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FREE TUBA AND PIANO CONCERTS AT UTAS

An unusual duo is scheduled to perform at the University of Tasmania this week.

UTAS is delighted to be hosting two concerts featuring Australian pianist Caroline Almonte and Swedish tuba player Per Forsberg.

Caroline Almonte was the winner of the keyboard section of the ABC Young Performer's Award and the prestigious Hepzibah Menuhin Award.

Per Forsberg has been guest principal Tuba with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the Australian Philharmonic Orchestra. He is well known to brass players in Tasmania having tutored at the UTAS Community Music Summer School for some years.

The program includes something for everybody, encompassing folk works, Schumann romances, works by Grieg and Chopin, and Handel's Sonata in G major.

These concerts are offered free to the general public under the University Forum program. Visit www.alumni.utas.edu.au/news.html for more.

Launceston:

11am, Friday 19 January
Queen Victoria Museum
and Art Gallery

Hobart:

8pm, Saturday 20 January
Stanley Burbury Theatre
UTAS Sandy Bay campus

Caroline Almonte: A graduate of New York's Juilliard School of Music, Almonte has performed as a soloist both in Australia and internationally, performing a wide range of concertos from Mozart and Beethoven to Rachmaninov, Prokofiev, Bartok and Ginastera. In 2000 she joined the Music Faculty of the University of Melbourne.

Per Forsberg can be heard on recordings with rock legends KISS in *Kiss Symphony* with the MSO and with Zulya and the Children of the Underground on *Waltz of Emptiness*, voted best Australian World Music Album of 2005. Per has a great passion for chamber music and is a founding member of several ensembles including the Vanguard Brass and Cappuccino Brass, and winners of the Athenaeum Chamber Music Competition, the Forsberg Quartet.

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