

About Us

Classics at Picton, a not-for-profit organisation affiliated with The Federated Music Clubs of Australia NSW Council, Inc. Founded in the early '90s by the late Laurel Silm of Cedar Creek Orchard, outstanding Australian pianist, Rachel Valler O.A.M., and the Picton Probus Club.

Rachel introduced local audiences to a huge variety of music and to the very best soloists – both instrumentalists and singers. For next 15 years, the concerts were held in the Estonian Hall and promoted as "Classics at Thirlmere".

In 2004, the Yamaha C2 Grand piano was purchased due to the fundraising efforts of the Probus Club and presented to Wollondilly Shire Council and was housed in Picton Shire Hall. "Classics at Thirlmere" then became "Classics at Picton".

The next 10 years saw a committee of about 7 people, steered initially by John List, organising usually 5 concerts each year. The Wollondilly Shire Hall has warm acoustics and an intimate atmosphere. Other venues used are St Marks Church and the Masonic Temple – both in Picton and the keynote for these concerts is creating a pleasant music experience and enjoying the company of fine musicians.

The objectives of "Classics at Picton" are to organise classical music concerts and to encourage and support musicians, particularly those starting their studies. It has funded Master classes and tutoring for local music students, provided rehearsal assistance and performance opportunities for aspiring young Wollondilly musicians, and helped establish and support Picton Strings.

Our Current Concert Program

Please visit our Facebook page to see details of concerts: https://www.facebook.com/classicsatpicton or drop us a line at:

<u>music@classicsatpicton.org.au</u> if you'd like to receive a copy of our regular supporter's email.

Our concerts in 2023

Feb 10, Fri. @7pm
St Marks, Picton
BACH IN THE DARK - Rachael Scott (Cello) & Choir of St James Church

March 26, Sun. @1.30pm Nexas Saxophone Quartet St Marks, Picton

May 14, Sun @1.30pm James Fortune (Flute)

July 30, Sun @1.30pm Le Basque Trio (Piano, Horn & Tenor)

Picton Shire Hall

September TBA November TBA

Picton Shire Hall



Concert Fees

| CONCERTS | Per Concert |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Bach in the Dark concert | \$30 |
| All other concerts | \$25 |
| Students | No charge |

Note:

 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our concerts will be subject to NSW Government restrictions.

Venue Locations

Picton Shire Hall, 44-60 Menangle St., Picton



St Mark's Anglican Church, Menangle Street, Picton





The Masonic Centre, 4-6 Colden Street, Picton



St Anthony's Primary School Hall, 65 Menangle Street, Picton



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