

## THE VADA JEFFERIES PRIZE 2026

### 1.0 NAME OF COMPETITION

1.1 Vada Jefferies Prize

### 2.0 DONOR OF PRIZE

2.1 In Memory of the Late Vada Jefferies

### 3.0 NATURE OF PRIZE

3.1 2026 - Cash prize \$100 approximately

### 4.0 DURATION OF PRIZE

4.1 The prize is to be offered on an annual basis.

### 5.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR PRIZE

5.1 Awarded to a Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University completing a Bachelor of Music, specialising in strings for the best performance in solo Bach

### 6.0 SELECTION PROCESS

6.1 Competitors are required to perform a programme of 2 movements of solo Bach.

6.2 Adjudicators to be appointed by Head of Area – Strings

6.3 Adjudicators can nominate up to 10 finalists.

### 7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRIZE

7.1 The Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University will be responsible for the administration of the prize, including the publicising of the prize and managing funds associated with the prize.

### Winners of the Vada Jefferies Prize

|      |                                                                                                                            |      |               |      |                                                 |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------|------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1961 | Pamela Ovenden                                                                                                             | 1962 | June Sestro   | 1996 | Aaron Barnden                                   |
| 1963 | Jan Conoplia                                                                                                               | 1964 | Kerry Smith   | 1998 | Andrew Shetliffe                                |
| 1965 | Kerry Smith                                                                                                                | 1966 | Pamela Bryce  | 1999 | Teresa Brix                                     |
| 1967 | Pamela Bryce                                                                                                               | 1968 | Keith Crellin | 2000 | Pei-Jee Ng                                      |
| 1969 | Keith Crellin, Margaret Matthews, Norma Kaddatz                                                                            |      |               | 2001 | Pei-Jee Ng                                      |
| 1970 | Sister Coleen Therese, Lesley Young                                                                                        |      |               | 2002 | Matthew Rigby                                   |
| 1971 | Tor Fromhyr, Lesley Young                                                                                                  |      |               | 2003 | Matthew Rigby                                   |
| 1972 | Carolyn Ker, Elaine Crocetti                                                                                               |      |               | 2004 | Katherine Philp                                 |
| 1973 | Tor Fromhyr, Luke Roskams, Grahm Godfrey, Trina Shipman                                                                    |      |               | 2005 | Campbell Banks                                  |
| 1974 | Jane Stevenson, Gillian Gilbert, Graeme Demniss                                                                            |      |               | 2006 | Campbell Banks                                  |
| 1975 | Luke Roskams, Gillian Gilbert, Piers Lane, Lance Clarke                                                                    |      |               | 2007 | Robert Osler                                    |
| 1976 | Sue-Ellen Paulsen, A Stubbs, Lance Clarke, David Nuttall                                                                   |      |               | 2008 | Hannu Siren (cello)                             |
| 1977 | Sue-Ellen Paulsen, Adele Nisbett, Julianne Cole                                                                            |      |               | 2009 | Glenn Christensen                               |
| 1978 | Linda Carello, Adele Nisbett, Jean Woo                                                                                     |      |               | 2010 | Glenn Christensen                               |
| 1979 | Chen Yang, Amelia Fonte, Suzanne Witham                                                                                    |      |               | 2011 | Brett Yang                                      |
| 1980 | John Napiz, Mitchell Anderson, William Maxey, John Rodgers, Mary Prentize                                                  |      |               | 2012 | Zoe Freisberg                                   |
| 1981 | Jan Keir, William Maxey                                                                                                    |      |               | 2013 | Rira Kong & Jenna Park                          |
| 1982 | Christine Lockwood, Miriam Gormley, Christopher Cook                                                                       |      |               | 2014 | Kyla Matsuura Miller                            |
| 1983 | John Rodgers, John Napier, Christine Lockwood, Ian Webber, Louise Camens, Scott Mason, Anna Marshman, Christopher Cook     |      |               | 2015 | Monique Bartkowiak                              |
| 1984 | Cameron Ruthford, Jane Heisen, Anna Connolly, Warwick Elvery, Lisa Amos, Anthony McGee, Izumi Mizuta                       |      |               | 2016 | Johnny Van Gend                                 |
| 1985 | Matthew Kinmont, Rosemarie Arthurs, Sally Mogg, Andrea Pritchard                                                           |      |               | 2017 | Joint award: Johnny Van Gend & Michael Gibson   |
| 1986 | Timothy Collins, Justin Williams                                                                                           |      |               | 2018 | Michael Gibson                                  |
| 1987 | Matthew Kinmont, Timothy Collins, Kathy Profke, Graeme Jennings, Justin Williams                                           |      |               | 2019 | Joint award: Michael Gibson & Fiona Qiu         |
| 1988 | Graeme Jennings, Matthew Henrick, S Croucher, Tony Vandermeer, Elizabeth Jones, James Cuddeford, Sam Youl Ahn, Craig Young |      |               | 2020 | Donica Tran                                     |
| 1989 | Craig Young, Helen Donaldson, Heather Michel, Mark Pradella, Elizabeth Jones, Fiona Harris, Geoffrey Ahmet                 |      |               | 2021 | Robert Smith                                    |
| 1990 | Jason Smith, Sonia Croucher, Nicole Stewart, Shan Deng, Ian Bofinger                                                       |      |               | 2022 | Dan Shearer                                     |
| 1991 | Victoria Feilla, Jillian Taylor, Michael Cunnington, Karin Leishman, Cheng-Tse Chen,                                       |      |               | 2023 | Ella Pysden                                     |
| 1992 | David Quah, Sonia Croucher, Michael Cunnington, Kirsten Waters, Shan Deng, Jamie Hey, Felicity Goodwin                     |      |               | 2024 | Joint award: Feliz Hughes Chivers & Luke Hammer |
| 1995 | Iseult Stephenson                                                                                                          |      |               | 2025 | Luke Hammer                                     |

**Prize / Competition Application  
THE VADA JEFFRIES PRIZE 2026**

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course & Year In Which You Are Enrolled:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIZE NAME:** The Vada Jeffries Prize 2026

**Responsible Department:** Strings

**APPROX. PRIZE VALUE:** \$100

**DATE OF COMPETITION:**

**Preliminary Round**

**Monday 27 April 2026 7.00pm - Ian Hanger Recital Hall**

A maximum of 5 minutes music will be heard in the preliminary round

**FINAL**

**Tuesday 28 April 2026 7.00pm - Ian Hanger Recital Hall**

**ENTRIES CLOSE**

**Friday 18 April 2026 at 4pm**

- Hand completed application form to the Operations Administrator (rm 2.64) or by e-mail on [concerts@griffith.edu.au](mailto:concerts@griffith.edu.au)
- Late applications will not be accepted.

**DETAILS OF PROGRAMME**

To enable the Scholarships Officer to produce an accurate programme, please **PRINT** or **TYPE** your selection clearly

| COMPOSER | TITLE/Opus No. | DURATION |
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If you are only available at a certain time in the competition period, please note here.....

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_