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BELEURA
HOUSE & GARDEN
MORNINGTON

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2026

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Walling Walk

The Story of Beleura

Beleura is an Italianate House and Garden on the traditional lands of the Boon Wurrung/ Bunurong people in Mornington and listed on the State heritage register.

Merchant James Butchart made his fortune as a livestock auctioneer and purchased two hundred acres in Mornington and built a grand marine villa in 1863.

Beleura was the name on the title of land he purchased and he kept "Beleura" as the name for his new home. After James Butchart, Beleura had many subsequent owners including wealthy pastoralists and investors.

The last owner and resident at Beleura was John Tallis who was a pianist and composer of music.

He inherited the property from his father, Sir George Tallis who was Chairman of Directors and a major shareholder of the JC Williamson Ltd theatre empire. John Tallis lived at Beleura for forty-eight years until he passed away in 1996.

Now the House is shown in its original state with John Tallis' furnishings, family art collection and five hectares of gardens.

Just as it was.





The House

Beleura is a striking Italianate classic villa designed by well-known Melbourne architect Joseph Reed. It is located high on the cliffs above Mornington as a retreat and provides an intriguing glimpse of a vanishing past. The original interiors include a family collection of artworks and everyday household items from different generations.

The Gardens

The five hectares of gardens display 1920s influences by Edna Walling and architect Harold Desbrowe-Anneer. They contain a sequence of individual spaces to explore and unfold with pools and fountains, a Japanese garden, a Tempietto, a Folly, a Summer House, a Rose Garden and a Kitchen Garden.

"Soldiers" in the gardens

Collections

Beleura offers the visitor a remarkable range of collections, art and artefacts to explore. These include original cars belonging to John Tallis, Australia's largest collection of ceramics by noted 20th C potter Klytie Pate, Australian Ballet and Australian theatre photographs from Fairfax newspapers from the 1960s to 1990s, original costume designs from Australian costume and theatre designers and the Tallis collection of paintings, works on paper and sculpture spanning three hundred years.

1948 Mk IV Jaguar





Morning Tea Tours

Tuesdays 10.00am – 12.30pm

Our Courtesy bus will collect you from the Mornington Golf Clubhouse.

A Morning Tea Tour begins with a **Devonshire tea of fresh scones** in our Gatehouse.

Then choose either a **guided tour** inside the House or through Beleura's gardens.

Our bus will return you to the Mornington Golf Clubhouse.

Prebooking essential.

Book online www.beleura.org.au.

Full Day Tours with Lunch

Wednesdays & Thursdays 10.00am – 2.30pm

Our Courtesy bus will collect you from the Mornington Golf Clubhouse.

Take a **Full day House & Garden Tour** beginning with **morning tea** then a guided tour of the House, a light **lunch including dessert** and then a guided tour of the gardens.

Our bus will return you to the Mornington Golf Club Clubhouse.

Prebooking essential.

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Group tours are welcome

Bring your interest group to Beleura for a great day out with friends.

We cater for groups of 36 people or less.

Please contact us to book.

Email admin@beleura.org.au

Temple of Ceres



2026 Concert Program

Beleura has built a reputation with audiences on the Mornington Peninsula as a provider of fine music by Australian performers in classical, jazz, improvised and new independent music in an intimate venue designed for listening.

Our three music curators Tony Gould, Tim Young and Richard Vaudrey have sought the best Australian performers.

Tony Gould has excelled as a composer, music critic, author, and academic and is highly regarded improvising pianist. Tim Young is the Head of Faculty of Piano at the Australian National Academy of Music and a nationally acclaimed concert pianist. Richard Vaudrey is a leading music educator working the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, music presenter and cellist.

Highlights include:

- Pianist Andrea Lam who hosted ABC TV's The Piano
- Jazz vocalist and trumpeter Vince Jones with pianist Paul Grabowsky
- Internationally renowned percussionist Claire Edwardes with cellist Blair Harris
- Comedian Brian Nankervis backed by the Idiomatics
- Early music reinterpreted with Ilaria Crociani, Mirko Guerrini and Stephen Magnusson
- Brazilian music duo Doug De Vries and Diana Clark
- Duelling flamenco guitar with Nylon 48

Andrea Lam



Opera in the Gardens

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Breanna Stuart soprano

Hartley Trusler baritone

Raymond Lawrence accompanist

Enjoy a special event in Beleura's gardens to mark Valentine's Day with guest singers from the Melbourne Opera.

Tasmanian-born Breanna Stuart recently made her debut in Melbourne Opera's production of *Così fan tutte*. Breanna is the 2025 winner of the Sydney International Song Prize.

