HIGHLY STRUNG

We have planned an unusual festival for May 2017. The focus will be firmly on strings, all of them **Highly Strung**. This will be the first time we've had a koto in the valley, and we'll be enjoying five of them in the **Sydney Koto Quintet**, led by the amazing Satsuki Odamura.

We are delighted to welcome back the **Goldner String Quartet**, Australia's most respected and admired string quartet, drawn from members of the Australia Ensemble. A new ensemble will make its debut at the festival: **Highly Strung**, a quintet of harps led by Australia's great harpist Alice Giles.

Our **Hausmusik** series will include performers drawn from these string groups: Satsuki Odamura will play a solo koto recital; Alice Giles will play solo harp and Goldner players Dimity Hall and Julian Smiles will play a program of duets for violin and cello. We've also invited talented soprano (they're always highly strung!!) Annette Tesoriero to perform with West Australian accordionist Cathie Travers, who will also play a solo accordion concert.

To cap it all off we will have a significant world premiere of Andrew Ford's ***In Transit***, a work for piano (the most highly strung instrument) and speaker which he will perform with pianist Ian Munro, in a program of music about trains.

Continuing our tradition we are staging our biennial **Sculpture in the Valley** during the festival, and this year's show will be held at Cedar Grove, a property with a great outlook over the valley's southeast.

Photo: Damon Smith

Now is the time to book your tickets for the 2017 Festival!

Belinda Webster OAM
Artistic Director

BOOKING

It is simplest to book on the website but, if you prefer, you may book using the **www.artsinthevalley.net.au/festival/bookingform**. Or leave us a message on the phone and we will call you back.

- website: **www.artsinthevalley.net.au/festival**
- email: **info@artsinthevalley.net.au**
- address: PO Box 6114, Kangaroo Valley 2577
- phone: 0467 209 819

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Our venues all have limited capacity, especially for Hausmusik concerts which take place in private homes around the valley. Priority will be given to member package ticketholders, then to non-member package ticketholders and finally single ticket purchasers.
- Packages are now available. Single tickets (subject to availability) will be on sale from 10 February 2017.

Each Festival Package consists of a ticket to three **Hall** concerts; two **Hausmusik** concerts; entry to **Sculpture in the Valley** and a Festival Program.

PRICES

- **Non-member price** $295
- **KVAF members** $270
- **Single tickets:** Hall/Hausmusik concerts $60/$75
- No exchanges or refunds unless a performance is cancelled.
- Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival Inc. reserves the right to vary, substitute or withdraw advertised programs, artists and venues.

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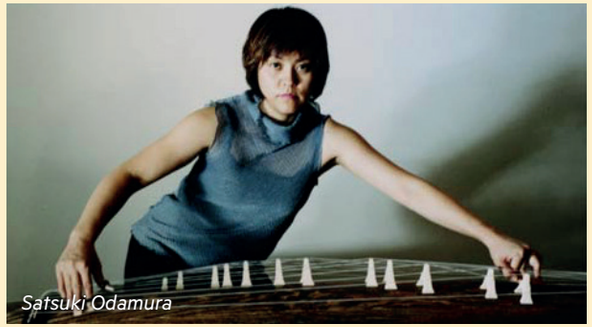
Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival is delighted to announce our wine sponsor for this festival is **Coolangatta Estate** of Shoalhaven Heads **www.coolangattaestate.com.au**



Satsuki Odamura

SYDNEY KOTO QUINTET
(LED BY SATSUKI ODAMURA)
Friday May 5, 8pm Kangaroo Valley Hall

A program of works for up to five kotos, led by Australia's foremost koto virtuoso, Satsuki Odamura. The koto is an ancient Japanese stringed instrument with a huge dynamic and tonal range. The program will include works by Tadao Sawai, Hikaru Sawai and Mark Isaacs.

SCULPTURE IN THE VALLEY

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SCULPTURES IN A BEAUTIFUL VALLEY SETTING
Friday, Saturday and Sunday May 5-7th 10am to 4pm
Cedar Grove **– 189 Jarretts Lane, Kangaroo Valley**

Goldner String Quartet

GOLDNER STRING QUARTET
Saturday May 6, 6pm Kangaroo Valley Hall

One of Australia's leading chamber ensembles, the GSQ will play a program including the ***String Quartet*** by Maurice Ravel.

HIGHLY STRUNG
(FIVE HARP ENSEMBLE) ALICE GILES (DIRECTOR)
Sunday May 7, 2.30pm Kangaroo Valley Hall

This is a new ensemble created for the occasion and named after the festival.

Alice Giles

HAUSMUSIK

Annette Tesoriero

Cathie Travers

The **Hausmusik** concerts take our audience members into private homes in Kangaroo Valley.

HAUSMUSIK A1
ANNETTE TESORIERO AND CATHIE TRAVERS (SOPRANO/ACCORDION)
Saturday May 6, 2.30pm Wollanderri

Annette and Cathie have been working as a duo for some years and have developed a unique style of program.

HAUSMUSIK A2
TRAINS: A THEMED SOLO PIANO RECITAL BY IAN MUNRO WITH ANDREW FORD (SPEAKER)
Saturday May 6, 2.30pm Serenata

Including the world premiere of Ford's ***In Transit for Piano and Speaker***, this intriguing program contains works about trains. Music by Rossini, Poulenc and Grainger will be among the treats.

HAUSMUSIK A3
ALICE GILES: SOLO HARP RECITAL
Saturday May 6, 2.30pm Alcheringa

A solo recital by Arts in the Valley's favourite harpist.

HAUSMUSIK B1
CATHIE TRAVERS: SOLO ACCORDION RECITAL
Sunday May 7, 11am Wollanderri

Cathie's program will include music by Piazzola, Chopin, The Penguin Cafe Orchestra and her own compositions.

HAUSMUSIK B2
DIMITY HALL AND JULIAN SMILES
Sunday May 7, 11am Serenata

A delectable program of duos for violin and cello performed by Goldner String Quartet members Dimity Hall (violin) and Julian Smiles (cello). The program will include music from the gorgeous Sonata for violin and cello by Ravel.

HAUSMUSIK B3
SATSUKI ODAMURA: SOLO KOTO RECITAL
Sunday May 7, 11am Alcheringa

Satsuki Odamura in a rare outing as soloist. She will play traditional music for koto and some appealing contemporary works.