

Concert Of Young Singers Supported By The Society, & Champagne Celebration Of Wagner's Birthday, 22 May 2016

2.00pm: Concert followed by Wagner's birthday champagne celebration

Concert

In keeping with a Wagner Society in NSW tradition, we were entertained at the annual celebration of Richard Wagner's birthday by two singers whom the Society had sponsored in previous years.

Laura Scandizzo thrilled the appreciative audience with a couple of familiar, but challenging works by Wagner, together with a favourite aria from an opera most of us have never heard all the way through, or seen on stage, expertly accompanied by Bradley Gilchrist: "Träume from Wesendonck Lieder by Wagner; "Ebben? N'andro lantana" from La Wally by Catalani; and "Dich teure halle" from Tannhäuser by Wagner.



Laura Scandizzo and Bradley Gilchrist

Laura and Lucy Bailes then joined forcelto deliver a series of duets, accompanied by the versatile Bradley Gilchrist, including: C.M. Weber 3 Duetti Op.31 No.1, "Bastan quelle lagrime" from Elisabetta and "La

regata Veneziana” from Serate Musicali also called Voga, O Tonioboth by Rossini.

Laura and Bradley then handed over to Lucy Bailes and Jennifer Clarkson, since they had to leave to take part in a performance of Puccini’s Suor Angelica for Pacific Opera, along with Wagner star Liane Keegan. Before he left, Bradley conveyed a message of thanks from Liane for our past support for her career. Lucy Bailes delighted the by now very excited Members and visitors with further arias—the first not familiar and the second quite familiar: Aria from Elisabetta by Rossini; “Nun eilt herbei“ (“Now hurry here...“) from Die Lustigen Weiber von Windsor (The Merry Wives of Windsor) by Nicolai. At very short notice, Jennifer Clarkson skillfully and sensitively accompanied Lucy.



Lucy Bailes and Jennifer Clarkson