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murray river international music festival

The Murray River International Music Festival started in 2003 and is the inspired initiative of brothers, Sergio and Stefano de Pieri along with event manager, Helen Healy.

Through their extensive work in and passion for the Murray River regions they identified the opportunity to feature regional food and wine along with outstanding international musicians in beautiful Murray River locations.

In 2008 the Festival comes under the banner of Arts Mildura, one of regional Victoria's premier arts organisations, who continue to present fine music performers accompanied by the Murray River region's food and wine with masterclasses, workshops, regional support acts and a showcase of the talent and conviviality of our region.





2008 artists

Piero Bonaguri
Mirko Satto
Daniela Benori
Raffaella Benori
Sergio de Pieri
The Ranges Players

Artistic Director: Sergio de Pieri
Festival Director: Helen Healy
Chairperson: Geoff Brown

program

mildura regions

Wednesday 23 January

Acqua Santa (Sacred Water) *

Opening Concert with two Sopranos and Organ
Sergio de Pieri, Daniela Benori & Raffealla Benori

Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

Time: 8pm Cost: \$15

Thursday 24 January

Italian duo with Spanish music *

Two course meal prepared by Stefano de Pieri
Daniela Benori (Soprano) Piero Bonaguri (Guitar)

Gallery 25, Mildura

Time: 7.30pm Cost: \$25

Friday 25 January

Six Strings Sunset Cruise *

On the Murray and Darling Rivers
Piero Bonaguri (Guitar) Tribute to Segovia
featuring local support act.

Includes finger food and drinks at bar prices

Kookaburra Riverboat, Wentworth

Time: 7pm Cost: \$30

Bookings:

Wentworth Tourist Office

(03) 5027 3624

Mildura Arts Centre

(03) 5018 8330

Saturday 26 January

Masterclasses

Piero Bonaguri (Guitar)
Mirko Satto (Accordion)
Daniela Benori (Soprano)

Mildura Arts Centre

Time: 10am-12pm Cost: \$20

Bookings Essential:

(03) 5021 5100

Saturday 26 January

Pizza Lunch time Concert

Mirko Satto (Accordion)

Mildura Grand Pizza Cafe

Bookings:

(03) 5022 2223

Saturday 26 January

Australia Day Concert *

Bach in the Garden (bring a picnic)

The Ranges Players perform Bach

Two Flutes, Violin and Cello

Support Act: Hender Trio

Mill's Ampelon Gardens, Gol Gol

Time: 7.30pm Cost: \$20

Sunday 27 January

Midsummer Night Picnic *

Spanish, German and
Italian music with regional
food and wine.

Piero Bonaguri (Guitar)

Daniela Benori (Soprano)

Mirko Satto (Accordion)

The Ranges Players

(Flutes, Violin and Cello)

Featuring local support acts

Old Mildura Woolshed

Bring a Picnic

Time: 8pm Cost: \$15

Monday 28 January
Holiday Lunch on
Avoca Paddleboat *

Three course lunch plus
sparkling wine on arrival
Mirko Satto (Accordion)

Hugh King Drive, Mildura

Time: 12pm Cost: \$49

Bookings:

Quality Hotel Mildura Grand
(03) 5023 0511

Mildura Festival Pass

***Entry to all six concerts**
\$115 - 25% saving

Bookings:

All Mildura region bookings
(except where noted)

Mildura Arts Centre

(03) 5018 8330

Visitor Information Centre

(03) 5018 8376

other regions

Friday 1 February

Swan Hill Art Gallery

Piero Bonaguri (Guitar)
Daniela Benori (Soprano)

Time: 8pm Cost: \$30 Conc. \$25

Bookings: (03) 5036 2430

Friday 1 February

Shepparton Performing
Arts Centre

Italian Accordion Maestro
Mirko Satto. Includes light
meal and glass of wine

Welsford St, Shepparton

Time: 8pm Cost: \$20

Bookings: (03) 5832 9505

Saturday 2 February

Tuscany Treat

Piero Bonaguri (Guitar)
Daniela Benori (Soprano)
Mirko Satto (Accordion)

Includes supper - No BYO food or drink.

