

Coro Austral presents
love, loss & remembrance

4pm Saturday 4th November 2017
Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt Street Redfern



In its final concert for 2017, **Coro Austral** presents music from European and Latin American cultures honouring the memory of those who have departed.

"Every work in this concert tells a story of love", says **Artistic Director Margot McLaughlin**. "There's loss, longing, fear, defiance, reunion, nostalgia, pain, consolation, yearning, wishing, anticipation — and rejoicing!"

The centrepiece is Portuguese composer **Manuel Cardoso's** sublime *Missa Pro Defunctis* (*Mass for the Dead*), an intensely expressive work from the late Renaissance. Other European pieces include **Henry Purcell's Funeral Anthems for Queen Mary**, and **Edward Elgar's They Are At Rest** as well as works by **Arvo Pärt** (Estonia), **Juan del Enzina** (Spain), and *Cearcall a' chuain*, a Scottish/Gaelic song reflecting on the cycles of life.

From Latin America comes *La Llorona*, a traditional Mexican folk-song associated with the *Day of the Dead* and two pieces from Argentina, the tango *Cuando tu no estas* (*When you are not there*) and *Alfonsina y el mar*, commemorating the loss of a beloved poet who took her own life by walking into the sea.

The concert also honours Cuban musicians Margot learned from during her visit there in 2013, especially **Electo Silva**, founder of the *Festival Internacional de Coros* in Santiago de Cuba, who died earlier this year. His arrangements of *Ausencia* and *La Tarde* are works *Coro Austral* will take on its tour to Cuba in November, culminating in performances at the same Festival.

Since Margot formed the choir in 2010, *Coro Austral* has gained an excellent reputation as a skilled chamber choir specialising in the authentic presentation of Spanish and Latin American choral works as well as music from other traditions worldwide.

love, loss & remembrance takes place in **Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt Street, Redfern**, at **4.00pm** on **Saturday 4th November**. Tickets are \$30 with \$25 concessions (children under 12 free), and can be purchased online at **Sticky Tickets**. Refreshments and wine will be available after the performance.

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