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# Bringing people together

In true Christmas spirit, musical concert at chapel will involve families as well as audience members

**Rod Bennett**

IT WILL be a family affair at Cardinal Cerretti Chapel tomorrow for the Music At Manly Christmas presentation.

The concert, Christmas Through The Ages, will feature eight musicians – and the audience.

“We will be encouraging everyone to get involved in singing some of the Christmas carols,” vocalist Gabrielle Fisher said.

“And there will be bells to ring for children.

It’s a classical concert for families.”

In addition, the concert will comprise solos and duets, some light arias and other popular classics.

But there will also be family action coming from the stage area with Ms Fisher being joined by her 15-year-old daughter Madeleine on French horn and husband Anthony on trumpet.

Madeleine is a member of the Sydney Youth Orchestra and has performed with the London Philharmonic.

“It’s thrilling to watch her

## The event



» **What:** Christmas Through The Ages

» **When:** Tomorrow, 7.30pm

» **Where:** Cardinal Cerretti Chapel, off Darley Rd, on St Patrick’s Estate

» **Cost:** \$35, children free. Subscription offer for 2017 season

» **Tickets:** [9948 7738](tel:99487738)

come through,” Ms Fisher said. “It’s wonderful to be sharing this with her.”

She and her husband met while performing in London, in West End operas.

“We met on stage and fell in love while performing,” she said.

The family moved back to Sydney six years ago and lives at St Ives.

As well as being part of the talent on Friday night, the family are also on the Music At Manly committee.

Pianist for Christmas Through The Ages is Opera Australia musician Michael Curtain.



Madeleine Aarons, 15, and her mother Gabrielle Fisher in Cardinal Cerretti Chapel. Picture: Annika Enderborg