



# Nut Point Centre

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**HIDDEN TREASURES**  
**Benjamin Morrison**  
Of the Vienna State opera & the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra  
Hidden Gems from the Violin repertoire, including two **CHRISTCHURCH PREMIERES** of works by MEYERSEDDER and VERDI  
The Duo will also play well known works such as Stravinski's Italian Suite and the Rondo Capriccioso.  
Piano accompanist: **Iola Shelley**

**July 2016 Programme**



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## Programme-First Half

- Vivaldi - Violin Concerto in g minor rv.317
- Mayseder- Rondo Brillante
- G. Verdi / D. Vine - Preludio e Terzetto - Finale Atto III von I Lombardi

## Interval

Refreshments at the *Studio Cafeteria*



## Programme-Second Half

- Glazunov / K. Rodionov - Entr'acte von Raymonda
- Stravinsky - Suite Italienne
- Saint-saens - Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso

**Benjamin Morrison– Violin.**  
**Piano accompanist : Iola Shelley.**



## Benjamin Morrison

Began with initial tuition at age 4 from his father, David Morrison. Ben made rapid progress for the next 10 years studying with violin teacher Stephen Larsen before studying with the New Zealand Symphony's Concertmaster, Vesa-Matti Leppanen.



After many successes in New Zealand, including 1st place in the National Concerto Competition, 1st place in the National Chamber Music Competition, Concertmaster of the National Youth Orchestra for 3 years, as well as an active solo career with orchestras such as the New Zealand Symphony, Benjamin moved to Austria to continue his studies with renowned professor Yair Kless at the Kunst University in Graz. It was there with Professor Kless that he completed his Master Studies in violin performance, as well as Master Studies in Chamber music with Professor Chia Chou and Professor Stephan Görner. Since living in Austria, Benjamin has gained recognition as an artist, performing the standard violin repertoire, from Baroque works to contemporary compositions written especially for him. Benjamin has worked as a soloist and concertmaster with many internationally recognised conductors, as well as masterclasses with professors such as Ana Chumachenko, Pinchas Zukerman, Schlomo Mintz and Liana Isakadse.

In August 2010 Benjamin was one of 10 from 1,000 artists chosen to perform in the prestigious prize-winners' concert of the Salzburg International Summer Academy in the Mozarteum's Grosser Saal, performing Shostakovich's Violin Concerto to a full house. Benjamin has also gained recognition on the International Competition circuit, being a prize winner in the Michael Hill International Violin Competition (2011). He is a recipient of the "Yehudi Menuhin Live music Now!" scholarship, as well as receiving the Begabtenstipendium, Graz in 2011. In 2014, Benjamin was awarded one of the highest awards from the city of Graz, the Dr. Karl Böhm Scholarship.

As well as enjoying an active solo and chamber music career in Europe, Benjamin is actively involved in orchestras, being a member of the Vienna State opera as well as the Vienna Philharmonic. His accomplishments can also be seen in Chamber music, where his piano Trio, the Morrison Trio, founded in 2009, were finalists in the International Schubert Competition and, in 2013, winners of the special prize at the 20th International Brahms Competition in Pörtlach, Austria. The trio won 1st prize at the 'Martha Debelli' Scholarship Competition (Graz 2012) and 3rd Prize at the Austrian National Competition 'Gradus ad Parnassum' (2011). As well as performing in Europe, the Morrison trio have a tour of China in their 2014 concert schedule. Their recording of Composer Hooshyar Khayam's work for Piano Trio will be featured on an album alongside recordings by artists such as the Kronos Quartet.