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***BIG SKY*****KATHRYN SELBY & FRIENDS TAKE TO THE SKY FOR TOUR 2
In The Southern Highlands - Saturday 18 April 2015****Vesa-Matti Leppänen** – *violin***Umberto Clerici** – *cello***Kathryn Selby** – *piano*

Following Selby & Friends' thrilling season opener in February, Tour 2 beckons with a sparkling program of friends old and new.

For the second Selby & Friends tour in April, Artistic Director and pianist Kathryn Selby AM will be joined by international guests, the popular Finnish Concertmaster of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, **Vesa-Matti Leppänen**, and SSO Co-Principal cellist from Italy, **Umberto Clerici**, for an evening of chamber music powerhouses and new discoveries.

The program spotlights Kathryn's guest artists in **César** Franck's much-loved virtuosic violin sonata and Beethoven's first cello sonata. The ensemble then comes together in two piano trios: Grammy-award winner Joan Tower's *Big Sky*, which was inspired by her childhood memory of horseback riding through the Bolivian Andes; and the soul-stirring Shostakovich second Piano Trio, premiered in Leningrad in 1944, which intrigues with sharp contrasts and rhythms from Jewish folk music.

Over the last nine years the *Selby & Friends* concert series has established itself as the high water mark in chamber music performance, consistently delivering superb musicians in different ensemble groupings.

Program**Joan Tower** 'Big Sky' (2000) - Australian Première**Ludwig van Beethoven** Sonata for Cello and Piano in F major, Op. 5 No. 1**César Franck** Sonata for Violin and Piano in A major**Dmitri Shostakovich** Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor, for Violin, Cello and Piano, Op. 67www.selbyandfriends.com.au

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