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## ST PETER'S SERIES

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ST PETER'S ON WILLIS

## NAU MAI, HAERE MAI, WHAKAROKO MAI KI KĀ KARAKA O KĀ WHETŪ! TIHEI MAURI ORA!

It's my pleasure to welcome you here on behalf of Tararua and special guests to wānaka; to listen, learn and share in the music and legends of the stars above us, of the heavens above and the worlds below.

We will begin with **Rehua**, raketira of the stars, father of precious birds the tūi and huia. These birds being the origin of our human language and song. Then we will journey far below the earth to learn of Raroheka, birthplace of **Puaka**, a star that marks the year for us as Kāi Tahu and gifts us with her children inaka (whitebait) and puawhanaka (clematis) to show us hope as winter comes to an end. Then onwards again to **Autahi**, a star placed in the Southern Cross, or te puka or anchor of the great waka in the sky. We will explore our tradition of voyaging and navigation by these celestial beings before being taken home by **Pohutukawa** to the great world beyond.

As well as using kōrero tuku iho, these offerings also feature notes chosen from the pitches found when

scientists send sound into space to see what bounces back. The returning pitch is the key to knowing the distance between us and these celestial raketira.

This concert also features music from different ensembles within the band, providing a showcase of taonga pūoro-based jazz compositions at this point in our collective history. In our first public outing, Tararua will also premiere some music from our debut album which is to be released late 2021 – a project we are all excited to share with you.

So please, join with us as we scale the heavens together just as our ancestors did to retrieve our now earthly knowledge, as our descendants will do to stand on the shoulders of giants, as we will do as our names are called to Pohutukawa and we take our last journey across the skies.

— Ruby Solly

### PERFORMERS:

**Al Fraser** – Taonga pūoro  
**Ariana Tikao** – Taonga pūoro, vocals  
**Phil Boniface** – Double bass, taonga pūoro  
**Riki Gooch** – Drums, auxiliary percussion  
**Gerard Crewson** – Trombone, trumpet  
**Rosie Langabeer** – Piano, accordion  
**Ruby Solly** – Cello, vocals, taonga pūoro

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