

Australian Festival of Chamber Music

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Sounds like the perfect holiday!

Australian Festival of Chamber Music invites music lovers to holiday in North Queensland this winter and hear extraordinary music – exclusive packages on sale now!

This is what the perfect holiday sounds like: lazy days under the famous North Queensland wintersun combined with the world's finest classical music. Why holiday anywhere else?

Organisers of the Australian Festival of Chamber Music (AFCM), which takes place in Townsville from 29 July to 7 August, are inviting Australians to head north this winter for a truly unique holiday experience. AFCM is a world-class internationally acclaimed music event. Nowhere else in Australia can you see such exceptional international and Australian musicians performing exquisite and intimate concerts. The tropical setting, the island concerts, the friendliness of the musicians, volunteers and local community all make for a memorable visit.

Under the Artistic Directorship of internationally acclaimed UK violinist **Jack Liebeck**, the AFCM opens with three powerful world premieres over the first three days, part of a stunning line-up of over 130 works in total starring 33 world class artists including five international and 28 Australian musicians. Three exciting new festival experiences including *Guilty Pleasures*, *AFCM Illuminates* and *Festival Garden* round out the joyous 10-day celebration.

AFCM has partnered with SeaLink and Brilliant Travels to deliver three holiday packages including a Festival Opening Weekend package, Closing Weekend and mid-week Sunset package. Priced from \$382 per person, they each include three nights' accommodation and three Festival concerts. Reserved seating and discounted pricing are included. Additional nights, extra concerts, day tours and more can be added. A choice of accommodation is available including The Ville Resort – Casino, Rydges Southbank, Park Regis Anchorage and Grand Chancellor Townsville.

Visit afcm.com.au/packages or call Brilliant Travels on 1300 765 115.

Festival visitors are also being encouraged to stay a little longer and see more of stunning North Queensland. AFCM has partnered with Travel Associates Townsville to offer a number of self-drive one, two and three night tours in the region.

Member for Townsville Scott Stewart said the AFCM cemented Townsville's credentials as Northern Australia's events capital.

"Tropical Townsville delivers the perfect setting for this stunning classical musical event," Mr Stewart said. "Events like the AFCM bring visitors to Townsville who sample our great hospitality and amazing tourism experiences which provides an important economic boost to the city. That's why the Palaszczuk Government is a keen supporter of this world-class, entertainment event in Townsville.

"The AFCM is a significant cultural festival, delivering many hundreds of visitor nights for accommodation providers and millions of dollars for Townsville's visitor economy.

“If you’re visiting Townsville for the AFCM, take the opportunity to extend your trip to experience all that Townsville and North Queensland have to offer.”

AFCM Executive Director, Ricardo Peach said, “Townsville is surrounded by beautiful countryside and amazing sights like the Atherton Tablelands, Mission Beach, Paronella Park, Magnetic Island and the gold mining town of Charters Towers. We want to encourage Festival patrons to add some extra days to their visit - either before or after the Festival - and explore more of this magnificent region.”

Over 30 music-filled years, the AFCM has forged an impressive international reputation as one of the best chamber music celebrations in the world, and while the last two years have been extremely challenging, Jack Liebeck has created a fascinating program that is as spiritually and intellectually enriching as it is celebratory; and an artistic line-up that is exceptional and exciting.

AFCM principal partners include Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland and Arts Queensland, Australian Government through the Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund and Townsville City Council. AFCM is supported by the Queensland Government, through Tourism and Events Queensland, and features on the *It’s Live! In Queensland* events calendar.

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29 July to 7 August 2022 in Townsville, North Queensland

Concert tickets, Festival passes and holiday packages on sale now.

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The Australian Festival of Chamber Music acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Townsville – the Wulgurukaba of Gurambilbarra and Yunbenun; and Bindal people. We pay our respects to their cultures, their ancestors and their Elders – past and present – and all future generations. We recognise and value the integral role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people play in our creative and artistic endeavours.

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