Hartley Trusler's performance credits include *Guglielmo* in Melbourne Opera's production of *Così fan tutte* and *Lysander* (A Midsummer Night's Dream) at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

Concert and Afternoon Tea included.

Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



Fine Blue Thread

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 5:30pm – 7.30pm

Ria Soemardjo voice / viola

Sam Evans multiple tabla / percussion

Helen Mountford cello

Fine Blue Thread is an exciting collaboration of three creative musicians from three very different musical worlds. This distinctly Melbourne trio plays finely crafted, fresh and intriguing compositions that are grounded in the traditions of Indian, Javanese and Persian music.

Sam is a composer and is the founder of the Melbourne Table School and the first Australian to hold a Ph.D in Tabla. Helen is a member of the well-known, well-loved group "My friend the Chocolate Cake".

Their music is moody, open, sweet and surprising – generating a distinctive modern Melbourne sound.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés

Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



Luluc

FRIDAY 13 MARCH 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Zoë Randell vocals, guitar

Steve Hassett bass, keyboards, guitar

Luluc's music creates masterfully rendered poetic worlds to explore.

Zoe's poetic dream-folk writing and unique alto voice has been lauded throughout the songwriting world and draws comparisons to Simon and Garfunkel and Nico.

Emerging from the Melbourne scene in the 2010's, Luluc's sparse folk-noir debut *Dear Hamlyn* drew many high-profile international fans. Touring opportunities in the USA followed and their album *Passerby* topped various critical 'year-end' lists and was NPR Music's number 1 album of 2014.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés

Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



ANAM at Beleura 1

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Program and performers to be announced.

Performances by the Australian National Academy of Music at Beleura are cherished events that showcase the talents of Australia's foremost upcoming young musicians.

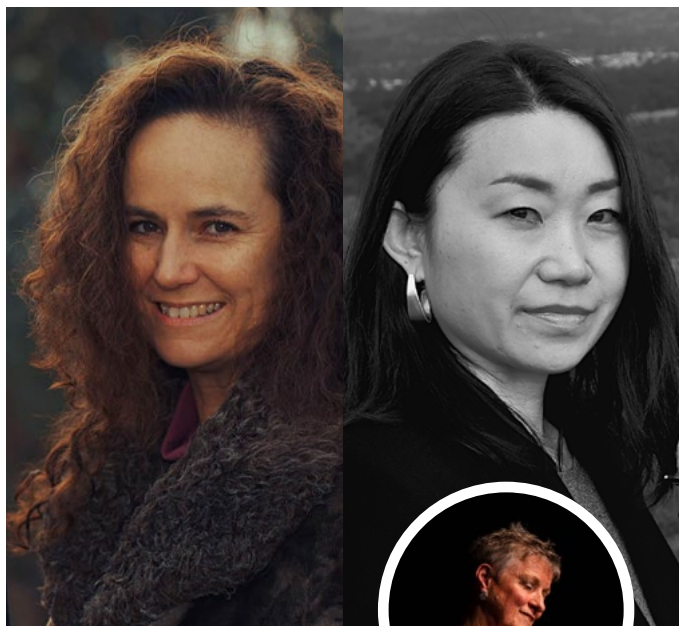
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Concert and Afternoon Tea included.

Concession \$55 | Full Price \$60



Trio Gaku 楽 & Merlyn Quaife

FRIDAY 10 APRIL 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Kaori Sparks violin **Helena Kernaghan** piano
Josephine Vains cello **Merlyn Quaife** soprano

Trio Gaku is a long time collaboration between Helen Kernaghan and Kaori Sparks.

Merlyn Quaife has performed opera, oratorio, Lieder, chamber music and contemporary music to great acclaim throughout Australia and Europe.

Balancing beauty and irony, tenderness and laughter, this program celebrates the eternal interplay between words and music, from Mozart's heart-on-sleeve sincerity to Shostakovich's whispered confessions and Ravel's dreamlike mischief.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés
Concession \$65 | Full Price \$70



Underscore with Brian Nankervis and Jane Clifton

FRIDAY 17 APRIL 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Sally Ford vocals / flutes / alto sax
Patrick Cronin keyboard / valve trombone
Michael Havir keyboard / electronic FX

Underscore is a genre-bending, genre-blending musical and literary salon, blurring the lines between music and storytelling. Writers read their works accompanied by live original musical performances.

Poet, comedian and ABC radio personalities Brian Nankervis and Jane Clifton present their words to a changing moving soundtrack.

The Idiomatics mix together film music via ska and funk to create uplifting groove-drenched sounds.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés
Concession \$65 | Full Price \$70



ANAM at Beleura 2

THURSDAY 30 APRIL

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Program and performers to be announced.

