

PERFORMERS

William Winitana

Hawke's Bay baritone William Winitana has achieved many things. From being chosen at age 17 to study dance in Sydney with the Royal Sydney Ballet Company's Alfred Williams, singing the lead in "Sweeney Todd", performing roles with Opera New Zealand, singing with Luciano Pavarotti and being chosen, from a long audition list of young singers, to become one of the final four singers chosen for the NBR Opera New Zealand Dame Melvina Major Emerging Artists Programme in 1999.

William has been described by Opera New Zealand Artistic Director Jonathon Alver, as a singer who has the "very real potential to develop into a Verdi baritone". The now 31 year old William has also added to his list of achievements, the completion of a year-long Diploma in Performing Arts (Opera) studying at Auckland University, focusing on both performance and languages, under the supervision of voice coach Rosie Barnes.

He also has a Diploma in Vocal Arts from Hawke's Bay's Eastern Institute of Technology.

Stephen Gibbs and "The Donkey May Sing" Enterprises

Stephen formed the organisation with the unusual name after finishing a Maths and Music teaching career seven years ago. Through "The Donkey May Sing Enterprise" he has composed, arranged and performed as a cellist, been an orchestral manager and stage manager, musical director and conductor, tutor and journalist. He is currently the chief journalist at the Havelock North Village Press and Musical Director for Napier Operatic Society's production of "Annie" as well as managing the Ponticelli String Quartet and Gung Ho duo.

PROGRAMME

Ponticelli: Handel's Water Music Suite 1

Bourée

Minuet

Air

Hornpipe

The Humours of Bath Julian Herbage

Overture

Minuet

Bourée

Cotillon

William Winitana accompanied by Louise Clark

Songs with aquatic flair

Jane Pierard accompanied by Viva Sahn

Aqua Jazz

Now it's your turn "H2O and Deeper"

Stephen Gibbs and Louise Clark

15 minute interval

Ponticelli: Handel's Water Music Suite II

Pomposo

Air

Moderato

Hornpipe II

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William Winitana and Louise Clark

With more aquatic flair

Jane Pierard and Viva Sahn

With more Aqua Jazz

Ponticelli: Shantyana

Thank you for joining us at the National Aquarium's inaugural concert

