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## **From Finland: pianist Paavali Jumppanen – returns to Australia May 2016**

Internationally celebrated Finnish pianist **Paavali Jumppanen** will visit Australia for the 7th time in May as artist in residence with the Australian National Academy of Music (**ANAM**), in concerts directing and performing with high calibre ANAM ensembles at the Melbourne Recital Centre and at ANAM's home, the South Melbourne Town Hall, as well as in Geelong, Perth, Brisbane, and a separate solo recital in Hamilton.

Paavali Jumppanen will lead ANAM musicians in extraordinary concerts that juxtapose the work of contemporary American composer George Crumb with Beethoven's late piano works. In the mid 70's Crumb envisaged a series of musical pieces encompassing nothing less than the evolution of human culture and our place in the universe. The result was *Makrokosmos*, comprising 12 of the most atmospheric pieces of music ever written. To experience these works next to Beethoven's timeless piano masterpieces including his glorious *Emperor* concerto is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Works by Mozart, Poulenc, Debussy and Alberto Ginastera (Hamilton only) are also part of the diverse program.

Paavali Jumppanen's residency is supported by Loris Orthwein.

**Concert dates:** - and full repertoire details on ANAM website (see links below):

**Wednesday 4 May, Hamilton:** Performing Arts Centre - (Solo Recital) - [www.hamiltonpac.com.au](http://www.hamiltonpac.com.au)

**Wednesday 11 May, Melbourne Recital Centre** - [www.melbournerecitalcentre.com.au](http://www.melbournerecitalcentre.com.au)

**Friday 13 May, South Melbourne Town Hall** - [www.anam.com.au/what-s-on](http://www.anam.com.au/what-s-on)

**Saturday 14 May, South Melbourne Town Hall** - [www.anam.com.au/what-s-on](http://www.anam.com.au/what-s-on)

**Thursday 19 May, South Melbourne Town Hall** - [www.anam.com.au/what-s-on](http://www.anam.com.au/what-s-on)

**Friday 20 May, Geelong – McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College** - book: [gpac.org.au](http://gpac.org.au) - [www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au/#!/mcauley-hall/c1ant](http://www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au/#!/mcauley-hall/c1ant)

**Sunday 22 May, Perth – Government House Ballroom** - [www.govhouse.wa.gov.au/the-house/the-ballroom.html](http://www.govhouse.wa.gov.au/the-house/the-ballroom.html) - book: [ticketmaster.com.au](http://ticketmaster.com.au)

**Tuesday 24 May, Brisbane - Ian Hanger Recital Hall - Queensland Conservatorium of Music** - [www.griffith.edu.au/music/queensland-conservatorium](http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/queensland-conservatorium) - book: [conevents.com.au](http://conevents.com.au)

Most recently Paavali Jumppanen toured Australia in May 2015 as part of the MRC's 'Great Performers' series, when he performed works by Debussy, Sibelius, and Schumann. In July 2014 Paavali featured with the Australian Chamber Orchestra, Piano Quintets, in works by Lutoslawski, Shostakovich and Dvorak.

During the past 20 years Paavali Jumppanen has become known as an exciting and a versatile performer, who is equally at home on stage as a soloist and a chamber musician. His vast repertoire spans much of the classical piano literature, from Bach to the avant-garde, and in recent years he has dedicated much of his time into performing cycles of the complete Beethoven Sonatas, progressively released on the Ondine Label. Paavali also recorded the 3 Boulez piano Sonatas for Deutsche Grammophone, and the complete Beethoven violin Sonatas with Canadian violinist Corey Cerovsek on the Claves Label. Recently he also recorded on vinyl for Berliner Meister Schallplatten (BMS) on 2 LPs in 2012 and 2015 with works by Sibelius, Wagner, Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin, Boulez and Kuusisto.

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