

WHO	Auckland Youth Orchestra (AYO) and Auckland Youth Choir (AYC) Conductors: Antun Poljanich and David Squire Soloists: Shan Liu (<i>piano</i>) and Hannah Morgan (<i>alto</i>)
WHAT	Beethoven: Symphony No.4 Charles Lambert: The Rio Grande (Soloists: Shan Liu, <i>piano</i> & Hannah Morgan, <i>alto</i>) David Hamilton: Peace, My Heart
WHEN	Sun. 7 Sept, 2.30 pm Auckland Town Hall
TICKETS	Entry by ticket only.

**Experience the thrill of 200 talented young musicians on stage (ages 14-26)
performing together with energy, precision and passion!**

**The Auckland Youth Orchestra presents another exciting symphony concert,
in collaboration with Auckland Youth Choir.**

On The Programme –

Beethoven: Symphony No.4

Charles Lambert: The Rio Grande (Soloists: Shan Liu, *piano* & Hannah Morgan, *alto*)

David Hamilton: Peace, My Heart

One doesn't often see a Beethoven symphony opening a concert programme – but the composer's 4th symphony is a light and cheerful work, with a pervading spirit of optimism.

The second half of the programme features *The Rio Grande* by English composer Charles Lambert. It was first performed in 1929 and is not unlike the style of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. Its syncopation and dynamic Latin American dance rhythms, together with a full symphony orchestra and 120-voice choir, create a vibrant listening experience! The work demands no fewer than 5 percussionists to perform the captivating rhythms on an exciting range of instruments. The dazzling piano part is performed by Shan Liu, with alto soloist Hannah Morgan.

Peace, My Heart is a short work written in 2021 by David Hamilton, who is one of NZ's best known and most-performed composers. The work has been re-scored this year for a mixed choir and symphony orchestra, especially for this concert series. Listen out for the percussion here too!

The Conductors –

Croatian-born Music Director **Antun Poljanich**, a conducting graduate of the Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory in Leningrad, has conducted AYO since 1999. **David Squire**, Music Director of AYC and one of NZ's most prominent choral conductors, is in demand as a conductor, adjudicator and presenter both here and abroad.

Don't miss this concert, which promises to be thrilling for all who attend.