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Nylon 48

FRIDAY 15 MAY 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Richard Tedesco guitar

Nathan Slater guitar

Blending flamenco's fire with jazz's improvisational freedom, this guitar duo transforms the guitar into a storyteller.

Richard Tedesco's 30 years of flamenco mastery (Arte Kanela, The Cat Empire) intertwines with Nathan Slater's Latin-jazz lyricism (La Rumba, Gian Slater Trio), creating a dialogue that's both intimate and explosive.

From the percussive grit of *rasgueados* to the liquid melodies of jazz harmonics, *Nylon 48* explores the full spectrum of the nylon-string guitar—its past, its possibilities, and its soul.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés

Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



Jude Perl

FRIDAY 29 MAY 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Jude Perl piano / vocals

Jude Perl is a multi-award-winning singer, songwriter and comedian. She has written and performed 6 solo comedy shows, winning 3 Green Room Awards for Best Original Songs. Her debut musical “Share House” at the Arts Centre was a sell out hit.

Jude has created a name for herself by writing and performing hilarious, yet brutally honest, stream-of-consciousness style lyrics, set to undeniably catchy and well-crafted songs.

Jude will be performing a program around a new collection of jazz style songs she is releasing this year for a new album.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés
Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



Paul Grabowsky & Vince Jones

FRIDAY 5 JUNE 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Paul Grabowsky piano

Vince Jones trumpet / vocals

Vince Jones, celebrated for the beauty of his distinctive voice, captivates audiences with his soulful singing and expressive trumpet playing.

Paul Grabowsky, a pianist and composer of extraordinary talent, brings his virtuosity and artistry to the duo, cementing his place as one of Australia’s most influential jazz musicians with seven ARIA Awards to his name.

This performance will feature a collection of their favourites from their award-winning album *Provenance* (Best Jazz Album – 2016 ARIA Awards) including Lennon’s ‘Oh My Love’ and ‘We’ve Only Just Begun’, as well as new material from their upcoming second album.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés
Concession \$65 | Full Price \$70



ANAM at Beleura 3

THURSDAY 11 JUNE

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Program and performers to be announced.

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Ensemble Offspring

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Claire Edwardes percussion / marimba

Blair Harris cello

A program of pulse and poetry, rhythm and resonance, this concert showcases the daring artistry and genre-defying imagination that define Ensemble Offspring — where every sound is alive, and every silence charged with possibility.

Two powerhouse musicians from one of Australia's most trailblazing ensembles — Ensemble Offspring — join forces in a thrilling program for cello and percussion that blurs boundaries between classical finesse, jazz rhythm, and raw sonic invention.

Claire Edwardes has been an ARIA Award finalist twice and has performed as a soloist all over the world – from Vancouver to Amsterdam, the Gold Coast to Malta, and Huddersfield to Alice Springs.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés

Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



An Evening with Andrea Lam

FRIDAY 26 JUNE 5:30pm – 6:30pm

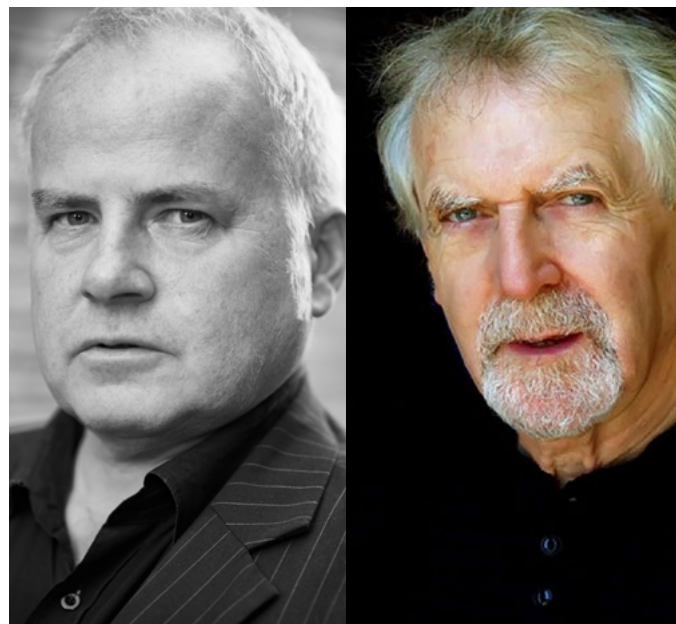
Andrea Lam piano

Andrea Lam is an acclaimed Australian pianist whose luminous artistry has earned praise around the world.

