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STORM & STILLNESS

William McElwee - Conductor
Bede Hanley - Oboe Soloist

Sunday 24 November 2024, 3pm
Holy Trinity Church, Tauranga

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PROGRAMME

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Hebrides Overture, Op. 26 (1830)

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

Soloist: Bede Hanley

Oboe Concerto, TrV 292 (1945)

– *Interval* –

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Adagio for Strings, Op. 11a (1936)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Symphony No. 3, D 200 (1815)

1. *Adagio maestoso – Allegro con brio*
2. *Allegretto*
3. *Menuetto – Trio*
4. *Presto vivace*



PROGRAMME NOTES

Mendelssohn – *The Hebrides Overture* (1830)

Travelling through Scotland, young Felix Mendelssohn was inspired by the rugged coastline, the isolated islands to the North, and the sights, smells, and sounds of the stormy Atlantic. He constructed this masterpiece of tone-poetry, which creates impressions of overlapping waves that build to overwhelming storm before dissolving into the cries of gulls and calm serenity.



Fingal's Cave (circa 1802) – an inspiration for *The Hebrides*.

Strauss – *Oboe Concerto* (1945)

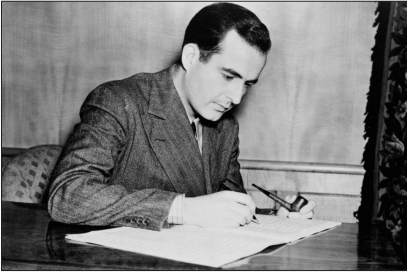


The Strauss-Villa, in which the *Oboe Concerto* was written.

During World War II, Richard Strauss had witnessed the destruction of the cultural edifices of his homeland and the murder of Jewish family members and artistic collaborators. In its aftermath, Strauss experienced a late artistic flourishing, including this *Concerto for Oboe and Small Orchestra*. Musically, the concerto looks inwards and backwards, to the spirit of the waltz and the grace of

Mozart, both lyrical and elaborate. It is in one continuous movement, with three subsections: the first is characterized by a beautiful flowing semiquaver melody over a repeated rhythmical cell in the cellos, the second section is gentle, almost paradisaical, and the last is an energetic and buoyantly humorous *Vivace*.

Barber – *Adagio for Strings* (1936)



Barber's famous *Adagio* is built around a long, slowly intensifying melody which passes from the first violins to the violas then to the cellos. Meanwhile counter-melodies and harmony parts gradually build to a sustained, heart-felt cry. The end result: one of the most profoundly emotional works in the Western orchestral canon.

Schubert – *Symphony No. 3* (1815)

Schubert's early flowering was unbelievable – in 1815, outside his position as a full-time school-teacher, Schubert wrote more than 200 works – two symphonies, four operas, two masses, a string quartet, two piano sonatas, 145 songs. This symphony sparkles with Italianate excitement – Rossini's light-hearted charm and exhilarating operatic set-pieces were taking Europe by storm at this point, and Schubert effortlessly interpolated that spirit into a symphonic structure. This symphony features many innovations: the first movement features a slow introduction which contains thematic material and has a very short development. In place of a slow second movement, there is a processional, march-like dance which breaks into quirky character-dance in the middle. The third is titled *Minuet* but instead of gliding charmingly, it stomps and limps with unexpected accents. The *Trio* is a charming country dance duet for bassoon and oboe. The fourth movement is a stormy sprint to the end with the rhythm of a tarantella – the agitated Italian dance used as a folk-remedy for spider bites.



Bede Hanley – Soloist

Canadian born oboist Bede Hanley is admired for his “*gorgeous tone and buoyant phrasing*”, and his playing has garnered press plaudits at home and abroad, recently from William Dart in the New Zealand Herald, who described his oboe solo in Bach’s St Matthew Passion as “*heart-stopping*”, and in a Bachtrack review of Arvo Pärt’s *Collage sur B-A-C-H* Simon Holden wrote his “*soulful oboe solo was shaped with achingly beautiful simplicity.*” He has served as Section Principal Oboe of the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra since 2013, and has performed in many symphony and opera orchestras internationally including the Cleveland Orchestra, the National Arts Centre Orchestra, Ottawa, the NZSO and more. Bede is not only active as soloist and chamber musician, but also teaches oboe around the world and as an Artist Teacher at the University of Auckland.



William McElwee – Conductor



William McElwee comes to the Bay of Plenty Symphonia with a wealth of directing and performing experience in New Zealand and the UK. He currently resides in Wellington, where he is Director of Music at St Mary of the Angels Church, Conductor of Gallery Orchestra, and Associate MD of Wellington Young Voices Children’s Choir. He has performed widely as a baritone soloist including with NZ Opera, and his instrumental playing experience includes being a founding member of Straynge Discorde – The New Zealand Lute Quartet. William holds a PGDip in Performance Voice, a BSc in Mathematics and a BA in English and Latin with Honours in English Language, while his continued organ study is being supported by the Dame Malvina Major Foundation. He is thrilled to be working with BoPS and continuing their tradition of brave programming and brilliant playing.

Mandi Bromwich – Concertmaster



Mandi grew up in Hamilton where she started playing the violin aged 4. She played in many orchestras including NZ Secondary Schools' Orchestra and National Youth Orchestra before moving to Wellington to study music at Victoria University. She graduated with an Honours Degree in performance violin in 1994, and has since been playing and teaching around the Bay of Plenty. She joined the Bay of Plenty Symphonia in 1999 and led the Orchestra for several years before taking a break to have a family. She now plays with Bay of

Plenty Symphonia and Opus Orchestra, and enjoys mountain biking in her spare time.

THE ORCHESTRA

Violin 1

Mandi Bromwich
Michie Nishiyama
Alyson Hendren
Gillian Shapley
Rosana Houthuesen

Violin 2

Brigid Eady
Robert Shelton
Rebecka Beetz
Miriam McFarlane
Joy Shepherd
Jill Fleming

Viola

Anne Jaquiere
Bronya Dean
Margaret Skippen
Annette Milson

Cello

Therese Ahlers
Pachakamac Lema
Trish McNutt
Simon Eminson
Peter Fleischl

Double bass

Nicola Han
Rosemary Severinsen

Flute

Pauline Logger
Enoch Tie

Oboe

Kate Rendall
Chris Martin

Clarinet

Kimberly Jones
Miranda Churchill

Bassoon

Ben Pollard
Karla Putt

French Horn

Joshua Bartram
Gary Valentine

Trumpet

Peter Logger
Ned Shaw

Timpani

Elodie Broad



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With guest conductor Michael Joel and violin soloist Lara Hall

Concert 2: *RISING STARS*

**Sunday 27 July, at Graham Young Youth Theatre,
Tauranga Boys' College**

Hear local young musicians perform concerto movements
and compete for the title of *Rising Star 2025*.

Concert 3: *POP Concert*

Saturday 23 August, at Baycourt, Tauranga

As a fundraiser for Waipuna Hospice, local band Third Space
and Bay of Plenty Symphonia will perform well known
pop music by ABBA, Toto and more.

Concert 4

Sunday 16 November, at Baycourt, Tauranga

Details to be announced

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and look forward to seeing you again in 2025.***