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Final REDKITE Fundraising Recital for 2019 to Feature Musical Theatre Classics and New Local Compositions

The final REDKITE Fundraising Recital for 2019 is fast approaching. The concert will feature local composer and pianist, **Mark Matthews** (ABC Local Radio Presenter, Featured Composer for AMEB) and **Jeremy Boulton** (Operatic Baritone, Sydney Conservatorium of Music). It will also feature performances by **piano students from Remarkable Studios** (Illawarra).

'We're so excited to be back putting on the final recital for the year. It's such a thrill to have Jeremy Boulton on board joining us for some Rodgers & Hammerstein classics that everyone will love', Mr Matthews said.

'The music is accessible, the programme is entertaining and very family friendly. Most importantly, the **money raised will go directly to REDKITE** – a charity I've supported for some time now.'

The programme will **feature musical theatre classics** such as 'Some Enchanted Evening' from *South Pacific*, 'I Have Dreamed' from *The King & I* and 'Edelweiss' from *The Sound of Music*. Alongside these hits, the audience will be treated to Mark's original music for solo piano. Mark has a discography of over a dozen successful studio albums and his compositions appear in the syllabus for the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) in Piano for Leisure.

Some information about **redkite** from redkite.org.au...

Providing essential support to children and young people with cancer, and their families, has been Redkite's focus for over 30 years. We're here throughout the whole cancer journey, from the moment of diagnosis until after treatment finishes.

our support services

We're here for children and young people (24 and under) from diagnosis, throughout treatment, and after treatment ends. Our support includes:

- **Financial assistance** to cover essential costs
- **Information, counselling and group support**
- Support to keep **education and career goals** on track
- Support through **grief and loss**
- **Diagnosis support packs** for children and young adults
- Support in hospital through **social workers** and **music therapists**

Redkite receives no government funding. We rely entirely on the generosity of the community to provide these important services.

\$20 | All Tickets

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The First Saturday of Summer – FOR REDKITE

Sat 7 December 2:30pm | Wesley Uniting Church on the Mall – Crown St, Wollongong

Tickets: \$20

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

JEREMY BOULTON | Operatic Baritone

A former recipient of the Opera Australia Student Scholarship and graduate of the Talent Development Project, Jeremy has starred in the lead roles for productions of *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The King & I*. He was also a featured artist in the *Schools Spectacular* and *Southern Stars*.

"He's very well developed for a young man of his age; he's got very good instincts musically, and it seems to me theatrically as well; he's certainly got a good voice and he's absolutely on the right path."

- Lyndon Terracini (Artistic Director, **Opera Australia**)

Jeremy has featured as a concert soloist for the Opera Australia Benevolent Fund, Sydney Conservatorium of Music (Early Music Ensemble), Argyle Orchestra (Hobart, Australia), Opera Projects Sydney, Opera South East and Fiori Musicali (Armidale, NSW). He has also featured in the ensembles of *Don Giovanni* and *I Pagliacci* for the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

Winner of both the Margaret Olive Stewart Bequest Scholarship and the PATIM Fund Scholarship, Jeremy studies with Maree Ryan AM. In the 2018 Sydney Eisteddfod, Jeremy was the Runner Up in the Intermediate Vocal Scholarship (Dame Joan Sutherland Memorial Award). Jeremy is currently reading for a Bachelor of Music (Performance) at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Masterclasses include that by Jessica Pratt.

Jeremy's other work includes scoring for short films (Best Film, Martini Awards 2017) and stage productions of *The Tempest*, *Blood Wedding* and *Ash Girl*. His behind-the-scenes work includes working as Assistant Conductor to Maestro Aaron Kernaghan. He is a Certificate Member (Arranger & Copyist) of the Music Arrangers' Guild of Australia (M.A.G.A.). Commissions include *The Curious Story of the Bushy-Tailed Drop Bear* (tone poem for orchestra) and a re-worked production of *Dido and Aeneas* (Purcell).

In his spare time, Jeremy enjoys attending the symphony, opera, chamber music recitals, jazz and straight theatre. Of a summer, Jeremy turns into a cricket tragic. He also takes an overly keen interest in Australian politics and the work of cartoonist, Michael Leunig.

MARK MATTHEWS | Pianist

Mark Matthews was involved in community radio for seven years prior to coming to the ABC. He also provided voice overs for local television stations. He brings to Saturday mornings a wealth of local knowledge (his family has lived in the region for four generations) and a love of music. Mark matriculated from Corrimal High School (where he was Boy Vice Captain) in 1979 and graduated, with honours, in Civil Engineering from Wollongong University in 1983. While he has practised as a Civil Engineer in the Hunter Valley, ACT and Illawarra and worked as a structural design engineer for Wollongong City Council, music has always been his passion.

In 1979 he won the National title of the Yamaha International Keyboard Festival and was the Australian representative to Japan in the same year, ranking in the world top ten. He teaches Piano from his private studios in Figtree and is also a teacher with the Civil Engineering Faculty at Wollongong TAFE. Mark has two daughters and aside from music he enjoys swimming, bodysurfing, walking, weight training, the creative arts and movies.

The First Saturday of *Summer*

A musical concert featuring

Jeremy Boulton
Baritone

And the Students from

Remarkable Studios



Hosted and performances by

Mark Matthews

Saturday 7th December @ 2.30

Wesley Church on the mall

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Entry just a \$20 donation toward **redkite**

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