

# WE FAREWELL SHARYN EVANS, NZSO SECOND VIOLINIST

Sharyn Evans will have played with the NZSO for an impressive 47 years and 10 months when she retires after this final Masterworks Series for 2016 – *Mozart & Elgar*.

From the age of six she had always wanted to play in the NZSO and her dream came true when she became part of the trainee programme in January 1969 and then, an official member of the Orchestra in June 1972.

Sharyn has overcome remarkable odds to keep doing what she loves best – playing the violin. Following a serious car accident in 1988, she never gave up on her dream – to continue playing in the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

We caught up with Sharyn in the lead-up to her final concert series to ask her a few questions about her time with the NZSO.

## **What is your most memorable concert experience with the NZSO?**

*I have been so fortunate to have played in such a fabulous orchestra and had so many wonderful musical experiences, such as discovering the music of Richard Strauss with Franz-Paul Decker conducting.*



## **What is your funniest memory?**

*There have been many funny memories, for example, once a rehearsal stopped when the brass section started laughing. A large weta had crawled (dazed) out of a trumpet mute. It had set up residence in the mute during the summer holidays. Big mistake!*

## **What is your most moving memory?**

*After my car accident in 1988, I received such incredible support and caring from all my colleagues, which continued throughout my career.*

## **What do you plan to do during retirement?**

*I'm looking forward to having time to enjoy my hobbies more. Painting, making dolls houses and miniatures, and playing Mah Jong.*

We wish Sharyn all the best for her future endeavours and thank her for her superb musicianship and exceptional service to the NZSO.