

BELEURA

HOUSE & GARDEN

MORNINGTON

2027

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The Story of Beleura

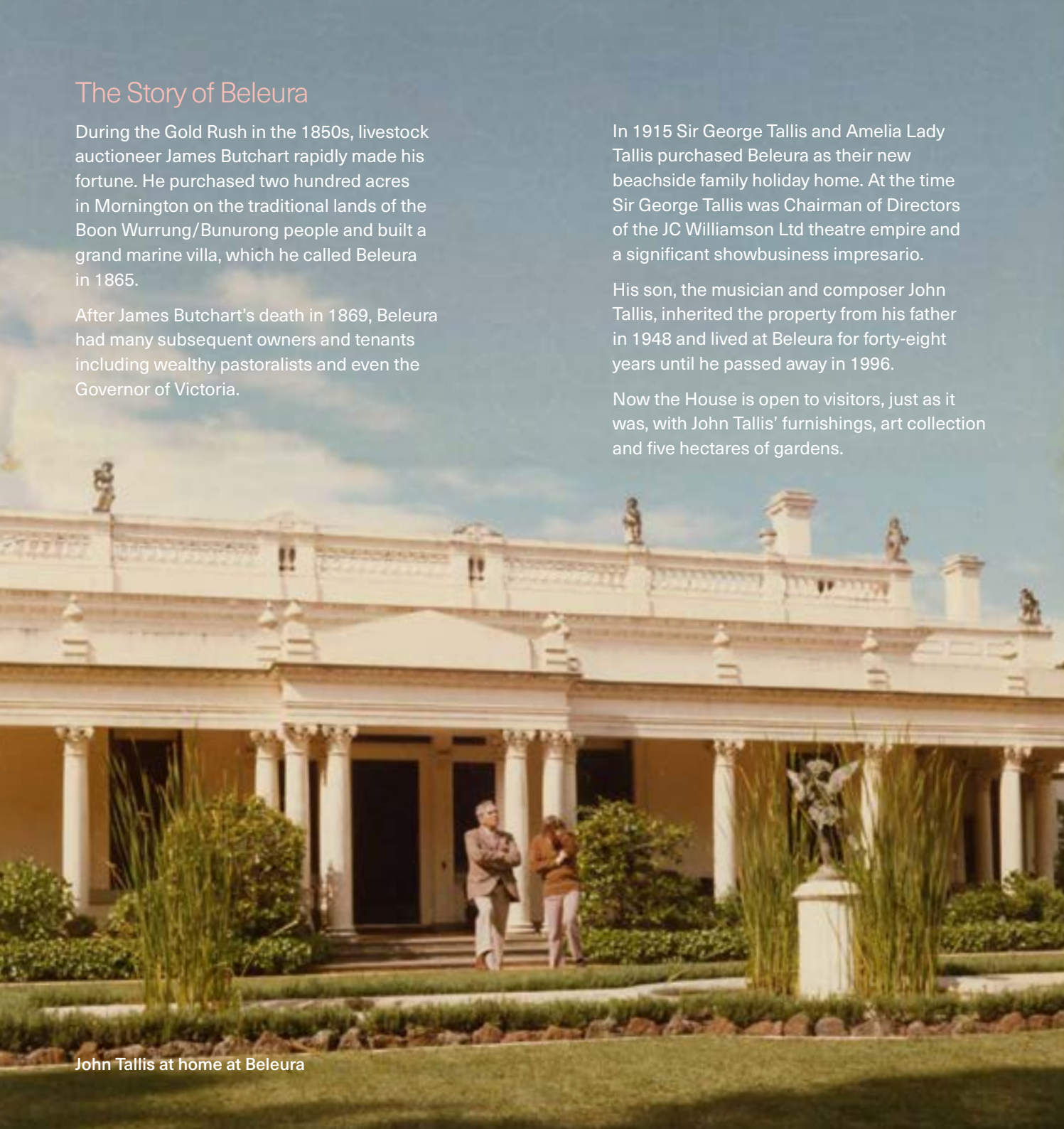
During the Gold Rush in the 1850s, livestock auctioneer James Butchart rapidly made his fortune. He purchased two hundred acres in Mornington on the traditional lands of the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong people and built a grand marine villa, which he called Beleura in 1865.

