

# Australian Festival of Chamber Music

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Hear that – it's the sound of a perfect winter holiday!

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

It's the definition of the perfect WINTER holiday: lazy days under the famous North Queensland wintersun combined with the world's finest classical music. Why go anywhere else?

Organisers of the Australian Festival of Chamber Music (AFCM), which takes place in Townsville from 28 July to 6 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.

After last year's triumphant post-Covid restarting of the world-renowned event in Townsville-Gurambilbarra, Artistic Director Jack Liebeck has unveiled a stunning 2023 program of 34 concerts and special events. This year 39 world-class musicians and artists will fly into the North Queensland capital, including 13 internationals, four of whom are making their Australian debut, including UK-based Taiwanese violist **Ting-Ru Lai**, UK narrator and playwright **Peter Thompson**, fellow Brit and viola player **Sally Beamish**, who will attend as *Composer-in-Residence* and international musicologist **Stephen Johnson**.

## TRAVEL PACKAGES ON SALE NOW

AFCM has partnered with SeaLink and Brilliant Travels to deliver three exclusive Festival holiday packages including an Opening Weekend package, Closing Weekend and mid-week Sunset package.

Priced from \$438 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](https://www.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, from Airlie Beach in the south to Mission Beach in the North and Charters Towers out to the west. AFCM has some suggested itineraries on their website for self-drive one-two and three-night tours in the region along with day tours from Townsville-Gurambilbarra.

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28 July to 6 August 2023 in Townsville-Gurambilbarra, 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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