She made her orchestral debut at just 13 with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and spent twenty years based in New York including performances at Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center.

She returned to Australia to deepen her roots in her homeland's musical life as a Lecturer in Piano at the Melbourne Conservatorium and was the host of ABC TV's very popular TV series The Piano with Harry Connick Jr.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés
Concession \$65 | Full Price \$70



Four Hands for Two Pianos Mark Fitzgibbon & Tony Gould

FRIDAY 3 JULY 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Mark Fitzgibbon piano **Tony Gould** piano

With pianists Tony Gould and Mark Fitzgibbon, this concert explores performances for four hands on one piano and on two pianos.

There is a large repertoire for four hands in the classical world, including transcriptions of symphonies, and other works written specifically for four hands.

Mark has long been regarded as one of the finest jazz pianists this country has produced. He is a descendant of the famous Fitzgibbon family of musicians and has accompanied many of the world's greatest jazz musicians on their tours of Australia.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés
Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



Opera Arias

Melba Opera Trust singers

THURSDAY 16 JULY 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Program and performers to be announced.

Opera is so much more than beautiful singing. At its best, it brings together the powerful expression of the human voice and the drama of musical storytelling.

No one knew that better than Dame Nellie Melba.

The Melba Opera Trust is her legacy and is an organisation dedicated to preparing exceptional young Australian artists with the artistry, stagecraft and well-rounded professionalism that will make them ready for success on the international stage.

Join us at Beleura to hear these future stars.

Concert and Afternoon Tea included

Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



Bossa Nova and beyond – Violão e Voz

FRIDAY 24 JULY 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Doug De Vries guitar

Diana Clark vocals

Doug de Vries and Diana Clark perform a rich blend of Portuguese lyrics, Afro-Brazilian groove, and original melodies.

Doug is a dedicated composer for both 6 & 7-string guitar; excelling in choro, samba, Bossa nova, jazz and roots music. Diana has a background in a cappella and choral music and together they've performed for audiences throughout Australia, the Pacific, Brazil and beyond

Di's soulful alto voice and Doug's virtuosic 7-string acoustic guitar will captivate you.

This program strips back bossa nova to its pure form – violão e voz – 7-string nylon guitar and voice.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés

Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



Ensemble Liaison

FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Svetlana Bogosavljevic cello

David Griffiths clarinet

Timothy Young piano

Celebrated as one of Australia's most engaging and versatile chamber ensembles, Ensemble Liaison has built a devoted following for its charismatic performances and trademark blend of virtuosity, warmth, and storytelling flair.

Renowned for transforming the concert experience into an intimate conversation, the trio moves effortlessly across genres—classical masterpieces, jazz-inflected surprises, and contemporary gems alike.

In this program, they bring their signature energy and artistry to Zemlinsky's lyrical *Trio*, a late-Romantic treasure of passion and colour.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés
Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



ANAM at Beleura 4

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An Evening with Nina Ferro

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Nina Ferro vocals / piano

Nina Ferro is a multi-award-winning soul singer, songwriter, session and recording artist. She brings to the stage a powerful, evocative voice, impressive vocal range and captivating stage presence.

Nina has made guest appearances on ARIA award winning albums. She has performed alongside artists such as Tony Bennett, Hugh Jackman, Jose Feliciano, Jessica Mauboy, Renee Geyer, Gilbert O'Sullivan, Chick Corea and The Cat Empire.

Her extensive and impressive live performance history includes appearances on TV, and radio throughout the USA, UK, Europe, Australia, Asia and the Middle East

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés
Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



A Jubilation of Sounds

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Ilaria Crociani voice

Mirko Guerinni saxophones, duduk, piano

Stephen Magnusson guitars

Enjoy an evening of poignant music from centuries ago revisited by modern music makers.

Repertoire from the times of Monteverdi and beyond is some of the most beautiful in Western music and these musicians treat it with great reverence and sensitivity.

Songs in Italian are natural to Ilaria Crociani whose rich voice captures their tenderness. Guitarist Stephen Magnusson captures the truth and beauty of this early music on an electric guitar. Mirko Guerrini explores a variety of wind instruments tonality.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés
Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



A Musical Gathering

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Marshall McGuire harp

Paula Rae flute

Lachlan Davidson saxophones / flute

Tony Gould piano

This concert revives a long tradition of musical improvisation, once a fundamental part of classical music.

Each piece played from the score by the two classical musicians is then played by two improvisers..

Marshall McGuire is one of Australia's finest harpists, Paula Rae is a regular guest performer of the Melbourne Symphony orchestra and principal flautist in the prestigious Australian chamber group Elision. Lachlan Davidson is constant demand as one of the country's leading multi-instrumentalists.

