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**SYDNEY** 17, 19, 20, 24, 26 July all at 7pm  
Matinee Sat 20 March at 2pm  
**MELBOURNE** 27 July at 7pm, 28 July at 5pm

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## CELEBRAZIONE!

WITH GUEST DIRECTOR ON BAROQUE VIOLIN

### STEFANO MONTANARI

2012 Grammy Nominee for CD with Andreas Scholl

“Montanari, like a fine trapeze or tightrope artist, knows where to draw the line between getting astonished gasps from the audience, and tossing himself down into an abyss.” TORONTO STAR

AND FEATURING ON BAROQUE FLUTE

### MELISSA FARROW



## A first meeting, a motorbike, a maestro...

In 2010, a motorbike pulled up outside the café where **Paul Dyer** AO, the Brandenburg's Artistic Director, was enjoying a morning coffee in Bergamo, a medieval hilltop town 40kms northeast of Milan.

“CIAO Paul, Ciao!” With a beaming smile, the leather-clad Italian virtuoso baroque violinist **Stefano Montanari** climbed from his motorbike and enthusiastically shook Paul's hand.

“Stefano and I had an instant rapport,” says Paul. “We got louder and louder - and extremely animated - as we talked about the exciting music we wanted to make together. We both wanted to present a concert that really celebrates what is excellent about baroque music. We arranged a program for the **Celebrazione!** series right there and then. This will be a concert experience born from a passionate conversation – and *un buono caffè!*”

Stefano and Paul have chosen gems by Italian baroque masters Veracini, Geminiani and Brescianello: “This is music of Stefano's heritage - brilliant, fiery and passionate, just like him. It is a perfect way to introduce the character of this charismatic Italian maestro to the Australian public.”

They also decided upon a virtuosic concerto grosso by Handel and a double concerto for flute and violin by Telemann, which will see Stefano perform alongside the Brandenburg's exquisite Principal Baroque Flute **Melissa Farrow**.

Stefano is an in-demand soloist, leader and conductor. He has led the Italian early music group **Accademia Bizantina** since 1995 and together they have toured the world. As a recording artist he is highly esteemed, having won the prestigious **Diapason d'Or** and **Midem Classical Awards**. **O Solitude**, a disc he recorded with **Andreas Scholl**, was nominated for a **Grammy Award** in 2012.

“There is so much to love about instrumental baroque music and Stefano embodies its vigor and vibrancy,” says Paul. “I'm so happy that this stellar Italian maestro will be at the helm of the Brandenburg for **Celebrazione!** He is a musician that pushes himself and his musicians right to the edge, which is a thrilling ride for the audience and orchestra alike.”

### LINKS – Stefano in action:

- Hear Stefano play Geminini's La Folia
- Hear Stefano play 'Winter' from Vivaldi's Four Season
- And employing an unusual rehearsal technique while leading Tafelmusik

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**Stefano Montanari** (Italy) guest director & baroque violin soloist  
**Melissa Farrow** (Australia) baroque flute soloist

**Australian Brandenburg Orchestra**  
**Paul Dyer AO** artistic director & harpsichord

**Veracini** Concerto a otto strumenti (1712) first movement  
**Handel** Concerto grosso D major Op. 3/6 HWV 317  
**Brescianello** Concerto No. 4 in e minor / Chaconne in A major

**Telemann** Concerto in e minor for flute, violin and strings TWV 52:e3  
**Geminiani** La Follia  
**Veracini** Concerto a otto strumenti (1712) second & third movements

**SYDNEY** City Recital Hall Angel Place

Evenings Wed 17, Fri 19, Sat 20, Wed 24, Fri 26 July, all at 7pm  
Matinee Sat 20 July at 2pm

BOOKINGS: City Recital Hall Angel Place (02) 8256 2222 or [www.cityrecitalhall.com](http://www.cityrecitalhall.com)  
Brandenburg (02) 9328 7581 or [www.brandenburg.com.au](http://www.brandenburg.com.au)  
Tickets range from \$65 to \$154 (Concessions/Under 30 available). Booking fees apply.

**MELBOURNE** Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre  
Sat 27 July at 7pm & Sun 28 July at 5pm

BOOKINGS: Melbourne Recital Centre (03) 9699 3333 or [www.melbournerecital.com.au](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au)  
Brandenburg 1300 782 856 or [www.brandenburg.com.au](http://www.brandenburg.com.au)  
Tickets range from \$60 to \$140 (Concessions/Under 30 available). Booking fees apply.



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