

# RIMUFEST

CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

3<sup>RD</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

**DEADLINE to apply:**  
**31st October 2020**

**Notification of acceptance,  
waitlist, or decline:**  
**14th November 2020**

RimuFest Chamber Music Festival, founded by ensemble-in-residence the Harikoa String Quartet, is an 8-day summer chamber music programme for beginner to advanced string players between the ages of 7-18. Students come together in a social setting using teamwork and leadership skills to create music.

The 2021 programme will run from 3rd - 10th January. RimuFest includes chamber concert series, daily coachings and rehearsals as well as private lessons, masterclasses, rhythm classes, and yoga. Students will be selected to participate in chamber music, RimuFest String Orchestra, or both, depending on their submitted audition materials. See more details under 'RimuFest String Orchestra' on page 2.

RimuFest Faculty is comprised of the Harikoa String Quartet and percussion rhythm faculty, Hannah Neman. The Harikoa String Quartet is made up of New Zealand artists Amelia Taylor (violin), Elyse Dalabakis (viola) and Charlotte Ketel (cello) and Mexican violinist Dr. Alejandro Larumbe. We seek to honour our cultural heritage by creating opportunities to support the work of musicians and living composers from Mexico and New Zealand.

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

RimuFest Chamber Music Festival accepts beginner to advanced violin, viola, and cello local Bay of Plenty residents or domestic NZ students as well as pre-formed chamber music groups. Students must be 7-18 years old.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, students must:

1. prepare a short audition video and
2. fill out the online application form.

Audition videos must demonstrate your musical ability and be 10 minutes maximum. Videos must be a YouTube link. Please apply for the RimuFest Chamber Music Festival through the online registration form. Students must be local Bay of Plenty residents or domestic NZ students.

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

**APPLY HERE**

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## WHAT'S ON OFFER

### PRIVATE LESSONS

RimuFest students receive one-on-one private lessons with the Harikoa String Quartet during the 8-day programme.

### CHAMBER MUSIC

Chamber music is one of the most beneficial, supportive and fun ways to improve your playing. Not only will students refine fundamental skills such as rhythm, pitch, timing and dynamics, chamber music also develops creative thinking, coordination, memorisation and social and emotional skills. Chamber music groups will be coached by members of the Harikoa Quartet during the RimuFest Holiday Programme.

### RIMUFEST STRING ORCHESTRA

The RimuFest String Orchestra is for violin, viola, and cello students. Students who are not placed in chamber groups may participate in RimuFest String Orchestra, yoga, and rhythm class (9am – 1:15pm each day). The repertoire we rehearse over the festival will be performed in the Final Student Concert.

### BUCKET DRUMMING

RimuFest Bucket Drumming component explores rhythm and ensemble playing through percussion concepts applied to buckets and lead by rhythm and percussion faculty artist, Hannah Neman. Students will learn ensemble skills which can be applied to chamber music and string orchestra. As string players, it is important to internalise rhythm and focus on rhythmic development separate from our instruments – bucket drumming will help our students achieve this. In our bucketing drumming component, students will compose their own piece together to perform in the final concert.

### YOGA & MUSICIAN'S HEALTH

Musicians use and train their muscle groups and fine motor skills, the same as professional athletes. In order to care for these muscles, their development, and our bodies, we must devote time and attention to prepare for the demands of playing a musical instrument. Students will take 3 classes with Margaret Collins, a yoga specialist and certified Alexander Technique instructor.

### FINAL STUDENT CONCERT

The RimuFest Final Student Concert will be held on 9th January 2021. Bucketing drumming, RimuFest string orchestra, and all chamber music ensembles will perform.

## SCHEDULE

All students are required to attend all classes and performances. Parents may attend all lessons.

Students who are not placed in chamber groups may participate in RimuFest String Orchestra, yoga, and rhythm class (9am – 1:15pm each day). Students placed in chamber groups are required for all activities, see below for details.

#### 3rd January

11am - 4pm

#### 4th - 8th January

9am – 5pm

#### 9th January

10am - 3pm and reception in the park

#### 10th January

11am - 12pm

## CONCERT SCHEDULE

#### 3rd January – 6:30pm

Opening Concert @ Poripori Homestead

#### 6th January

Lunchtime Concert

#### 9th January – 1.00pm

Student Concert

#### 10th January – 6:30pm

Closing Concert @ the Jam Factory

## REGISTRATION & COURSE FEES

All applications must be completed in full and payments made on time in order to participate. Students will be notified of acceptance, waitlist, or decline by 14 November and will be advised of associated costs as outlined below.

Full day (chamber music) - \$250 per student

Full day students enrolled in a Suzuki Camp - \$200 per student

Half day (orchestra, yoga, rhythm class) - \$200 per student

RimuFest Chamber Music Festival is valued at \$1500 per student and we are happy to offer our programme at reduced rates to keep music education affordable in NZ. We would like to thank our sponsors who have made this possible for our students: Creative Bay of Plenty Creative Communities Scheme, the Taylor Family, the Ketel & Bay Family, Poripori Homestead, and Anonymous (x1).

Tauranga City Council



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