

Wesley at One

Fríday 4 Apríl 2025 1pm

The Flight of the Birrin Birrin

featuring

Alix Hamilton (viola) Sam McSweeney (piano)



Feel free to eat your lunch whilst you enjoy the beautiful music.

Please contact angela@ucic.org.au for further information on our music events.

Program

Djeran for Solo Viola and String Orchestra Inspired by Noongar Country (April – May)

Aaron Wyatt (b. 1982)

The Flight of the Birrin Birrin (World Premiere)

Sam McSweeney (b. 1983)

I. The Great Southern

II. Shelley Beach

III. Joe-Djidi-djidi

IV. Currinup Forest

V. Kinjarling

VI. The Journey Home

Ode

Lachlan Skipworth (b. 1982)

We are proud to present a program of exclusively West Australian compositions for viola and piano, each inspired by the natural beauty of our stunning state. The program features Sam McSweeney's new composition *The Flight of the Birrin Birrin*, a six movement suite inspired by the powerful landscape, flora, and fauna of the Great Southern region.

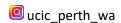
We begin with *Djeran*, a work by Noongar composer Aaron Wyatt, originally written for solo viola and string orchestra. This piece reflects a time of renewed life and activity as the oppressive heat subsides – the season of new beginnings. *Djeran* was commissioned in 2023 by Melbourne String Ensembles as part of their First Nations Season Project. A collection of season-inspired works for string orchestra, composed by First Nations composers. Premiere Performance by Stefanie Farrands, 2023.

Today's program concludes with the serene and meditative *Ode* by Lachlan Skipworth. With lush melodies and a deep connection to the land, this program offers a rich musical journey through the heart of WA's landscapes and culture.

Biographies

Alix Hamilton (viola)

Alix is a Perth-based violist and teacher, known for her dynamic contributions to both chamber and orchestral music. After graduating with a Bachelor of Music



from WAAPA, she transitioned from violin to viola, becoming a leading figure in Perth's freelance music scene. She performs regularly with groups such as the Australian Baroque, Aquila, Perth Symphony Orchestra, Orenda, and the West Australian Symphony Orchestra.

Passionate about chamber music, Alix loves bringing live performances to regional and local communities. She finds inspiration in the connections she shares with fellow musicians and audiences, as well as in the stunning natural beauty of Western Australia, which continues to fuel her creativity and sense of wonder.

Sam McSweeney (píano)

Sam studied piano performance at Brigham Young University Idaho, but later pursued a career in astronomy. He is a full-time researcher and lecturer at Curtin University, and, apart from moonlighting as the accompanist for the Perth Pride Choir, generally only comes out of "music retirement" on the odd occasion for his friends. Luckily, he also likes making friends.

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Wesley at One Recitals 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 1pm

April

18th Good Friday worship services at Wesley Church and Ross Memorial Church See details on the back page

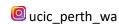
May

2nd Aimee Ryan (soprano), Gladys Chua (piano) 16th Erin Haultain (saxophone), Adrian Soares (piano)

June

6th Wesley Music Scholars 2025 20th John Septimus Roe Anglican School Music





Come and Celebrate Easter with the Uniting Church in the City

Palm Sunday 13 April

10am, Palm Sunday Worship Service at Ross Memorial Church

10am, Palm Sunday Worship Service at Wesley Church

featuring the Tranby Chorale directed by Angela Currie (Director of Music/Organist)

Good Friday 18 April

10am, Good Friday Service at Ross Memorial Church

10am, Stations of the Cross at Wesley Church

featuring the Tranby Chorale directed by Angela Currie (Director of Music/Organist)

5pm, Reflections on the Cross at Wesley Church

featuring Lucinda Nicholls (soprano), Stephanie Nicholls (oboe) and Angela Currie (Director of Music/Organist)

Easter Sunday 20 April

10am, Easter Celebration at Ross Memorial Church

10am, Easter Celebration at Wesley Church

featuring Tranby Chorale directed by Angela Currie (Director of Music/Organist), Wesley Brass and Artist-in-Residence Alessandro Pittorino (organ)

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