After James Butchart's death in 1869, Beleura had many subsequent owners and tenants including wealthy pastoralists and even the Governor of Victoria.

In 1915 Sir George Tallis and Amelia Lady Tallis purchased Beleura as their new beachside family holiday home. At the time Sir George Tallis was Chairman of Directors of the JC Williamson Ltd theatre empire and a significant showbusiness impresario.

His son, the musician and composer John Tallis, inherited the property from his father in 1948 and lived at Beleura for forty-eight years until he passed away in 1996.

Now the House is open to visitors, just as it was, with John Tallis' furnishings, art collection and five hectares of gardens.



John Tallis at home at Beleura



The House

Beleura is a striking Italianate classic villa designed by well-known Victorian architect Joseph Reed. It is located high on the cliffs above Mornington 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-Annear. 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.

Silvan Gardens



Collections

Beleura offers the visitor a remarkable range of collections, art and artefacts to discover. These include three original cars belonging to John Tallis, Australia's largest collection by noted 20th C ceramicist 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 that span three hundred years.

Library



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 take you back to the Mornington Golf Clubhouse at 12.30pm.

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.

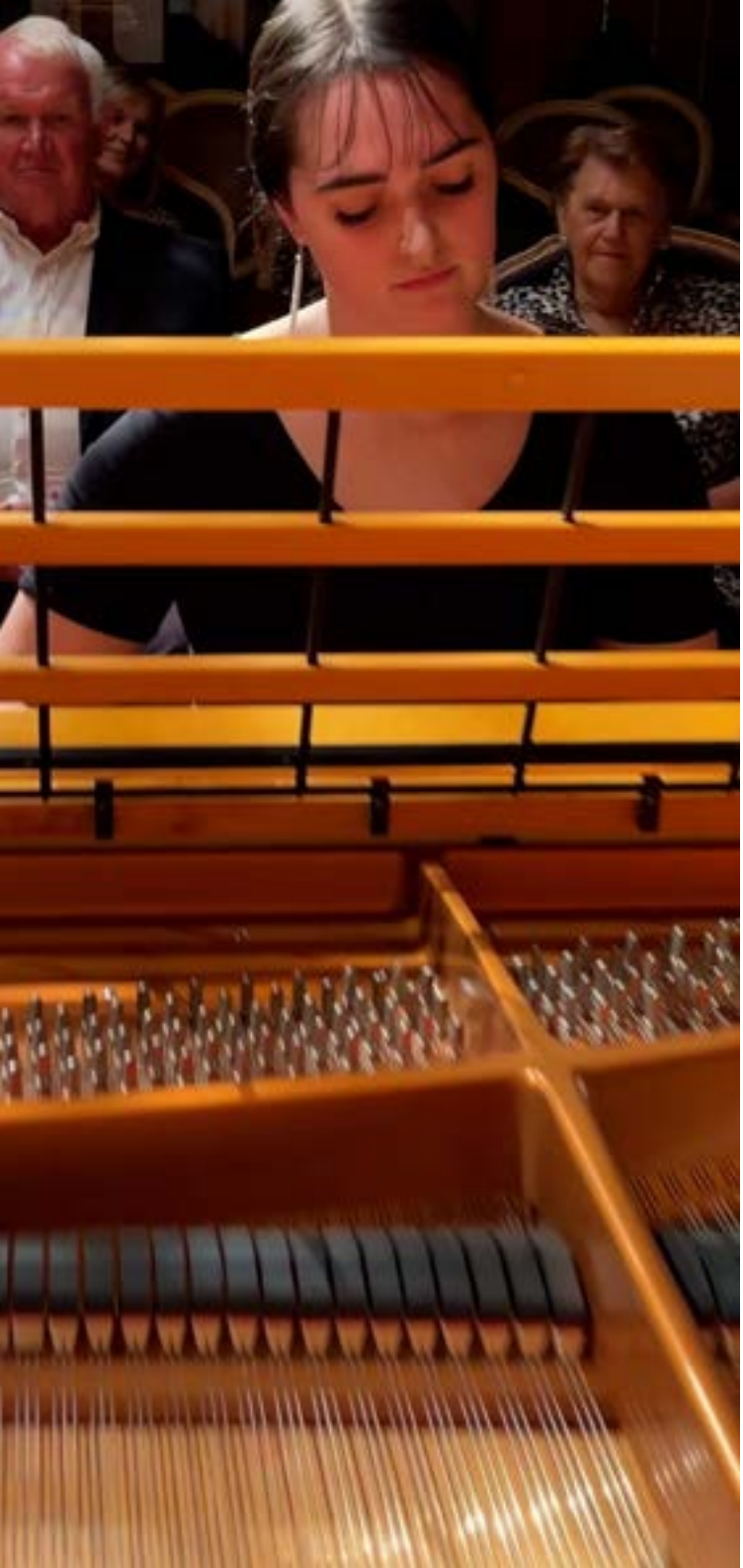
Prebooking essential.
Book online www.beleura.org.au.