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés
Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



ANAM at Beleura 5

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Program and performers to be announced.

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Hannah Cameron

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 5:30pm – 7:30pm

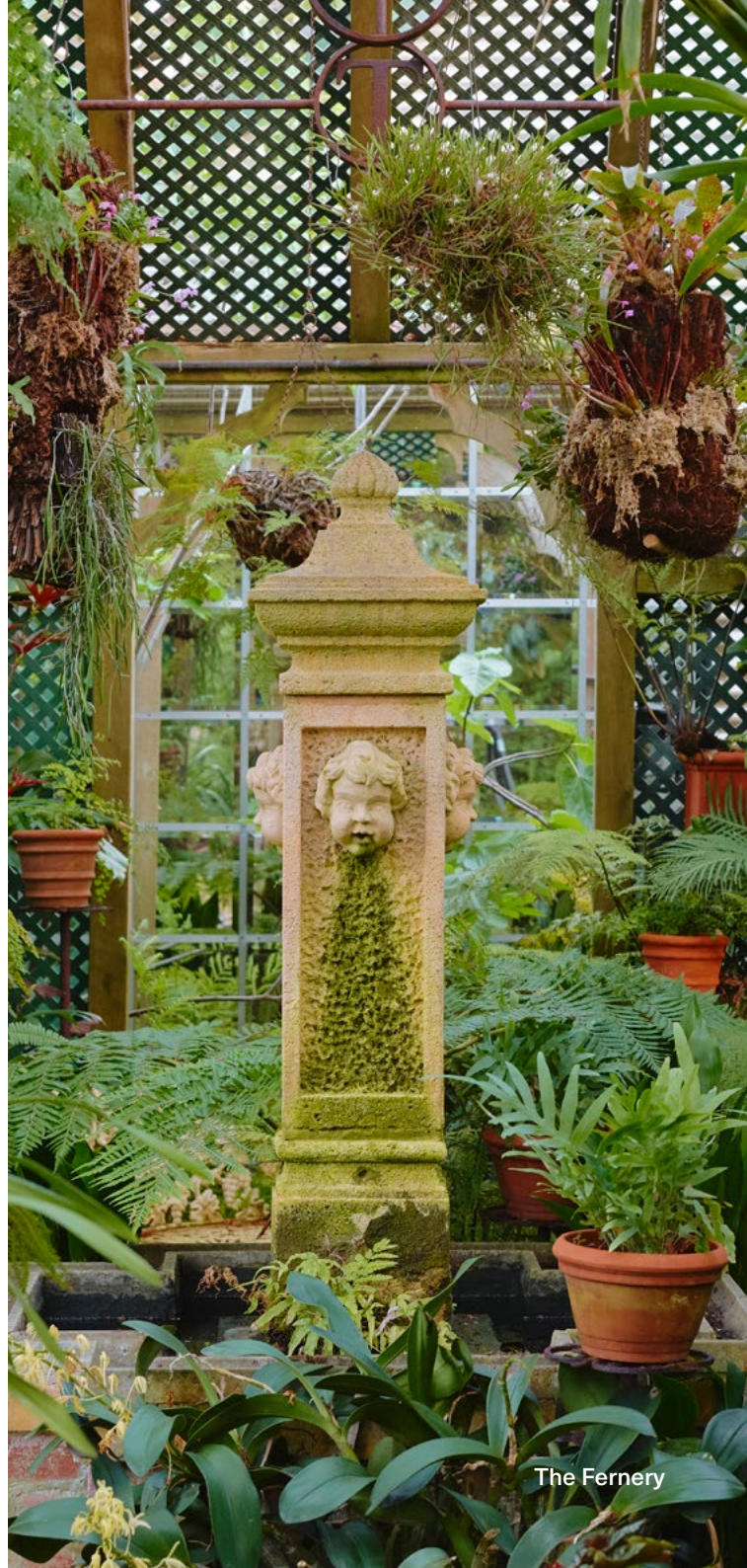
Hannah Cameron vocals / baritone guitar / guitar

Hannah Cameron carries audiences through moments of dignified storytelling and intricate instrumentation. There is an unwavering strength to her poetry matched by the weighty warmth of a baritone Gretsch guitar. She creates strong guitar phrases and powerful narratives.

Hannah is regularly on tour with some of Australia's leading independent artists including The Paper Kites, Missy Higgins, Grand Salvo, On Diamond, Mimi Gilbert and more).

Includes Pre-Show drinks and canapés

Concession \$60 | Full Price \$65



The Fernery



View towards the Summer House.