

Recital By Samantha Crawford, 19 October 2017

Our Wagner Society was delighted to help fund Australian soprano, Samantha Crawford, for coaching in London with iconic Wagnerian soprano, Dame Anne Evans. Samantha was invited to sing with a tranche of Aussie and NZ singers at a Tait Memorial Trust concert in London alongside Sydney Heldentenor, Stuart Skelton.

On 19 October on a balmy Sydney evening, at the lovely home and garden of members, Ros and Tony Strong (who had attended the concert in London and heard Samantha there) Samantha fitted us in a thank you recital and accompanied by Sydney's Bradley Gilchrist, sang the Wesendonck Lied, *Schmerzen, O Sachs, mein Freund* from *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, *Einsam in trüben Tagen* from *Lohengrin*, and *Du bist der Lenz* from *Die Walküre*. Afterwards we saw a short film of the *Walkürenritt* from the London Tait Memorial Trust 25th Anniversary recital, featuring such wonderful singers as Eleanor Greenwood (also a recipient of Wagner Society funding), Valda Wilson, Liane Keegan, and Ashlyn Tymms. Both artists and our hosts were presented with Brangayne Wines of Orange, followed by champagne and snacks in the garden and a chat with the artists.

By Leona Geeves

See photo of Samantha Crawford and Leona Geeves below

