



News Release

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Music in the Gardens back in season

Music lovers around the Central West are looking forward to the return of the Orange Regional Conservatorium (ORC) and Friends of the Orange Botanic Gardens annual Music in the Gardens concerts. This year it launches as the beginning of the Slow Summer Festival. From Friday 5 February to Friday 5 March, the Orange Botanic Gardens will come alive with the sounds of classical, jazz and everything in between.

The concerts will see ORC staff and students squeeze onto the newly constructed stage for a mammoth extravaganza of sound, the perfect music accompaniment for a family picnic in the Gardens.

"The Music in the Gardens concerts are a wonderful community event that brings together all the things we love – music, food, family and friends in a beautiful environment," ORC director Mr Graham Sattler says.

This year will see the inclusion of food and coffee stalls at the launch concert with Taste Orange launching the Slow Summer Festival at the event.

"We still encourage people to bring a picnic and refreshments along to the concerts but it's great to know that food is available at the concerts if needed.

Another first is the addition of a wet weather venue.

"We have been very lucky with the weather in the past, but Orange weather is very unpredictable," says Mr Sattler. "GWAHS have very kindly offered to support the concerts by providing an alternate venue if it rains. Bloomfield Hall, Canobolas Drive is a wonderful venue and the ORC certainly appreciate the generosity of GWAHS in letting us use it."

To find out if the venue will change prior to a concert, please visit the ORC website www.orangecon.org.au

The Music in the Gardens concerts are the first of approximately 30 Public Concerts the ORC organises each year in which professional, student and amateur musicians enrich the cultural life of the region and gain valuable experience through exposure of their talents

Friends of the Orange Botanical Gardens and the Orange Regional Conservatorium present Music in the Gardens at the Orange Botanical Gardens on Friday 5, 12, 19, 26 February and Friday 5 March from 6.30pm to 8pm. For more information contact the ORC on 6361 7974 or visit www.orangecon.org.au