Nick Waters

Associate Artists - Stewart Kelly, Anne Lewitzka

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## Mikko String Quartet

Violin Raistlin Chan, Poppy Savage Viola Tom Protat Cello Mahalia Shelton

*String Quartet No.1 in G minor Op.27* by **Edvard Grieg**

*I. Un poco andante - Allegro molto ed agitato*

Tutor - **Lucy Warren**

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## Maita Yávés

Voice Lucas Calzado-Yubero, Jin Hao Guo, Isabella (Bella) Hincksman, Ji Hun Hwang,  
Lucy Nieuwesteeg, Neeharika Shyju

*Traditional: Kaval Sviri*

*Till There was you* (from The Music Man) by **Meredith Willson**

*May it Be* (from Lord of the Rings) by **Enya**

*You'll Never Walk Alone* (Reprise from Carousel) by **Richard Rodgers**

Tutor - **Carrie Barr**

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## Four-tune Tellers

Violin Daniel Feng, Elanor Chang, Viola Evan O'Connor, Cello Evan Widjaja

*String Quartet No. 8 in C minor, Op.110* by **Dmitri Shostakovich**

*II. Allegro molto & III. Allegretto*

*Waltzing Matilda* arr. by **Stephan Koncz**

Tutor - **Monica Naselow**

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## Piano Trio Carpe Diem

Violin Helena (Lena) Kozdra Cello Shanna Shang Piano Jasmine Lai

*Piano Trio No.1 in C minor, Op.8* by **Dmitri Shostakovich**

Tutor - **Rosanne Hunt**

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## **Duet Delibes Ah!**

Voice **Callum Orr, Sophia (Sophie) Cowall**

*Let Us Wander* by **Henry Purcell**

*Lost is my Quiet* by **Henry Purcell**

*Bei Männern welche Leibe Fühlen* by **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**

*Agnus Dei* by **Leo Delibes**

Tutor - **Matan Franco**

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## **Aneres Piano Trio**

Violin **Raistlin Chan**, Cello **Shao-Che (Ethan) Chiao**, Piano **Yitong (Serena) Zhang**

*Piano Trio No.1 in D minor, Op.49* by **Felix Mendelssohn**

*II. Andante con molto tranquillo & III. Scherzo: scherzo leggiero e vivace*

Tutor - **Josephine Vains**

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## **Quintessentials**

Violin **Ji Hun Hwang**, Viola **Evan O'Connor**, Cello **Evan Widjaja**

Double Bass **Maxwell (Max) Harders** Piano **(Haoqing) Leo Lui**

*Piano Quintet in C minor* by **Ralph Vaughan Williams**

*I. Allegro con fuoco*

Tutor - **Monica Naselow**

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## **Sturt Street Six**

Violin **Hannah Tyrrell**, Honami Yum Viola **Tom Protat**, **Pascal Uxo Williams**

Cello **Shao-Che (Ethan) Chiao**, **Mahalia Shelton**

*Souvenir de Florence, Op.70* by **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**

*I. Allegro con spirito*

Tutor - **Josephine Vains**

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Thursday 29 August, 2024 @ 7:30pm

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