Tree Tops Scout Camp, Cohuna

Time: 8pm Cost: \$25

Bookings: (03) 5456 2870

Sunday 3 February

Long Italian Lunch
with Accordionist Mirko Satto
Six course regional summer harvest
lunch with matching Italian wines

Oscar W's, Echuca

Time: 12 - 4pm Cost: \$100

Bookings: (03) 5482 5133

Friday 8 February

Italy for the Senses

A night of Italian food, music & dance.
Mirko Satto (Accordion)
Includes two course Italian meal
Drinks at bar prices

Pioneer Settlement Museum, Swan Hill

Time: 6.30pm Cost: \$30

Bookings:

Swan Hill Region Information Centre
(03) 5036 2444

Sunday 10 February

Italian Slow Food Sunday Lunch

Monichino Winery, Katunga
Enjoy a meal at Monichino Winery with
contemporary Accordionist Mirko Satto.

70 Berry's Road, Katunga, Victoria

Time: 12pm Cost: \$55

Bookings: (03) 5864 6452

profiles

Piero Bonaguri's career has taken him to nearly fifty countries, working with prestigious Institutes and Festivals including New York Carnegie Hall, the Venice Biennale, BBC in London, Tokyo's Museum of Western Art and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. Bonaguri has had almost two hundred new compositions dedicated to him by well-known composers and has recorded several CDs. He teaches at the Bologna Conservatory (Italy) and his achievements include a recital at the U.N. headquarters in New York. Andrés Segovia wrote of him: "He will soon be a famous name among the best guitarists of our time"

Mirko Satto studied with a prestigious range of teachers in Italy graduating with first class honours and the highest marks, going on to win scholarships and many achievements including a brilliant major in oboe studies. He has won numerous national and international prizes for accordionist including best new graduate of music in Italy. Mirko Satto is very active as a soloist and with orchestras throughout Italy, Switzerland, Slovenia, Croatia, Holland, Bulgaria and Australia and performs programs from Baroque to contemporary and to the tango of Astor Piazzolla.

Daniela Benori graduated at the Conservatory of Music Benedetto Marcello of Venice, in stage performance and later obtained a Degree at the University "Ca' Foscari" of Venice. She has performed at the great concert halls of Italy and Europe including Il Teatro La Fenice in Venice. She sings with the "Collegium Musicum Venezia", a quintet specialized in Venetian XVIII c. repertory. She has released 8 CDs and in addition to her performance career Daniela teaches "Literature Poetry and Drama" at the Conservatory of Venice.

Raffaella Benori graduated with a Diploma of Prepolyphonic Liturgical Music and Gregorian Chant at the Benedetto Marcello Conservatorium in Venice and further widened her repertoire with the study of contemporary and baroque vocal music. Raffaella is a member of the baroque Collegium Musicum Venezia sextet and is Professor of Bel Canto at the School of Music in Belluno and Treviso. She has performed as a soloist and with Sergio de Pieri, in some of the most prestigious concert halls throughout Europe and in Australia and her recordings are highly regarded.



Sergio de Pieri has had an extensive career in teaching, performance and artistic direction including being Principal Lecturer of Organ Music at Melbourne University, organist at St Patrick's Cathedral, Professor of Organ and Composition at Venice Conservatorium of Music and Chief Organist Basilica de Frari, Venezia. He is founder of the Melbourne Organ and Harpsichord Festival, The Organs of the Goldfields Festival in Ballarat and the Murray River International Music Festival. He is an international concert performer and composer and was recently awarded the Order of Australia Medal acknowledging his long term contribution to music.

The Ranges Players brings together an impressive range of musicians including Deborah Fox, who studied flute at The Juilliard School in New York and is a former violinist with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra; Margaret Crawford, who has studied flute in Melbourne, Vienna and Paris and is currently Head of Winds at the National Academy of Music in Melbourne; Stephen Brockman, who studied flute at the Melbourne University and has been a member of the Australian Opera Orchestra and Principal Flute player with the Queensland Philharmonic and William Howard who has performed and recorded as cellist and conductor in the UK, the USA and Australia and was previously Senior Lecturer at the Victorian College of the Arts.



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31 October - 2 November, 2008

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September, 2009

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