

Morton Trio & Friends present stunning Hungarian and Polish sextets.



For their first concert of 2024, Music Whakatane is thrilled to present **Morton Trio & Friends** in partnership with Chamber Music New Zealand. On **Tuesday 9 April at 7.30pm** the Christchurch-based ensemble bring a bold and soaring musical experience to **The Church of St George and St John, 30 Domain Road, Whakatāne**.

As there is a \$5 per ticket surcharge for door sales, patrons are strongly recommended to book their tickets (Adults \$30, Under 18s \$5) online at www.trybooking.com/nz/RKG (a small booking fee applies) or in person (cash only), including **Flexiticket* holders** at The Good Life, 160 The Strand, Whakatāne.

For this exciting tour as a sextet, Morton Trio members Arna Morton (violin), Alex Morton (French horn), and Liam Wooding (piano) are joined by esteemed colleagues from the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra: David McGregor (clarinet), Sharon Baylis (viola), and Jeremy Garside (cello). Together they deliver original, intense chamber music with orchestral scope, with the promise of wowing concertgoers from start to finish.

The remarkable programme features the two great sextets written for clarinet, horn, piano, and strings. Riveting from the first bars, they open with Dohnányi's rich and exhilarating Sextet, followed by what is considered Penderecki's finest chamber achievement—two majestic works that allow all six performers to shine with virtuosic brilliance and musicality.

New Zealand's Morton Trio was established in 2017. Delighting their audiences with canonical classics from Brahms and Ligeti, the innovative ensemble is committed to discovering and performing lesser-known works from the genre, as well as expanding the horn trio repertoire through new commissions and arrangements.

Artists

Arna Morton, violin - Alex Morton, French horn - Liam Wooding, piano
David McGregor, clarinet - Sharon Baylis, viola - Jeremy Garside, cello.

*** Flexiticket holders can also obtain admission tickets at the door without the surcharge.**