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2025 CONCERT SERIES



Clara Schumann

Notes from an extraordinary life

MIRABILIS COLLECTIVE

Welcome to Notes from an Extraordinary Life

We are so pleased to have you with us for *Clara Schumann: Notes from an Extraordinary Life*—a concert that places Clara's own music, words and spirit at the centre. Tonight's programme traces her journey as prodigy, composer, virtuoso, partner and mother; a life shaped by courage, devotion and an unshakeable fidelity to art.

This project is created in collaboration with Tenth Muse Initiative, with creative producer Hannah Lee Tungate supporting us as we weave Clara's voice into a contemporary narrative. Mentoring sits at the heart of Mirabilis Collective, and it has been a privilege to shape this performance alongside exceptional young musicians who bring freshness, skill and fearlessness to Clara's music. Reconnecting with our narrator, Annie Aitken, is a personal highlight. Having shared music with her as a young talent, I'm especially delighted to celebrate the extraordinary artist and storyteller she has become.

This programme reimagines selected Lieder and two piano works for chamber ensemble, and adapts two movements of the Piano Trio for oboe. These settings let our musicians inhabit Clara's beautiful piano writing—its lyricism and harmonic clarity—translating it into an intimate conversation of instrumental colours while remaining true to her voice.

Our warm thanks go to our supporters and community of donors for making this work possible, to the UWA Conservatorium of Music for their ongoing partnership, and to our collaborators who share our belief that music by women belongs centre stage. May tonight's concert spark admiration, curiosity and wonder—for Clara's artistry, and for the many women whose voices continue to inspire.

Stephanie Nicholls
Artistic Director, Mirabilis Collective

Performers

Lucinda Nicholls soprano

Bridget Hutchinson piano

Ellie Malonzo violin

Julia Nicholls violin

Jessica Casey viola

Elena Wittkuhn cello

Stephanie Nicholls oboe and piano

Annie Aitken narrator

Narration written by Stephanie Nicholls with Julia Nicholls.

Scan or click on our QR code for German Lieder translations, detailed performer biographies, and tonight's full programme notes.



Programme

All music by Clara Schumann

Liebst du um Schönheit Op. 12 No. 2 *Sechs Lieder* Op. 13, *Quatre Pièces fugitives* Op. 15 and *Piano Trio in G minor* Op. 17 arranged by Stephanie Nicholls



- I. Larghetto from *Quatre Pièces fugitives* Op. 15
"Ich stand in dunklen Träumen" from *Sechs Lieder* Op. 13 No. 1

Finding Her Voice

- II. Romanze from *Piano Concerto in A minor* Op. 7

Choosing Her Own Path

- II. Un poco agitato from *Quatre Pièces fugitives* Op. 15
"Sie liebten sich beide" from *Sechs Lieder* Op. 13 No. 2
"Liebeszauber" from *Sechs Lieder* Op. 13 No. 3

The Art of Having It All

- II. Scherzo from *Piano Trio in G minor* Op. 17
III. Andante from *Piano Trio in G minor* Op. 17

Through Darkness and Light

- I. Andante from *Three Romances for Violin and Piano* Op. 22
II. Allegretto from *Three Romances for Violin and Piano* Op. 22

Redefining Love

- "Der Mond kommt still gegangen" from *Sechs Lieder* Op. 13 No. 4
"Ich hab 'in deinem Auge" from *Sechs Lieder* Op. 13 No. 5

A Life Transformed Into Music

- "Die stille Lotosblume" from *Sechs Lieder* Op. 13 No. 6
Liebst du um Schönheit Op. 12 No. 2

We're Mirabilis Collective

Mirabilis Collective brings together women musicians of different generations to share music that inspires, challenges, and uplifts. Our concerts celebrate the creativity of women across centuries and genres, offering audiences a rich spectrum of voices and stories.

Upcoming Events

Songbirds — Free Wesley at One Recital

1pm Friday 19 September | Wesley Uniting Church, Perth

Southern Stars — Celebrating Music by Australian Women

5pm Sunday 16 November | Callaway Auditorium, UWA

Tickets available from mirabiliscollective.com

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