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Soiree of Strings links music and healing

The power of music to assist healing and well-being will be celebrated in a special performance at the Tasmanian College of Arts Academy Gallery at Inveresk this weekend.

A Cancer Council Tasmania fundraiser, Strictly Strings Soirée features leading Australian violinist Dr Susan Collins performing Bach's Chaconne, with the University of Tasmania's Conservatorium of Music's Jan Sedivka Camerata string ensemble.

Head of Strings and Orchestral Music at the University, Dr Collins has performed as a soloist and recitalist throughout Australia, the USA and Europe.

The evening will also include a special performance of *Residue* by Launceston's theatrical group Persona Collective.

The performance is part of the Academy Gallery's *Navigating the Internal landscape: an artistic interpretation of disease* exhibition, which uses a variety of artistic media to explore cancer and its effect on individuals and the community.

Lead curator Malcolm Bywaters, from the University's Tasmanian College of the Arts, said it was wonderful to have Dr Collins performing as part of the exhibition, which had brought discussion about cancer into the artistic realm.

"Cancer affects the lives of so many people in so many ways," Dr Bywaters said.

"Through this exhibition, artists are exploring the way cancer can impact us physically and emotionally, and searching for new ways to communicate those impacts."

What: Strictly Strings Soirée

Where: Academy Gallery, Inveresk

When: Saturday April 9, 6pm.

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