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The Inaugural Sunshine Coast Chamber Music Festival Will Take the Stage in June

The much-anticipated inaugural Sunshine Coast Chamber Music Festival will be held from 18 to 20 June in 2021 and promises to excite, soothe, connect, challenge and inspire music lovers of every age.

The exciting program showcases dynamic Australian artists and will feature nine memorable live performances in the Sunshine Coast region's most breath-taking spaces.

Artistic Director, Louise King explains her vision is to curate events that resonate with the Sunshine Coast community and lifestyle, and to build new audiences and appreciation for the diversity of the Festival musicians.

"The Festival's theme is Distance + Intimacy | Hope + Regeneration to reflect the timeless journey of chamber music to today's unforeseen challenges for artists; for many this Festival is the first opportunity in 12 months to perform live, so it promises to be a poignant occasion for everyone," Ms. King said.

A major aim of the Festival is to support the Australian arts community and every ticket sold will count towards reigniting the Arts and supporting talented artists from throughout and beyond the Sunshine Coast.

Ms. King has chosen both traditional and unexpected settings across the region for each unique concert to celebrate the Coast's natural, ancient landscapes through artistic collaboration, cultural exchange and evocative music.

The Festival's opening concert, **OPEN AIR: 'Song of the Black Swan'** will weave together ancient Dreamtime stories and Aboriginal legend through ritual, music, and song.

"We have wide-ranging experiences to share from **CLASSICS FOR CHILDREN: 'Sonic Safari'** in Buderim to our **FRINGE: 'Beats + Loops'** in Maroochydore," Ms King said.

"Our Hinterland communities will host intimate concerts so music lovers can discover our pioneer heritage and hospitality at Eudlo and Palmwoods in our **SMALL HALLS: 'Nature Spirit' + 'Fire Dances', 'Greenbushes', and 'Southern Cross Dreaming'** featuring headline artist Karin Schaupp, an internationally renowned classical guitarist and Senior Lecturer in Guitar at QCGU," she said.

A morning concert titled **SECRET GARDEN: 'Bird Song'** celebrates the natural amphitheatre and bush setting amongst the sculptures of the Bushland Botanic Garden at Tanawha, featuring Queensland's up and coming young ensemble, Acetaria Woodwind Quintet.

Special outreach performances titled **MUSIC & WELLNESS: 'Musical Meditations'** will be hosted at SCU Hospital and an aged care centre, in partnership with regional charity Wishlist.

On Saturday 19 June the Festival will reach a crescendo with a sophisticated Chamber Music Gala themed **'Songs of Sky, Bush & Moon'**, featuring three headline artists at the Events Centre Kings Theatre.

Another exciting facet will be the launch a new annual **RISING STARS: 'mentorship program'** which offers young emerging musicians mentoring in chamber music practice by esteemed, established professional artists and ensembles.

"This inaugural mentorship program will launch in partnership with Camerata, Queensland's Chamber Orchestra and Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra.

These young musicians will play in **OPEN AIR: 'Heartland'** alongside Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University Riverside Guitar Ensemble and the Acetaria Woodwind Ensemble, who are QCGU 2020 Ensemble Prize Winners, as our closing festival concert," Louise said.

"It will be a fitting finale to a brilliant Festival and end on a note of looking to our future together."

Tickets will be limited and available soon from the Festival website at sccmf.com.au