

# 20th Anniversary Conference

Sat, 14 Feb, 11am - Sun, 15 Feb, 1pm 2026 NZDT

New Zealand School of Music, Te kōkī, Adam Concert Room,  
7 Kelburn Parade, Wellington



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## Programme

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February

11.00am – 12.00pm: Registration

12.00pm: Welcome and Opening address by  
our patron, **Michael Houstoun**

Launch of commissioned Aotearoa New  
Zealand pieces by **Ross Harris, Gareth Farr  
and Natalie Hunt**

**1.15pm: Light Lunch and Birthday Cake**

2.00pm: How to prepare for performance  
**Judy Bellingham**

2.30pm: The future of NCEA and digital  
platforms **Andrew Buchanan-Smart**

2.50pm: NZMEB point of  
difference.

Panel Discussion featuring **NZMEB  
Examiners**

3.50pm: Leg stretch

4.00pm: Teaching neurodiverse students  
**Kelly Robertson, OT**

**5.15pm: Preconcert Snack**

**6.00pm: Concert**

**8.30pm: Supper at Naumi Hotel, Cuba  
Street (buy your tickets on the NZMEB  
[website](#))**

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

9.00am: **Rae de Lisle** – Fit for piano

10.00am: **Craig Utting** NZ Composer

10.30am: Masterclasses

- Piano – **Rae de Lisle**
- Vocal – **Judy Bellingham**
- Flute – **Ingrid Culliford**

**11.40am: Morning tea**

12.00pm: Baroque demystified  
**Chalium Poppy**

12.30pm: Farewell and concert  
featuring past NZMEB students.

1.00pm: Finish