

**Zeitschrift:** Helvetia : magazine of the Swiss Society of New Zealand  
**Herausgeber:** Swiss Society of New Zealand  
**Band:** 80 (2014)  
**Heft:** [4]

**Artikel:** Faust Quartett to tour New Zealand  
**Autor:** Steinemann, Nelly  
**DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-943952>

### **Nutzungsbedingungen**

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

### **Conditions d'utilisation**

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

### **Terms of use**

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

**Download PDF:** 19.08.2025

**ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>**



## Faust Quartett to tour New Zealand



L to R: Simone Roggen, Annina Wöhrli, Ada Meinich, Birgit Böhme

*The Faust Quartett, with first violinist Simone Roggen, will be touring New Zealand from 31 August to 17 September 2014.*

Simone was born and brought up in New Zealand. Her parents are Swiss and South African. Both are talented musicians – her mum is a professional pianist, father plays the alphon, sings and yodels. No surprise that Simone and her twin brother Pascal took up music as their vocation. Simone studied the violin in New Zealand and later in Switzerland. She resides in Berne now, and belongs to a well known string quartet. I did a brief interview over the internet about the Faust Quartett.

**Nelly:** *How long has the quartet been going and who are the members?*

**Simone:** 18 years: It was founded in 1996 in Weimar, Germany. We are quite an international group: Birgit Böhme, our cellist, a founding member, is German, Ada Meinich who plays the viola comes from Norway. I joined in early 2012, being Swiss and Kiwi. Annina Wöhrli, violinist, is Swiss too and she has been with us since last year.

**Nelly:** *Where are you based and where do you play?*

**Simone:** Everyone lives in Basel apart from me, and that's where we rehearse. We regularly perform not only in Germany, but also in France, Holland and Norway, and have been building up a following in Switzerland too. There have been tours to Africa and South America in the past, and we look forward to our upcoming concert tour to New Zealand and Australia. Next year we are off to China.

**Nelly:** *What will you play for us in New Zealand?*

**Simone:** We have a varied program, with some classical works, and one from a contemporary Swiss composer which we are very excited about. You will hear: 'Death and the Maiden' by Schubert, 'Quadrige Quartett' by Helena Winkelmann, 'Letter's Quartet' by Janacek, and 'Quartet in A minor' by Beethoven.

We have a very special concert in Auckland where we will be playing the enchanting Brahms Clarinet Quintet with the incredible musician Dimitri Ashkenazy – son of the pianist Valdimir Ashkenazy.

**Nelly:** *Do you have any particular plans for the future?*

**Simone:** We have been invited to record all of the unknown quartets by Woyrsch, and we look forward to our 'Farbklang' series in Basel, where we perform together with artists from other media (sculpture, light, painter, projection), who transform sound into colour. We also will be starting a new series, playing for people who don't or can't go to concerts, like inmates, homeless, troubled youths. Of course we are excited about our tour to China too.

**Nelly:** Thank you Simone. We look forward very much to hearing and seeing you in New Zealand.

By Nelly Steinemann

## Venues for concert tour

### Wellington \*

31 August 2014, 3 PM  
St. Andrew's on the Terrace, The Terrace

### Lower Hutt \*

02 September 2014, 7.30 PM; Little Theatre

### Motueka \*

04 September 2014, 7.30 PM; Chanel Arts Centre

### Blenheim \*

05 September 2014, 6 PM; St Andrew's Church

### Wanganui \*

07 Sept 2014, 3 PM; Prince Edward Auditorium

### Tauranga – House Concert \*\*

09 September 2014, 7 PM

### Rotorua \*

10 September 2014, 7.30 PM; Concert Chamber

### Auckland

12 September 2014, 7:30 PM  
St. Georges Presbyterian Church  
The Terrace, Takapuna

### Whangarei \*

14 September 2014, 2.30 PM  
Old Library Building Arts Centre

### Auckland – House Concert \*\*

16 September 2014, 7.30 PM

\* To book for the Concerts from the Chamber Music New Zealand series go to <http://www.chambermusic.co.nz/tickets/encompass-tickets>

\*\* The addresses for the two House Concerts will be put on our website when they become available <http://www.faust-quartett.com/en/termine/>

Tickets for the Auckland Concert can be purchased from the 22nd of August onwards at the Swiss Bakery in Milford or through Oscar Roggen (Phone 410-4848 evenings) or the Swiss Consulate (Phone 366-0403)



## Mt. Taranaki Egmont National Park

We offer:

- 10 unique 'Swiss Style' guestrooms (with ensuites)
- large lounges with cosy wood fires
- Dinner, Bed and Breakfast packages
- Variety of walks and tramps at the door step

For bookings, please call:  
06 765 5457

[www.dawsonfallsmountainlodge.kiwi.nz](http://www.dawsonfallsmountainlodge.kiwi.nz)