



# MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE

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## MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE PRESENTS The Israel Camerata Jerusalem Orchestra

*The acclaimed Israel Camerata Jerusalem Orchestra makes its Australian debut at Melbourne Recital Centre this September.*



The **Israel Camerata Jerusalem Orchestra** is the leading chamber orchestra in Israel today. Founded in 1983 by **Avner Biron**, its longstanding musical director and permanent conductor, the Camerata was an experiment in Israeli melting pot endeavours and has been hugely successful in bringing together established and emerging musicians. As a cultural endeavour, it has achieved remarkable excellence in one of the most significant - and fiercely competitive - areas of the arts: classical music.

As part of **Melbourne Recital Centre's** ongoing mission to be a creative leader for Melbourne, this exclusive Australian tour will see the orchestra perform two concerts in **Elisabeth Murdoch Hall** exploring the ongoing resonance of Jewish sacred and folk music. *'We are so excited to bring the Israel Camerata Jerusalem to Australian audiences this September,'* says **Marshall McGuire**, Melbourne Recital Centre's Director of Artistic Planning. *'The opportunity to experience this chamber orchestra's creativity, inventiveness and originality will make this one of the most remarkable - and unmissable - classical performances in Melbourne this year.'*

The highlight of these performances will be works by Ukrainian/Israeli composer **Mark Kopytman** renowned for crafting compositions of intricate beauty. Amongst **Dvorák's** impassioned **Cello Concerto in B minor** and **Haydn's** joyous **Symphony No.85 'The Queen'**, the first concert also features Kopytman's ***Beyond all this ...***, a major work from an important voice in classical music. In the words of the composer, it is 'a mixture of reflections of the feelings, thoughts and dreams about the people and the country to which I belong'. The second performance will provide great contrast highlighting another of Kopytman's landmark works ***Kaddish***, written in memory of the composer's late father, creating a great prayer of remembrance.

Joining the Camerata is Israeli cellist **Zvi Plessner**, a musician with a remarkably varied career as cello soloist, chamber musician and distinguished educator. Based in Israel, Zvi Plessner has performed worldwide and collaborated with some of our time's leading instrumentalists and conductors including appearing as a soloist with the **Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra** in a special concert conducted by Maestro **Simon Rattle**. For these Australian performances, Zvi Plessner will join the Camerata as soloist in Dvorák's rhapsodic Cello Concerto in B minor - one of the most magnificent in the repertoire - on 19 September and the graceful and melodic Cello Concerto in C by Haydn in the second performance.



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**CONCERT 1:** *Beyond All This ...*

Thursday 15 September, 7:30pm

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall

**DVORÁK** Cello Concerto in B minor, Op.104

**KOPYTMAN** *Beyond All This ...*

**HAYDN** Symphony No.85 'The Queen'

**CONCERT 2:** *Remembrance*

Monday 19 September, 7:30pm

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall

**BARTÓK** Divertimento

**HAYDN** Cello Concerto No.1 in C, Hob.VIIIb:1

**KOPYTMAN** *Kaddish*

**SCHUBERT** Symphony No.5, D.485

**Tickets**

Premium \$129

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