



Camerata of St John's 2014 Season Launch

Banco Court

Thursday 17 October 2013, 6pm

The Hon Paul de Jersey AC Chief Justice

It is a great delight for me to welcome you to the Queen Elizabeth II Courts of Law for this important event in the Camerata year, as the State and national recognition and applause for the Camerata grows and grows.

The Camerata, ladies and gentlemen, is indeed fortunate to have such devoted supporters. May I particularly welcome the Dean of Brisbane, the Very Reverend Dr Peter Catt.

You may be slightly diverted to be attending the courts of law. Like hospitals, law courts are generally not happy places. But tonight we present another persona. We dealt earlier in the day with those to be penalized or vanquished: and along the way I am sure, by the way, that we helped a lot of people. And now we are inspired by the Camerata.

May I also welcome the Minister for the Arts, the Honourable Ian Walker MP and Mrs Heather Walker. The Minister was instrumental in the foundation and early days of the Camerata: he will be looking on with pride and encouragement. And his former senior partner Greg Vickery, also present tonight, will be looking at the Minister with pride and encouragement.

It was indeed little over a year ago, on 3 August last year, that by its performance the Camerata lent grace and style to the magnificent official opening ceremony of this remarkable courthouse.



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I am so pleased Camerata returns now, along with so many supporters, for the 2014 Season Launch – in appropriately elegant and inspiring surroundings.

Three months after the opening of the courthouse last August, the Medico-Legal Society of Queensland celebrated its 60th anniversary in the Gallery outside. I mention that event for this feature: it included a musical recital on a Steinway concert grand piano which had been brought up in the goods lift. This is a grand scale building! Unfortunately we couldn't keep the piano!

And this evening, we are shortly set to enjoy some precious few minutes of performance by the Camerata, and that enticing prospect militates short speeches!

What follows will, I am sure, transport us all, in these otherwise frenetic times, to absolutely new levels of peace, elegance and inspiration.

A very warm welcome to you all!