



Highlands Music Collective
presents

Birds of a Feather (are Better Together!)

Bowral Memorial Hall
Friday, 21 February, 6.30 – 7.40 pm.

Seventeen-year-old flautist **Annabel Wouters** is well-known to music lovers in the Southern Highlands after winning the **2025 Eva Pascoe Award**. Named after Mrs Eva and Dr Timothy Pascoe AM, the Highlands Music Collective's late Founding Patrons, annual Pascoe Awards gives \$4000 in cash prizes plus mentoring and chamber music opportunities with the Highlands Music Collective.

Despite Annabel's young age of seventeen, she is already achieving great heights. For the last three years, she has been chosen for the **Australian Youth Orchestra's** Young Symphony Project (reserved for the top three flute players in the country under 18). She was the first flautist to win the **WollCon Concerto Competition** last year and received her AMEB **L.Mus.A Diploma** on flute and her A.Dip.A (Honours) on piano. In 2024, she represented the WollCon at the **International Flute Convention** in America and will travel to Europe later this year with the **Regional Youth Orchestra**.

We are very excited to be presenting two young alumni of the Eva Pascoe Award –flautist **Annabel Wouters** (17) and pianist Luke Bowen (21), in the Highlands Music Collective's opening concert for 2025.

You can hear these inspiring musicians perform chamber music with the HMCollective's Artistic Director and violinist **Myee Clohessy** and cellist **Catherine Barnett** on **Friday, 21 February, 6.30 pm at Bowral Memorial Hall**.

Their program will include beautiful music inspired by birdsong by Vivaldi, Mozart, Casals, Beethoven and Beach. To add to the uniqueness of this concert, there will be a living composer in the room too! **John Spence**, Head of Theory and Composition at Wollongong Conservatorium, will share his inspiration behind his work 'When Feathers Fall' which was written in memory of his dear friend Wendy Feathers.

Further details:

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