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 or phone Tuesdays – Thursdays 5975 2027.



2027 Concert & Events

All our evening concerts include champagne and canapes. Our afternoon programs include Beleura afternoon teas.

Thanks go to Tim Young, Head of Faculty of Piano at the Australian National Academy of Music and a nationally acclaimed concert pianist who has programmed our classical music series.

This year we are making ticketing available to our shows two months before the event.

Visit our website to find out what's on and sign up to our newsletter for updates.

2027 Workshops & Talks

Learn a new artistic skill or discover a new creative outlet through a workshop on drawing, watercolour painting, perfume making, and other activities.

Come to a talk and learn about an area of history, art or culture.

All workshops are fully catered and include either lunch or a full afternoon tea.

New events are put on our web calendar – join our online newsletter on our website to get the latest updates.



The Beach House

THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 5.30pm – 7.30pm
FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Brian Nankervis writer / performer

Do you remember regular visits to the coast for the family beach holiday, Christmas day lunch on a hot summer's afternoon, playing board games with the kids and tripping on rows of sandy thongs left at the flywire door of the beach house?

Brian Nankervis brings essential Aussie beach holiday moments to life in this one-man tale of a family and their beach house, *Seahaven*, over five decades.

Brian is a writer, comedian and radio presenter who has been co-producing and co-hosting *RocKwiz* since 2005. Brian co-hosts *The Friday Revue* and hosts *Saturday Breakfast* on ABC Radio Melbourne.

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Tickets on sale in November at beleura.org.au.



Opera in the Gardens

THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 1:30pm – 3.30pm

Heulen Cynfal soprano **Matthew Avery** baritone
Raymond Lawrence piano

Enjoy a special concert of romantic opera arias in Beleura's gardens with exceptional young singers from Melbourne Opera.

Originally from Wales, Heulen Cynfal has performed leading roles with *Opera Cymru* and *British Youth Opera* and is a Richard Divall Emerging Artist with Melbourne Opera.

Matthew Avery has won national competitions including the JSRB Bel Canto Award and was a Finalist, Sydney International Song Prize (2023).

Raymond Lawrence is Head of Music and Chorus Master at Melbourne Opera and one of Australia's most highly regarded opera conductors.

Concert and afternoon tea included.
Tickets on sale in November at beleura.org.au.



Photography by Romer Pedron

An Evening with Ziggy & Miles

FRIDAY 12 MARCH 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Ziggy Johnson guitar
Miles Johnson guitar

We are thrilled to welcome Ziggy & Miles back to Beleura as part of their world tour.

An award-winning guitar duo, the brothers are exciting performers to watch with their synchronicity and superb technique – a must for lovers of guitar.

Ziggy & Miles will perform a range of guitar repertoire including works from their new album, *Finding Home*, which explores the many ways we come to understand where we belong through themes of family, identity and place. It includes compositions by Michael Grebla and Elena Kats-Chernin.

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Tickets on sale in January at beleura.org.au.



Classical Program
ANAM with Anna Goldsworthy

THURSDAY 18 MARCH 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Anna Goldsworthy (ANAM Artistic Director) piano
ANAM musicians clarinet, cello

Ludwig van Beethoven Trio in E-flat Major, op. 38

We are honoured to begin the year with the new Artistic Director of ANAM Anna Goldsworthy with a Beethoven program.

