



Mozart Room 1.45 pm  
Adjudicator: Melinda Forsythe  
Accompanist: Vincent Colagiuri



AUSTA WA STRING FESTIVAL  
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Michael Fairley

Cats in Coats - Gibson

Olivia Zhang

Lollipop Man - Colledges

Andrew Chong

The Ragtime Bass Player

Danwoo Moon

Gavotte - Gossec

The Three Bassketeers

Nina Rumley, Pascale  
Gallen, Toveesha  
Hosseini

Polka - Dawe

Lucas Allmark

Skater's Waltz - Cohen & Sarabande - Bohm

Austin James

Barrier Reef - Blackwells

Lucien Zhang

The Musical Box Winds Down - Cohen

Shayna Elizabeth Kong

Rondo - Purcell

Haining (Helena) Yang

Russian fantasy No.2 - Portnoff

Laura-Phoebe Liem

Sicilienne - Faure

Judy Raess

First movement Violin Concerto - Haydn

**AUSTA WA welcomes adjudicator MELINDA FORSYTHE**



Cellist Melinda Forsythe was born in Perth, where for a number of years she was a member of the West Australian Youth Orchestra. After moving to the UK to study she graduated with a Masters in Music Performance from the Royal Northern College of Music, (RNCM) Manchester, where she was fortunate to study with Karine Georgian, a world- renowned cellist and student of Rostropovich. Melinda played as principal cellist with the RNCM Orchestra and with the Watahiki String Quartet, who were successful as finalists in the Granada Prize, winners of the Hirsch Prize for Chamber Music, and guest artists at the Alburni String Quartet Summer School in Cambridge. Melinda performed with orchestras and chamber ensembles in the U.K., including with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Ulster Orchestra and BBC Philharmonic. She has toured with orchestras in Europe and in 2012 performed with the Pacific Music Festival Orchestra in Japan. Melinda performed as a soloist in summer festivals including the Scottish International Cello Festival and Ticino Musica in Switzerland.

Since returning to Perth, Melinda has regularly performed as a recitalist, orchestral and chamber musician with many groups including WA Symphony Orchestra, Perth Philharmonic Orchestra, Perth Symphony Orchestra, Fremantle Chamber Orchestra, Darlington String Trio, WA Charity Orchestra, and the Chimera Ensemble. She enjoys performing music for children and families with Music Book Stories and with the WA Symphony Orchestra's and The Literature Centre's innovative 'Sound of Picture Books'.



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