



Saturday 9 - Monday 11 June

In 1980, virtuoso violinist Gidon Kremer envisioned an annual chamber music festival where young musicians would have the opportunity to work with some of the world's leading artists each summer in an intimate musical exchange. Artists would perform free of charge, and programs would only be announced 48 hours before the given concert, written out by hand on butcher's paper. The result was the Lockenhaus Chamber Music Festival – what Kremer described as 'the realisation of my dreams', 'a gathering of friends who want to make music with friends for friends'.

In 2012, German-French cellist Nicolas Altstaedt was chosen by Gidon Kremer to become his successor as the new Artistic Director. Since 2016, our Founder Ulrike Klein and CEO Alison Beare have travelled to Austria to experience the magic that is Lockenhaus. Inspired by the phenomenal artists they heard, they began to imagine their own event and dreamed that one day Nicolas would curate it. It gives us great joy to welcome him as the curator for 2018.

He brings with him Norwegian violinist Vilde Frang, British violist Lawrence Power, and Russian pianist Denis Kozhukhin – people who live and breathe chamber music in its purest form. The energy that will erupt when artists of this calibre inspire the musicians from the Australian Youth Orchestra's Momentum Ensemble is the kind of thing that can only be experienced at UKARIA 24.

Nicolas Altstaedt's appearance at UKARIA is made possible by a generous donation from the estate of the late Dr. J. Richard Knight of New York.





'An absolute revelation. Nicolas Altstaedt is one of the cello realm's most brilliant young princes.'

Huffington Post

Saturday 9 June | 6.30pm

(C)age of Enlightenment

John Cage: Living Room Music

Percussionists from Momentum Ensemble

Joseph Haydn: Cello Concerto No.1 in C major, Hob.VIIb/1

Nicolas Altstaedt | cello Momentum Ensemble

Jörg Widmann: Selections from 24 Duos for Violin and Cello

Vilde Frang | violin Nicolas Altstaedt | cello Performed with an actor

Sándor Veress: Transylvanian Dances for String Orchestra

Momentum Ensemble

Sunday 10 June | 11am

Visual Polyphony

J.S. Bach: Cello Suite No.1 in G major, BWV 1007

J.S. Bach: Cello Suite No.5 in C minor BWV 1011

Nicolas Altstaedt | cello Performed with solo dancers from Australian Dance Theatre

AUSTRALIAN DANCE THEATRE







'[Vilde] Frang is clearly a new star in the violin firmament'

The Guardian

Sunday 10 June | 6.30pm

Chronos and Kairos

John Cage: Child of Tree

Percussionists from Momentum Ensemble

W.A. Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola and Orchestra

Vilde Frang | violin Lawrence Power | viola Momentum Ensemble

Dmitry Shostakovich: Symphony No.15 in A major, Op.141 (arr. for piano trio and percussion)

Vilde Frang | violin Nicolas Altstaedt | cello Denis Kozhukhin | piano Percussionists from Momentum Ensemble





"...[Lawrence] Power is something more: a profound musical personality, his every phrase new and noteworthy."

Sunday Times

Monday 11 June | 11.00am

Teacher and Student

Zoltán Kodály: Duo for Violin and Cello, Op.7

Vilde Frang | violin Nicolas Altstaedt | cello

Sándor Veress: String Trio

Vilde Frang | violin Lawrence Power | viola Nicolas Altstaedt | cello





'Above all, [Denis Kozhukhin] is natural, and this naturalness allows him to create an impression of unaffected simplicity and directness. Of course, this could only be achieved by deeply cultivated musical instincts and a technique as developed and varied as it is unobtrusive. His inerrant rhythmic sense is pliant yet taught; his sound unalloyed silver. Listening to Kozhukhin, you're left with one thing: the music – incontestable, complete.'

Gramophone

Monday 11 June | 2.30pm

Visionary Friendship

Robert Schumann: Cello Concerto in A minor Op.129 (arr. for soloist with string orchestra)

Nicolas Altstaedt | cello Momentum Ensemble

Johannes Brahms: Piano Quartet No.2 in A major, Op.26

Vilde Frang | violin Lawrence Power | viola Nicolas Altstaedt | cello Denis Kozhukhin | piano





Continue the Conversation

OPENING CELEBRATION

Saturday 9 June | 8.15pm

\$40 per person

Celebrate the beginning of the weekend with post-concert canapés and a glass of wine.

DINNER

Sunday 10 June | 8.00pm

3 courses | \$80 per person

Meet the artists and converse with fellow music lovers over a three course culinary journey of some of the finest local produce from the Adelaide Hills.

LUNCH

Monday 11 June | 12.00pm

2 courses | \$70 per person

Reflect with friends both new and old over a two-course lunch to farewell the weekend before the finale concert.