

# A special night of music

ACCLAIMED PIANIST NICHOLAS YOUNG AND COMPOSER ALAN GRIFFITHS BRING PERFORMANCE TO SHEPPARTON

By Sionnie Kelly

Acclaimed pianist Nicholas Young and composer Alan Griffiths have come together to provide Shepparton with a night of music.

As part of Concerts in the Chapel at St Paul's Lutheran Church, the show will see Mr Young perform the well-received debut album *Introspection* by Melbourne composer Alan Griffiths.

This is Mr Young's third performance of *Introspection* in five months and said it was an honour to be working with Mr Griffiths.

"It's my great pleasure and honour to be collaborating with Alan Griffiths this year in bringing *Introspection* to life through live performance," he said.

"This unique cycle of piano works is immediately engaging, thoughtful and profound."

Mr Young is no stranger to Shepparton, winning second prize in the town's Australia National Piano Award in 2012.

Since then he has gone on to have a successful career, winning Australia's two most prestigious piano scholarships; the 2016 Allison/Henderson Sydney Eisteddfod Scholarship, and the 2016 Michael Kieran Harvey Piano Scholarship.

Mr Young was looking forward to returning to Shepparton

"I'm really looking forward to being able to play some great music in a great venue," he said.



Composer: Alan Griffiths.

"I'm most delighted and honoured to move out of a major city and go into some of the regional centres."

Mr Griffiths composed the piano repertoire for *Introspection* during a 27-year period, while in between film scoring jobs.

Last year he met Mr Young and together the pair started a working relationship.

"Nicholas is a genius, you put anything in front of him and he just does it," he said.

"He is such a joy to work with because he's completely relaxed."

Mr Griffiths was looking forward to coming to Shepparton.



Performing: Nicholas Young.

"You've got so many really talented people in Shepparton," he said.

"It seems to be the right thing to do to be in Shepparton with Nicholas now."

● **Nicholas Young will perform at 7.30 pm on Saturday, October 28,**

**at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 54 Poplar Ave, Shepparton.**

Early bird tickets are \$15 until October 21, then after this date are \$20 concession and \$30 full price and are available from [www.griffithscomposer.com/concerts/](http://www.griffithscomposer.com/concerts/)

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