

**OPENING OF THE 2024 TASMANIAN CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALLROOM, FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2024**

VICE REGAL SALUTE

Good evening to you all and a warm welcome to Government House for the opening of the sixth Tasmanian Chamber Music Festival.

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their deep connection to land, sea, sky and waters.

Built in the German barrel style, this Ballroom has fine acoustics and is a fabulous room in which to listen to chamber music performed by distinguished artists.

This festival has become a cherished event in our Tasmanian cultural calendar, offering audiences opportunities to experience exceptional music in our State's unique venues. This year, the festival extends its reach beyond Hobart to historic Richmond.

The program promises diverse musical experiences. Tonight, we are privileged to experience a performance by the Alma Moodie Quartet. Formed in 2021, the Alma Moodie Quartet takes its name from a Queensland-born violinist who has been largely forgotten despite European acclaim between the wars. You will hear from Dr Robert Gibson shortly about the performance.

May I acknowledge the dedication and vision of the festival's organisers, particularly Artistic Director and General Manager, Stephen Block, and Operations Manager, Jo Palmer. You bring world-class chamber music to Tasmania.

I also thank the musicians and all supporters and patrons whose generosity makes this festival possible.

It is now my honour to declare the 2024 Tasmanian Chamber Music Festival officially open.

Thank you. Official Secretary ...