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

Beleura has enjoyed a partnership with ANAM for many years and hosted concerts by some of Australia's most talented future stars of the international classical concert hall.

Concert and afternoon tea included.
Tickets on sale in January at beleura.org.au.



Classical Program
ANAM – The Piano

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Emil Holmström piano **ANAM pianists** piano

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Each program this year will highlight different instrumentation with a variety of ensembles. This program is focused on the piano and will include works by Busoni and feature guest artist Emil Holmström from Finland.

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Piano Showcase
Bob Sedergreen & Barney McAll

FRIDAY 16 APRIL 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Bob Sedergreen piano **Barney McAll** piano

What happens when you put two enormous pianos together and seat two of Australia's legendary blues and jazz pianists at either end?

Bob Sedergreen is one of our most popular regular performers and a master of blues piano styles. Bob has played with just about everybody – Dizzy Gillespie, Brian Brown, Nat Adderley and Jimmy Witherspoon to mention a few.

This time he returns with one of Australia's titans of jazz piano Barney McAll. Barney has played with the who's who of Australian jazz as well as contemporary independent musicians such as members of *Hiatus Kaiyote* and Rita Satch.

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Tickets on sale in February at beleura.org.au.



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Classical Program
Flinders Quartet with Charlie Wu

THURSDAY 22 APRIL 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Elizabeth Sellars violin
Wilma Smith violin
Helen Ireland viola
Zoe Knighton cello
Charlie Wu piano

Flinders Quartet returns to Beleura with a program built around two towering masterworks.

Beethoven's String Quartet No.9 in C major, Op.59 No.3 is a work of extraordinary contrasts: intimate one moment, exuberant the next: always surprising.

Brilliant young pianist Charlie Wu joins the quartet for Brahm's Piano Quintet in F Minor Op.34. Brahms's quintet is by turns brooding and passionate, lyrical and dramatic, a work that rewards the listener at every turn and leaves you wanting more.

Concert and afternoon tea included.
Tickets on sale in February at beleura.org.au.



A Magical Evening
Anthony De Masi

FRIDAY 14 MAY 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Anthony de Masi magic / feathered & furry animals / cards / wand

Prepare to be captivated by an extraordinary evening at Beleura, where world-class magic, intriguing illusions and impeccable humour come together in the hands of acclaimed magician Anthony De Masi.

A regular performer at Melbourne's Magic Festival, Anthony has also entertained football icon David Beckham, filmmaker Tim Burton, rock legend Gene Simmons and Australian prime ministers.

While children and prime ministers alike are welcome, this sophisticated performance is designed with a mature audience in mind.

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Tickets on sale in March at beleura.org.au.



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An Evening with Sammy J

Date to be announced

Sammy J piano / vocals

Award-winning entertainer Sammy J is a much-loved Australian comedian, author, composer, broadcaster and TV personality. He has performed all over the world, had a sitcom on Netflix, is one-half of the legendary duo *Sammy J & Randy*, hosted breakfast radio for five years and created viral satirical sketches on politics, parenting, and everything in between. Sammy is a proud ambassador for charities Oxfam and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

We are looking forward to welcoming Sammy back to Beleura with a cabaret style show of songs and stories.

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Stay tuned for date and ticketing at beleura.org.au.



Piano Showcase with Reuben Johnson & Po Goh

THURSDAY 3 JUNE 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Reuben Johnson piano
Po Goh piano

Po and Reuben have been regularly collaborating as a piano duo since finishing at the Australian National Academy of Music.

Together, they primarily play duets at one piano *à quatre mains* and have curated their own concerts in venues such as Tempo Rubato and St John's Finch Street.

Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* and John Adams *Hallelujah Junction* is a dynamic program of vibrant contemporary and classic work arranged for two pianos played together by two equally dynamic young concert pianists.

Concert and afternoon tea included.
Tickets on sale in April at beleura.org.au.



An Evening with Meg Washington

FRIDAY 11 JUNE 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Meg Washington piano/ vocals

Last year Meg Washington played at Beleura with Paul Grabowsky at short notice and we knew then we just had to have her back.

Meg Washington is a platinum-selling, award-winning, and genre-defying singer-songwriter who fluently weaves the worlds of jazz, pop, folk and musical theatre together.

