

2025 CONCERT SERIES

Unveiled



MIRABILIS COLLECTIVE

An extraordinary series of music
by remarkable women.

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Unveiled 2025 Concert Series

Her Sound, Her Story

5pm Sunday 9 March ♦ Wesley Church, Perth CBD
A special event to celebrate International Women's Day 2025

Finding Connie

5pm Sunday 4 May ♦ Callaway Music Auditorium, UWA

Clara Schumann: Notes from an Extraordinary Life

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Southern Stars

5pm Sunday 16 November ♦ Callaway Music Auditorium, UWA

Mirabilis Collective acknowledges the Whadjuk People of the Noongar Nation, the Traditional Owners of the land where we create, share, and live our music. We recognise that these lands have been a place of storytelling by First Nations people for thousands of years, enriching the cultural and natural heritage we are privileged to enjoy.

We extend our acknowledgement to all First Nations peoples with whom we collaborate and whose beautiful lands we visit throughout Western Australia. We offer our heartfelt respect to Elders past and present, and to all ancestors who have cared for this country throughout the ages. Together, we continue to learn and walk in step towards a future of unity and mutual respect.

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We are Mirabilis Collective, an intergenerational ensemble of women musicians committed to amplifying women's voices in music. Our mission is to honour the artistry of women by highlighting their contributions, fostering growth, and creating powerful musical experiences that resonate across generations.

This year, our concert series *Unveiled* invites you to explore the stories and music of remarkable women through four unique events: *Her Sound, Her Story*; *Finding Connie*; *Clara Schumann: Notes from an Extraordinary Life*; and *Southern Stars*. Each performance offers an immersive journey into the creativity, resilience, and impact of women composers, songwriters, and performers across centuries and styles.



Unveiled reveals the hidden, acknowledges the overlooked, and celebrates the newly discovered. From the pioneering spirit of Connie Converse to the enduring legacy of Clara Schumann and the vibrant voices of contemporary Australian women composers and songwriters, our 2025 concert series marks our third year with an enriching exploration of music that inspires, connects, and uplifts.

We can't wait to share this extraordinary series with you—a celebration of women's creativity, their powerful stories, and the genre-defying music that continues to shape our world.

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HER SOUND, HER STORY

MUSIC OF REMARKABLE WOMEN



5pm ♦ Sunday 9 March ♦ Wesley Church, Perth CBD

Her Sound, Her Story celebrates International Women's Day with a powerful blend of music that tells the stories of remarkable women across generations. From the Baroque compositions of Barbara Strozzi to the evocative songwriting of Kate Bush, this concert brings together the voices of women who have shaped—and are shaping—the sound of our world.

In alignment with the 2025 International Women's Day theme, "Accelerate Action," this performance will inspire momentum and change. The concert will feature a newly commissioned work by Julia Nicholls, performed by students from Methodist Ladies College, St Mary's Anglican Girls School, St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls, and the UWA Conservatorium of Music, and women of the Perth choral community. This rich intergenerational collaboration will create an immersive soundscape full of youthful energy and strength through togetherness.

Her Sound, Her Story is an inspiring journey through time, weaving together the classical and the contemporary in a cohesive experience that resonates with resilience, creativity, and connection. Join us for an unforgettable evening that honours the impact of women in music, their stories, and their enduring legacy.



Finding Connie

5pm ♦ Sunday 4 May ♦ Callaway Music Auditorium, UWA

Finding Connie invites audiences on an exploration of the enigmatic life and music of Connie Converse, one of the most intriguing and mysterious figures in American music history. A pioneering singer-songwriter long before her time, Connie Converse disappeared without a trace in 1974, leaving behind a body of work that has since earned her a cult following and solidified her as a major influence in the evolution of modern songwriting.

In collaboration with students from the UWA Conservatorium of Music, Mirabilis Collective will present the world premiere of chamber music reimaginings of Connie Converse's repertoire. These newly arranged works breathe fresh life into her poignant, introspective songs, highlighting her unique voice and lyrical depth.

Join us for this captivating journey into the legacy of a truly original artist—a woman whose music speaks directly to the human experience, full of longing, wit, and untold stories. *Finding Connie* celebrates the artistry of a woman ahead of her time, and brings her hauntingly beautiful songs into the spotlight they have always deserved.

Clara Schumann

Notes from an extraordinary life



5pm ♦ Sunday 31 August ♦ Callaway Music Auditorium, UWA

Clara Schumann: Notes from an Extraordinary Life brings the remarkable journey of Clara Schumann to the stage—a woman who was not only a brilliant composer, a virtuosic concert pianist, and an inspiration to those around her, but also a supportive wife to Robert Schumann and a dedicated mother.

This concert explores the complex and inspiring story behind Clara Schumann's music. Mirabilis Collective presents a narrative woven through her most beloved works, including the poignant slow movement of her Piano Concerto. Clara's compositions reflect her life's trials, triumphs, and intimate relationships—her role as a wife, a confidante to Brahms, and an extraordinary artist who navigated societal challenges to carve out her own identity.

Through powerful performances and storytelling, this concert aims to honour the many facets of Clara's life—her resilience, her love, her artistry, and her deep connections to those she cherished. *Notes from an Extraordinary Life* invites the audience to step into the intimate world of one of the 19th century's greatest musical figures, experiencing her legacy from both a personal and artistic lens.



Southern Stars

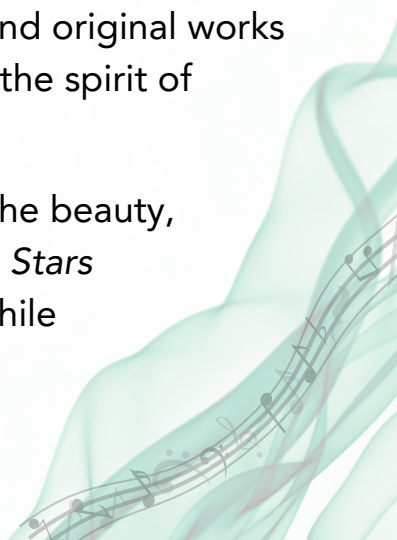
Celebrating Music by Australian Women

5pm ♦ Sunday 16 November ♦ Callaway Auditorium, UWA

Southern Stars shines a spotlight on the incredible music written by Australian women. This concert is a journey through the diverse and powerful voices that have shaped our own musical landscape.

From the lush harmonies of contemporary chamber music to evocative arrangements of beloved Australian songs, *Southern Stars* showcases the brilliance and creativity of women composers and singer-songwriters. Featuring new commissions by West Australian composers Katherine Potter and Rebecca Clarke, vibrant reimaginings of works by the Stiff Gins, Angie McMahon and Kate Miller-Heidke, and original works by Melody Eötvös and Elena Kats-Chernin, this concert celebrates the spirit of innovation and community that defines Australian music today.

Join us for an evening of inspiring performances that bring to life the beauty, diversity, and resilience of Australian women's music. Let *Southern Stars* transport you through stories of place, culture, and creativity, all while highlighting the voices that continue to shape our artistic identity.



Experience the best of music in 2025 with Mirabilis Collective's *Unveiled*

Join Mirabilis Collective for a fusion of classical and contemporary music, all written and performed by some of Western Australia's finest women musicians.

Generous Discounts Available

We offer discounts for seniors, students, and those under 30.
Children under 12 attend for free!

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Your donation to Mirabilis Collective enriches Western Australia's cultural landscape, supporting performances that celebrate women musicians and promote musical diversity.

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