

“Faith, Hope & Care Concert”

2.00pm, 18 August 2019, Auburn Uniting Church

ARTISTS



The Savoy Singers has been providing entertainment to a huge variety of community and fundraising groups for over 40 years. Its origins stem from Melbourne's Savoy Opera company. The members of the group have wide experience as soloists, musicians, singers and stage performers in opera, musical theatre and choral groups. The group has an extensive repertoire, which is predominantly derived from a broad cross section of musical theatre. The Savoy Singers has done much to support the fundraising efforts of not-for-profit organisations, churches, retirement communities and other community groups. By one count, the group has helped to raise over half a million dollars for these organisations over the past 40 years.



Andrea Marr Melbourne-based soul and blues singer-songwriting powerhouse Andrea Marr has just released her first full length soul album, *Natural*. No stranger to Melbourne's rich, roots music community, in 2005 and 2012 Andrea took out the MBAS Blues Performer of the Year Award, representing Australia at the IBC in Memphis, Tennessee twice and reaching the semi-finals in 2013. Andrea has won many other awards and been a featured act at some of Australia's biggest blues and jazz festivals.



Soundarie David Rodrigo is an accomplished pianist and musician from Sri Lanka. She has performed vastly as soloist and collaborator both in Sri Lanka and internationally. She is the Director of Sri Lanka's premiere female ensemble Soul Sounds and heads her own Music Academy - the Soul Sounds Academy. She is a composer, Music Director and recently has been a judge on the franchised show "Sri Lanka's got talent". In addition she is a lawyer specializing in Entertainment Law. To Soundarie - Music is soul searching.



Rushan Hewawasam, the director of the Carella Choir, and ConChord Choir is an accomplished singer, pianist and a choir director. Rushan's first foray in directing a choir was at the age of 15, when he conducted the choir at his alma mater Wesley College, in Sri Lanka. Rushan has since conducted a 500 voice combined school choir in Sri Lanka in the year 2000 to celebrate the millennium and has also represented Sri Lanka at the Asia Pacific Music Conference in Manila. In Australia, Rushan joined the Victoria Welsh Choir, often performing as a soloist. Rushan has also performed at the Royal Festival Hall in Wales as well as at various venues in New Zealand and Singapore. Rushan finds time to conduct few choirs in spite of his busy schedule as CEO for a medical group.