

Festival for Peace

Music, forums, workshops and events for children

Presented by
a chorus of women



28 April – 2 May

Albert Hall,
Canberra

KEY EVENTS

We hope that by now you have seen our flyers or website information about Canberra's first ever **Festival for Peace**, which will be presented by A Chorus of Women at the Albert Hall from 28 April to 2 May 2015.

As this significant festival draws closer, we would like to draw your particular attention to some of the wonderful events featured in the program.

TUES 28 APRIL, THURS 30 APRIL, SAT 2 MAY, 7.30 PM

PERFORMANCES: *A Passion for Peace*



The centrepiece of our festival will be world premiere performances of *A Passion for Peace* — A Chorus of Women's new choral drama by Glenda Cloughley. This brand new work enlivens the classical tradition of oratorio to create a vibrant form for community participation in the great issues of our time. In beautiful poetry and song our chorus of 80 Canberra women and children will sing on the courageous spirit of 1300 women who gathered at The Hague for the momentous 1915 International Congress of Woman in the same week as the Anzacs' Gallipoli landing.

Musical director Johanna McBride

Staging and drama co-directors Craig San Roque and Miriam Pickard

With A Chorus of Women, Arawang Primary School choir and a cast of Canberra's best known soloists and instrumentalists.

WED 29 APRIL, 7.30 PM

FORUM: *Finding the Ways to Peace*

A facilitated forum about the legacy of the 1915 Congress, especially in relation to current global issues.

With Professor Hilary Charlesworth, Diana Abdel Rahman, Libby Lloyd and others.

Facilitator: Dr Janet Salisbury



THURS 30 APRIL 10 AM – 4.30 PM

WORKSHOP: *Women's Day — Women's Ways*

A day of talks, conversations, songs and social interaction on the theme 'Women's Power to Stop War' Hosted by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) ACT



working for peace, disarmament
and gender equality since 1915

(See detailed program on our website)

FRIDAY 1 MAY, 8 PM

CONCERT: Songs of Passion and Compassion

A concert of music about peace-making in the wake of repetitive, unconscionable warfare; and on behalf of refugees, Indigenous peoples, animals wild and domestic, and our own Earth. We appeal for spiritual assistance for people to take the great step upward to a higher ethos for our world.

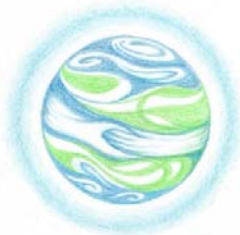
Musician-composers Judith Clingan AM, and Honey Nelson will present a program of new music, sung by a Festival Ensemble of 10 fine singers, and instrumentalists.

Musical direction Judith Clingan



SATURDAY 2 MAY, 10.30 AM-12.30 PM

FORUM: Peace on Earth – Peace with the Earth



A facilitated forum about the links between peace and environmental issues, including climate change, with Professor Will Steffen, Bishop Stephen Pickard, Dr Helen Cleugh, Anne Lanyon and others.

Facilitator Professor Kate Rigby

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES (ALL WEEK)

In addition to these major events, the festival will include **children's storytelling** (29 and 30 April from 3.30 pm, 2 May from 3 pm); two **family concerts** (with Judith Clingan and others on Wed 29 April at 5 pm and with the Hughes Community Choir on Sat 2 May at 1.30 pm); **stories and conversations** about the women peacemakers of 1915 ((Wed 29 April, 12.30 and 2.30 pm; Fri 1 May, 12.30 pm); **poetry and other readings with Peace Works!** (Saturday 1 May, 3 pm); **hands on workshops, theatre performances, displays, broadcasts from the 100th anniversary women's congress at The Hague, 'philosophy corner', a labyrinth** and much more

See the full program and ticketing information at www.chorusofwomen.org

We look forward to welcoming many of you to this important festival (which, with your support, we hope can become a significant annual event in Canberra).

With very kind regards,

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