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NZ Youth Choir in Parliament 19 November 2012. Photo: Matt Grace

A Special Occasion

The New Zealand Youth Choir wrapped up its 2012 schedule with a performance at Parliament House, Wellington, on 19 November. The invited audience of a hundred were guests of Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, Hon Christopher Finlayson and enjoyed an hour-long performance conducted and introduced by Music Director, David Squire. The programme ranged from home-grown works by Andrew Baldwin, Stephen Lange, Helen Caskie and Te Whanau Wehi to items by Robert Schumann, Benjamin Britten, Hebert Howells and George Shearing.

Afterwards enthusiastic audience members and performers mingled in the Grand Hall. For more details see the December 2012 edition of *The Sharp Edge* by clicking [here](#).

Little Britten

The 2013 programme launch of the Auckland Arts Festival on 30 October expanded on Voices New Zealand Chamber Choir's and the NZ Youth Choir's involvement in next year's Festival. In celebration of the centenary of Benjamin Britten's birth, Voices and NZYC will perform his *War Requiem* with the Auckland Philharmonia in Auckland Town Hall on 23 March. They will also give a recital of Britten's choral music in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell, on Wednesday, 20 March at 7.00pm under the whimsical title 'Little Britten'.

David Squire will direct the NZ Youth Choir in a performance of *Rejoice in the Lamb* accompanied by organist James Tibbles, and Karen Grylls will lead Voices NZ in Britten's *Sacred and Profane* and *Five Flower Songs*. The programme also includes two organ solos by Tibbles, and the combined choirs performing *A Hymn to the Virgin* and *Festival Te Deum*.

More Information | [Book tickets online at THE EDGE](#) or by phone on 09 357 3355 or 0800 289 842.



Benjamin Britten.



leti Leu'u (front left) with Jonathan Lemalu and friends 2007.

leti Michael Junior Leu'u

The Choirs Aotearoa office received many messages of sympathy from NZ Youth Choir members in different parts of the world when they heard of the death of leti Leu'u at the end of October. A founder member of The Staints Barbershop Chorale at St Patrick's College, Wellington, leti was in the Youth Choir 2005 – 2007 and took part in the momentous 2007 tour with concerts in Newfoundland, Llangollen Eisteddfod (with Hayley Westenra), St. John's Smith Square, London (with Madeleine Pierard and Jonathan Lemalu), Barcelona, and the Festival Internacional de Música in Cantonigròs.

NZYC members sang at leti's funeral service on 2 November and everyone at Choirs Aotearoa sends their condolences to the Leu'u

Best Wishes For The Festive Season

This is the last edition of 'Fine Tune' this year. Choirs Aotearoa sends best wishes to its supporters for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

See you in 2013.



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