

L&P Ensembles 2026



WEST MEETS EAST

This ensemble brings together three masterful voices from distinct musical worlds - a Western classical violinist, an Indian sitar player and a tabla virtuoso - united by a shared spirit of exploration.

What is an Alap? What is a Raag?
And how is it possible for the music
of J.S. Bach to dance seamlessly
with the Tabla!?



JADE STRING QUARTET

The Jade String Quartet believe that they play the world's best combination of instruments. Playing an eclectic mix of music for string quartet ranging from Vivaldi to Hendrix, Jade have won a special place in NZ's music scene, catering for the young and old, traditional and modern tastes alike, all with a musical passion that is rarely seen.



TĪEKE TRIO

Cellist Begonia Chan, violinist Rachel Moody and oboist Bede Hanley play together in the Auckland Philharmonia and they all call Aotearoa their adopted home. The name “Tīeke Trio” is inspired by this country’s stunning nature and birds, and the fact that the call of the Tīeke sounds remarkably like an oboe! They weave themes of nature into the music they play.



BRASS QUINTET

Led by principal tubist Alexander Jeantou, the Brass Quintet invites your students to discover the bold, brilliant world of brass instruments. From powerful fanfares to smooth jazz grooves, the ensemble shows just how versatile brass can be. With a fun and varied programme, the quintet travels through film music, classical favourites, jazz, and traditional brass pieces in an exciting and accessible way.



ARCUS QUARTET

The Arcus Quartet is proud to present its string quartet programme once again this year. Inspired by folk and popular music from around the world the programme features both traditional and contemporary music from places like Argentina, Denmark and Hungary, as well as some easily recognised “sing-along” tunes from today’s pop culture. The programme is curated specially for school students to be fun and engaging, showing off each instrument and various musical styles and genres.



TRIO CON BRIO

Led by Jonathan Cohen, this ensemble celebrates the woodwind section of the orchestra. With a program of Classical music (and a bit of Disney!) and fun participation games, Trio con Brio's performance will teach tamariki about key music topics for your curriculum and the value of playing together as a team.



THE AUCKLAND PHIL ALL STAR RHYTHM AND BLUES REVUE BAND

Experience Auckland Philharmonia's very own seven-piece blues band! Bursting with energy, this lively show offers a fun, accessible introduction to the Blues - blending musical history with loads of audience participation to keep everyone engaged from the first note to the final encore.