Alone at the piano, the soaring melodies and lyrical poetry of her songwriting are laid bare, as Meg makes her way through a selection of songs from her impressive five-album catalog.

This is a rare opportunity to hear Meg's electrifying voice up close and to experience one of Australia's best musicians in live performance.

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Tickets on sale in April at beleura.org.au.



Classical Program
ANAM – Chamber Music

THURSDAY 17 JUNE 1:30pm – 3:30pm

This ANAM program will focus on Chamber music with a chamber music ensemble.

Program and performers to be announced.

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Concert and afternoon tea included.
Tickets on sale in April at beleura.org.au.



An Evening with Rebecca Barnard

FRIDAY 9 JULY 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Rebecca Barnard vocals
Peter Farnan guitar

Rebecca Barnard first heard Joni Mitchell in 1974. The song was *Carey* and it changed her life there and then!

Teaming up with Rebecca is Peter Farnan from *Boom Crash Opera* who also heard Joni at around the same time and his life was changed too. He immediately learned her intricate tuning and unique style of guitar and piano playing.

Rebecca Barnard and Peter Farnan have put together their favourite Joni Mitchell songs covering a broad range from each era of this extraordinary artist's career.

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Tickets on sale in May at beleura.org.au.



Classical Program
Trio Arapiles with Ian Munro

THURSDAY 15 JULY 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Niels Bijl saxophone
Matthew Kneale bassoon
Ian Munro piano

Trio Arapiles, a new collaboration highlighting the versatility of combining saxophone, bassoon and piano are established performing artists with a passion for traditional and contemporary composition working with the best composers Australia has to offer.

The ensemble is praised for their ability to seamlessly combine Beethoven with Broadstock and Mendelssohn with Ian Whitney.

Pianist Ian Munro will join the trio in place of Yundi Yuan.

Concert and afternoon tea included.
Tickets on sale in May at beleura.org.au.



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An Evening with Paul Grabowsky & Mindy Meng Wang

FRIDAY 23 JULY 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Paul Grabowsky piano
Mindy Meng Wang guzheng (ancient Chinese harp)

Mindy and Paul were awarded 'Performance of the Year: Jazz/Improvised Music' in the prestigious APRA's annual *Art Music Awards*.

Mindy Meng Wang is a Chinese/Australian composer and world leading contemporary Guzheng performing artist. She is influenced by traditional Chinese elements and the multicultural and cross-cultural environment of Northern China.

Paul Grabowsky is a leading jazz pianist, composer and music visionary in Australia. His work is uniquely shaped by his collaborations with Australia's First Nations people.

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Tickets on sale in May at beleura.org.au.



Melba Opera Trust

THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Performers and program 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.
Tickets on sale in June at beleura.org.au.



Classical Program
Quercos Trio

THURSDAY 12 AUGUST 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Carla Blackwood horn **Elizabeth Sellars** violin
Rhodri Clarke piano

Quercus Trio shows how the distinctive combination of violin, horn, and piano offers a wide palette of colours.

Carla Blackwood is one of Australia's most creative horn players; a soloist, chamber musician and orchestral performer with the ACO. Elizabeth Sellars has appeared as Principal Violin with the Melbourne and Tasmanian Symphony Orchestras. Rhodri Clarke has performed with soloists such as Bryn Terfel, Rolando Villazon and David Helfgott in many of the world's leading concert halls.

Quercos Trio will perform a program of Brahms plus contemporary works by Don Banks and Melody Eotvos.

Concert and afternoon tea included.
Tickets on sale in June at beleura.org.au.



Classical Program
ANAM & the Melba Opera Trust

THURSDAY 19 AUGUST 1:30pm – 3:30pm

This ANAM program will focus on piano and voice with the Melba Opera Trust.

Program and performers to be announced.

