

# Sanguine

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## Sanguine Estate Music Festival

Thursday 23 October to Sunday 26 October 2025

Howard Penny • Chris Howlett • Anna Tilbrook • Benjamin Baker • Kate Suthers • Ashlyn Tymms  
Sara Macliver • Thomas Chawner • Tobias Breider • Laurence Matheson

### Directors' Welcome

It's that time of year again, and the wait is over: we're delighted to announce our 2025 SEMF artists and program! Since his last visit to SEMF, Ben Baker has gone on to clock up some extraordinary concert appearances and recordings – and become a father! His superlative artistry will be complemented by the welcome return of Kate Suthers, so violin magic is guaranteed. Our patrons who also attend the Bendigo festival will recall audience favourite mezzo Ashlyn Tymms, who will join Sara this year, and to celebrate this in style we've secured the participation of the queen of Lied collaborators in London at the moment, pianist Anna Tilbrook!

Formidable young pianist Laurence Matheson is no longer an insider's top pick, but firmly established as a highly sought-after chamber musician. And our festival favourite viola duo of Tobi and Tom round out this year's lineup – happy days! On the program front, discoveries galore: we showcase the stunning string quintet by Ethel Smyth alongside works by Nadia Boulanger, Amy Beach and Rebecca Clarke, as well as a trio by Fibich and a piano quartet by Novák which will add infectious Bohemian flair. Our singer dream team is ever-present with delights from Pergolesi to Bellini, and Inside the Music is dedicated to a highly original 17th century pan-European, Georg Muffat.

Together with our other amazing essential artists – Mark, Jodi, and the Hunter family; Ms Batterhams – we will all celebrate the festival in the incredible acoustics and ambience of the newly redesigned barrel room: looking forward hugely to seeing you all there!

Howard and Chris

## Artists



### Howard Penny

Renowned Australian cellist now back in Melbourne at ANAM after 30 years based in Vienna, with a solo and chamber music career spanning five continents.

### Anna Tilbrook

Recently made a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music, and London's distinguished lied collaborator and chamber musician, we welcome Anna to her SEMF début.



### Chris Howlett

Cellist, Director and Producer, performing extensively as soloist and chamber musician throughout Australia and Asia.

### Benjamin Baker

Making a welcome return to SEMF, Ben is in international demand as concerto soloist, recitalist, chamber musician, recording artist and festival director



### Tobias Breider

Principal Viola with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, having been a member of prestigious European orchestras and chamber music groups.

### Kate Suthers

Vibrant new concertmaster with ASO, Kate has been leader and guest leader of some of Britain's foremost orchestras and ensembles, in a huge range of repertoire.

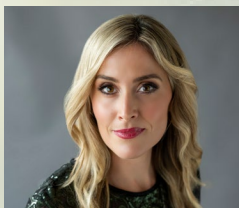


### Laurence Matheson

Stellar chamber musician and SEMF first-timer, also has concertos with Sydney Symphony and Queensland Symphony, as well as recordings for Decca Classics and ABC Classic to his name.

### Thomas Chawner

An exceptional violist, Thomas is a founding member of the Orava quartet, highly acclaimed for its recordings and performances world-wide.



### Ashlyn Tymms

Equally at home on the major concert halls of the world or the opera stage, one of Australia's most outstanding voices.

### Sara MacIver

Australia's hugely popular and sought-after soprano, delivering benchmark interpretations of a vast range of styles.



## Programme

### Thursday 23rd October

7.00pm

A. Beach – Romance op.23  
L. Boulanger - D'un Matin du Printemps (Ben, Anna)  
R. Clarke – Two Pieces for Viola and Cello (Tobi, Chris)  
G. Donizetti – L'Aurora. La Pesca  
V. Bellini – Mira, O Norma (Sara, Ashlyn, Anna)  
V. Novák – Piano Quartet in C Minor op.7 (Laurence, Kate, Tom, Howard)

8.15pm

**Harvest Style Dinner in Barrel room**

### Friday 24th October

11.00am

Coffee with Benjamin Baker

from 6.45pm  
7.30pm

**Canapés and pre-concert drinks  
Welcome Concert**

Z. Fibich – Piano Trio in F Minor (Anna, Ben, Chris)  
C. Schumann - Three Songs op.12  
R. Schumann – Widmung (Sara, Anna)  
F. Bridge – Three Songs for Mezzo, Viola, and Piano (Ashlyn, Tom, Laurence)  
E. Smyth – String Quintet in E Major Op. 1 (Kate, Ben, Tobi, Howard, Chris)

9.00pm

**Gourmet Supper**

### Saturday 25th October

9.30am

**Free Community Concert at St Johns Church, Heathcote**  
TBA

from 10.15am  
11am

**Tea and coffee  
"Inside the Music" Concert with Howard, Sponsored by Alex W Grant Violins**  
"Georg Muffat: a Musical Maverick" (Ben, Kate, Tobi, Tom, Howard, Chris)

12 noon

**Reserve Pass holders: Food and Wine Matching Master Class  
Estate and Day Pass holders: casual gourmet lunch in winery**

2pm

**"Afternoon" Concert**

C. Debussy – Violin Sonata in G Minor (Ben, Anna)  
L. Spohr – 6 Songs op. 154 (Kate, Ashlyn, Anna)  
G. Fauré – Three Songs from La Bonne Chanson op.61 (Sara, Laurence)  
C. M. von Weber – Piano Quartet in B flat Major op.8 (Anna, Kate, Tom, Chris)

from 6pm  
6.30pm

**Canapés and pre-concert drinks  
Gala Concert**

G. Muffat – Sonata no.2 in G minor from Armonico Tributo (Kate, Ben, Tobi, Tom, Howard, Chris)  
H. Berlioz – Nuit Paisable from Béatrice et Bénédict  
P. Viardot – Habanera  
G. Fauré - Pleurs d'or. Tarantelle (Sara, Ashlyn, Anna)  
C. Saint-Saëns – Piano Quartet in B flat Major op.41 (Ben, Tobi, Howard, Laurence)

8.00pm

**Gala Dinner**

### Sunday 26th October

10.15am  
10.45am  
11.30 am

**Tea and coffee  
"Meet the Makers": Q and A with Anna, Ashlyn, Ben and Chris  
Farewell Concert**

L. Boccherini – String Sextet in F Major G. 459 (Kate, Ben, Tobi, Tom, Howard, Chris)  
A. Dvorak – Selected Slavonic Dances (Anna, Laurence)  
B. Bartók – Rhapsody no.2 (Kate, Laurence)  
G. B. Pergolesi – selections from Stabat Mater (Sara, Ashlyn, Ben, Kate, Tobi, Tom, Howard, Chris)

12.30pm

**Gourmet Lunch/BBQ**

All details correct at time of print