

Festival for Peace

Music, forums, workshops and events for children

Presented by

a chorus of women

28 April – 2 May 2015

Albert Hall, Commonwealth Ave, Canberra

– Featuring world premiere –

A PASSION FOR PEACE

The new community oratorio by Glenda Cloughley
Musical direction by Johanna McBride



Celebrating the centenary of the International Congress of Women, The Hague, 28 April–1 May 1915 when over 1200 women from warring and neutral nations gathered to discuss how to end the First World War and create conditions for a sustainable peace.

The festival will include broadcasts from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Centenary Conference in The Hague

"Peace is not merely an absence of war. Peace is the nurture of human life."

Jane Addams, President of the 1915 International Congress of Women

Oratorio performance:

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday 28 April

7.30 pm/\$35 Premiere performance: *A Passion for Peace*

A community oratorio giving a fresh, life-enhancing perspective to First World War commemorations, performed by A Chorus of Women with Arawang Primary School choir and soloists, including Louise Page and Christina Wilson

Wednesday 29 April

12.30–2 pm Conversation: *Women with a Passion for Peace*

Stories from 1915 with Glenda Cloughley

5–6 pm/\$15 Family concert: *Things are Changing*

Original songs by Canberra composers; direction Judith Clingan AM
With Canberra Children's Choir, direction Greta Claringbould

7.30–9.30 pm/\$20 Forum: *Finding the Ways to Peace*

A facilitated conversation about the legacy of the 1915 congress especially in relation to current global issues

Thursday 30 April

Women's Day — Women's Ways

10 am – 4 pm/\$20: Program of activities on the theme *Women's Power to Stop War*, with WILPF, Diana Abdel-Rahman and others

7.30 pm/\$35 Performance: *A Passion for Peace* oratorio

Friday 1 May

12.30–2 pm Conversation: *Women with a Passion for Peace*

Themes from the 1915 congress: 'then and now' with Glenda Cloughley

8 pm/\$25 Concert: *Songs of Passion and Compassion*

Recent Canberra compositions sung by a local ensemble, direction Judith Clingan AM

Saturday 2 May

10.30 am–12.30 pm/\$20 Forum: *Peace on Earth – Peace with the Earth*

A facilitated conversation about the links between peace and environmental issues including climate change, with Kate Rigby (convenor), Will Steffen, Stephen Pickard and others

1.30–2.30 pm Family concert: *Fun, Joy, Love, Life*

Hughes Community Choir, direction Tim Bevitt

7.30 pm/\$35 Final Performance: *A Passion for Peace* oratorio

Other activities (see website for full program) Storytelling for children, poetry (PeaceWorks), schools presentations, displays (including WILPF centenary, PeaceKnits and Quakers)

Food and beverages for purchase, supplied by CIT Student Assoc.

Tickets

Festival Gold Pass \$100 (includes one oratorio performance)

Events not otherwise specified – donation at the door

Concessions available for pensioners and students

Children under 12 free

Purchase from www.chorusofwomen.org (or at the door)

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