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Concert and afternoon tea included.
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An Evening with Catherine Britt

FRIDAY 27 AUGUST 5:30pm – 7:30pm

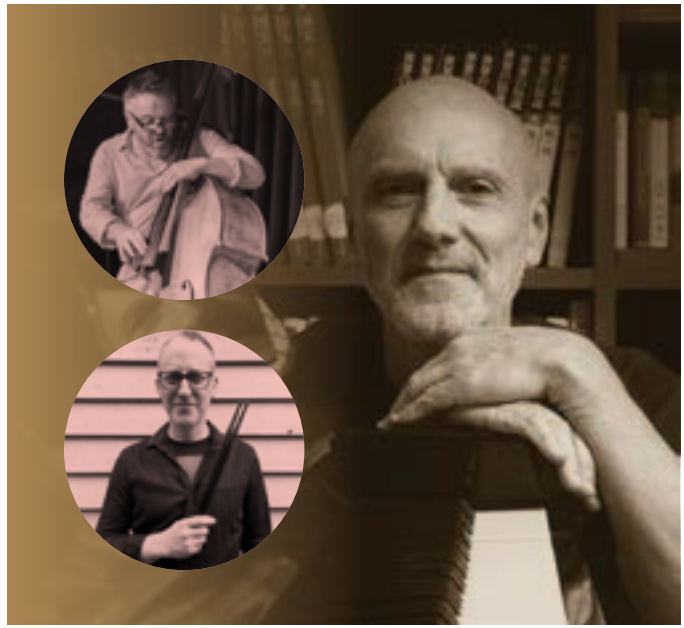
Catherine Britt vocals/ piano

Catherine Britt is one of the most successful Australian acts in country music. She is a five-time Golden Guitar Award winner and six-time ARIA Award Best Country Album nominee.

At 17 she signed to RCA in the US, earned two US Billboard Top 40 Chart singles, toured and worked with everyone from Brooks & Dunn to Alan Jackson to Dolly Parton.

Catherine Britt is the youngest Australian ever to perform at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville and recorded a duet with Sir Elton John. Her latest album “The Hardest Thing” lays bare the pitfalls of life in the music industry.

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Tickets on sale in June at beleura.org.au.



Piano Showcase
Colin Hopkins Trio

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Colin Hopkins piano **Nick Haywood** bass
Phil Collings percussion

What connects a musical phrase, an architectural facade and a carved ceramic vessel? Perhaps it is not only the form itself, but also the spaces around it — the things left unsaid, unbuilt or removed.

Drawing on his intersecting practices as a musician, architect and ceramicist, Hopkins pays tribute to three influential figures: pianist Tony Gould, whose approach to musical storytelling has profoundly shaped his own; architect Joseph Reed, whose work connects both to Beleura House; and ceramicist Klytie Pate, whose carved vessels explore the expressive relationship between material, void and space.

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Tickets on sale in July at beleura.org.au.



Piano Showcase
Ronan Apcar

FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Ronan Apcar piano

Pianist Ronan Apcar invents an entirely original and novel virtuosic program to Beleura – repertoire that brings Brahms together with the very opposite of Brahms.

Beloved Romantic composer Johannes Brahms' beautifully tender piano pieces are starkly contrasted by modern works from Australian and American composers in this exciting programme of pianistic extremes.

Whiplash transitions make the beautiful more fragile and the violent more terrifying.

Ronan Apcar is an exciting musical talent and is "a force to be reckoned with" (ClassikON).

Includes pre-show drinks and canapés.
Tickets on sale in August at beleura.org.au.



Classical Program
Michael Petrucelli & Merlyn Quaife & Andrea Katz

THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Michael Petrucelli baritone
Merlyn Quaife mezzo soprano **Andrea Katz** piano

Michael Petruccelli is one of Australia's leading operatic stars and has recently sung leading roles for Opera Australia.

Merlyn Quaife's career literally spans the opera world including as soloist with the Singapore Symphony, Hong Kong Philharmonic and all the Symphony Australia orchestras.

Andrea Katz has worked with all major musical organisations across the country as a pianist, accompanist and vocal coach of extraordinary versatility.

Concert and afternoon tea included.
Tickets on sale in June at beleura.org.au.



Classical Program
ANAM – Wind Ensembles

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Maurice RAVEL arr. Mason JONES
Le tombeau de Couperin

Alexandre TANSMAN Suite for Wind Trio

Bohuslav MARTINU
Quartet for Oboe, Violin, Cello and Piano

Johannes Grosso director/oboe
ANAM Musicians

This program will focus on wind ensembles and performances with guest Johannes Grosso, Principal Oboe, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

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