## **Duo Harmonics**

Performers: Nicole Chao and Beth Chen

Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts providing lunchtime music in the heart of the city since 1974





#### Welcome

It is wonderful that you have come. Thank you.

We want your experience today to be the best that it can be and would appreciate you taking a moment to read the following before the concert commences.

**Keep safe** by locating the exit nearest to your seat.

In the event of an earthquake, our recommendation is to **Drop, Cover and Hold.** 

**Bon appetit!** You are welcome to have your lunch during the performance. Switching your cell phone to **silent** is important to the performers and other members of the audience.

Your support by way of a **donation** and telling others about the concerts would be fantastic and very much appreciated. It does make a difference.

If you wish to photograph or video today's concert, please ask for permission from the performer(s) before the concert begins. This is important.

We invite you now to sit back, relax and **enjoy** the concert.

**Our Mission** is to create a lively, open Christian faith community, to act for a just and peaceful world, and to be catalysts for discovery, compassion and celebration in the capital.

These lunchtime concerts are **advertised** through Radio New Zealand Concert's Live Diary at around 8.10 am on the day of the concert, and listed on St Andrew's website.

To be placed on the email **circulation list** for concert information, please email Marjan on marjan@marjan.co.nz. Also join our facebook group Friends of St Andrew's on The Terrace Lunchtime Concerts, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/315497448862287/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/315497448862287/</a>.

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# **Programme**

### Mozart Sonata in D Major, KV.381

### **Rachmaninov Six Morceaux Op.11**

- I. Barcarolle
- II. Scherzo
- III. Russian theme
- IV. Waltz
- V. Romance
- VI. Slava (Glory)

#### **Ravel La Valse**



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### **Biography**

**Duo Enharmonics** is a classical piano duo formed by Nicole Chao and Beth Chen. Described as "exhilarating piano duettist" playing with "unanimity of feeling and technical mastery", the duo has reached audiences far and wide with their dynamic performances both live and on social media.

Nicole and Beth both studied with Prof. Thomas Hecht at the New Zealand School of Music in the early 2000s. As students, the pair studied piano 4-hand playing and the collaboration ignited a passion to perform together. Although they pursued separate careers after graduating, the duo made a comeback in 2017 when Beth returned to New Zealand. As they reflected, "after more than a decade apart, our playing clicked instantly back together. We took on challenging works in terms of unifying our sounds. The sense of fun and joy was infectious."

The duo has performed as a part of NZ School of Music and Chamber Music NZ concerts. They are active supporters of local charities, performing in benefit concerts each year to support communities. Their repertoire ranges from Bach to 21st-century contemporary music, including all major works and orchestral transcriptions. The duo has self produced and released several music videos of well-known classical four-hand piano music. The videos display the depth of their collaborative playing, showing choreography of their hands and technical showmanship. The duo is active on social media platforms appealing to the younger audiences with regular posts from behind-the-scenes.

In concerts, Duo Enharmonics delight in taking the audience on a 'concert roller-coaster ride'. Their performance is an exquisite blend of harmonious sounds from the soothing to the thrilling. They are popular as performers all around New Zealand.

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### **Coming Up**

1st October (Thursday) Ghost Trio

(Monique Lapins, Ken Ichinose, Gabriela Glapska) Music by Victoria Kelly - Sono (2000) and Beethoven - Piano Trio in G Major, Op. 1 No. 2

7<sup>th</sup> October

New Zealand School of Music (NZSM) Guitar Students

8<sup>th</sup> October (Thursday) NZSM solo strings

14th October - Ya- Ting Lou – piano -

Beethoven: Diabelli Variations, Opus 120.

15th October (Thursday) - Vibrant Violas: NZSM viola students

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