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**DÉNES VÁRJON & IZABELLA SIMON - PIANO DUO**

**SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY at 2:30pm**

**WAIKANAЕ MEMORIAL HALL, PEHI KUPA ST, WAIKANAЕ**



Sought-after internationally as a recitalist and concerto soloist, Dénes is widely considered to be one of the world's greatest chamber musicians, working regularly with such eminent partners as Steven Isserlis, Joshua Bell, Tabea Zimmermann and András Schiff.

Dénes also performs frequently with his wife Izabella Simon in four-hands and two-piano recitals and together they have organised several chamber music festivals. The first part of our concert features Dénes playing solo, Beethoven's much loved sonata, the 'Pathétique'. Then he pays homage to the music of his homeland with two contrasting brief pieces, Liszt's serenely romantic Petrarca Sonnet 104 and Bartók's intensely rhythmic Romanian Dance. What follows in the second half is monumental. Mahler's first Symphony, arranged for four hands by the famous conductor Bruno Walter (who was also Mahler's close friend). This has been described as "a deeply personal work that takes the listener on an emotional and philosophical journey." For us it is a rare opportunity to experience such an unusual version of a very famous symphony.

<b>Beethoven</b>	<b>Sonata in C minor, Opus 13 'Pathétique'</b>
<b>Liszt</b>	<b>Petrarca Sonnet, No 104</b>
<b>Bartók</b>	<b>Romanian Dance, Opus 8, No 1</b>
<b>Mahler</b>	<b>Symphony No 1 (arr. Bruno Walter for four hands)</b>

## STUDENT CONCERT HELD BY WAIKANAЕ MUSIC SOCIETY

The second Students' Concert for 2023 held in November by the Waikanae Music Society, was an excellent presentation by a number of local students, all pianists this time. The youngest student was Caelum Zheng aged 6 who stunned the audience with his performance in 2022 and did so again in 2023 playing Chopin's *Nocturne in C sharp minor*. Several students played piano duets as well as piano solos. Waikanae Music Society was very pleased by the excellent playing and good behaviour of the students present and would like to thank all performers and their teachers and families, all of whom contribute to



the success of these concerts. Teachers involved include Genie O'Neill, Wendy van Delden, Stephany Zheng and Grace Kim. The Convenor is Kathy Hutchison. More Student Musicians' Concerts are planned for this year, on Saturday 8 June and Saturday 9 November 2024. Note the dates are Saturdays not Sundays due to hall booking arrangements. If you would like to receive more information please contact the convenor on: [student@waikanaestudentmusic.org.nz](mailto:student@waikanaestudentmusic.org.nz)

**Nerys and Alice Anderson playing Mozart Sonata in D Major K 381**

Photo: Roscoe Turner (with parental consent)

## CONCERT NOTES: OUR OWN MUSIC PROGRAMME on COAST ACCESS RADIO 104.7FM

This month: Tuesday 23 January (6pm) and Thursday 25 January (11.30am). The programme will focus on the music of our next concert, including a short extract of the musicians playing Mahler's Symphony No 1.

To replay this programme, go to our website <https://www.waikanaemusic.org.nz> and click on the Concert Notes link on the front page. If you have music you would like to hear on Concert Notes, email [concertmanager@waikanaemusic.org.nz](mailto:concertmanager@waikanaemusic.org.nz)

## CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS

If you have not joined or renewed for 2024, please do so before the first concert. Pay by direct credit to 02 0591 0018930 00 and use your name and membership number as the reference. You do not need to return the form from the brochure unless you are a new member. Alternatively, phone 022 345 5316 with your credit card number. Regular membership is \$35 per person; season tickets are \$200 per person for membership plus admission to the 8 scheduled concerts.

Concert tickets cost \$40 for non-members, \$30 for members, and \$5 for students aged up to 25. Buy in advance from New World (Waikanae) or Moby Dickens (Paraparaumu Beach) for cash; by bank payment to 02 0591 0018930 00 (use your name and phone number as the reference); by phone 022 345 5316 (credit card only); or at the concert (cash, credit, EFTPOS).

The doors open at 1:45pm. The concert starts at 2:30pm. Latecomers may not be admitted until a suitable break in the performance.

Photography and sound recording of our concerts are strictly forbidden.

Large print programmes are available. Please ask at the concert door.

Mobile Phones must be switched to mute or turned off entirely before the concert begins.