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# Warm welcome to the chamber

THE Australian Chamber Ensemble will perform its *Sonus Dulcis* program in Hobart tomorrow as part of the Visiting Artist Series.

Formed in 2007, the Australian Chamber Ensemble was established to perform the chamber music repertoire of 20th- and 21st-century composers, many of whom are Australian.

The ensemble features Janine Hanrahan (flute), Leah Hooper (cello) and Tania Ravbar (guitar).

Hanrahan is also artistic director of the Australian Chamber Ensemble.

She has performed extensively throughout Australia and New Zealand with ensembles, includ-

ing the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra, the Melbourne Philharmonic Orchestra, Stonnington Symphony Orchestra, the Gemini Chamber Orchestra and Ensemble Zauberflote.

Hanrahan made her recording debut with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in 2003 performing *The Witchlight for Flute and String Orchestra* by Kevin Purcell.

Her musical passion is the chamber music repertoire for flute and ensemble. Her teachers have included Thomas Pinschof and Margaret Crawford.

Hooper embarked on a career that has, over the past 15 years, included regular performances

with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, Queensland Symphony and Philharmonic orchestras, Sydney International Orchestra, Orchestra Victoria and, as leader of the cello section, the Queensland Pops Orchestra.

Ravbar won first place in the 1990 Australian classical guitar competition.

A graduate of the Victorian College of the Arts, her interest in Australian contemporary music inspired her to focus her studies in this area during her post-graduate diploma.

After a trip to South America in 1994, she undertook lessons to learn to play the charango (an Andean stringed instrument) and

the panpipes. Inspired by the energetic passion of Andean music, she subsequently founded an Andean band in Melbourne, Poesia Andina, which performed around the Victorian capital for about seven years.

Tomorrow's concert features a range of styles and instruments.

The Australian Chamber Ensemble concert is at the Conservatorium of Music Recital Hall, Sandy Bay Rd, at 7.30pm tomorrow. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 concession. To book phone 6226 7306 during business hours. Tickets are also available at the door.

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PASSIONATE: Janine Hanrahan