



Playing for the love of music



The legendary Neilson Hays Library.

The Neilson Hays Library will be the venue for a wonderful celebration of love entitled Salut D'Amour on Feb 10 at 7:30pm.

A charity concert with all proceeds going to the Neilson Hays Library Repair Fund, Salut D'Amour will be performed by two of Bangkok's most well-known musicians — violinist Jonathon Glonek and pianist Eri Nakagawa.

Jonathon Glonek is passionate about bringing quality classical music to the public. He is a lecturer in Violin Studies at Chulalongkorn University and a well-known figure in Bangkok's music scene. Glonek has performed Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn and Bach concertos in Thailand and specialises in solo performance of Paganini and Bach.

Eri Nakagawa trained in Japan and the US, is an instructor at Mahidol University and has released two CDs of her piano music. She has been an instructor at the College of Music, Mahidol University since 1995. The pair will combine their

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talents to present Salut D'Amour, promising an evening of exquisite and emotional music appropriate to the Valentine's Day theme and to the library itself.

The works of composers Beethoven, Kreisler, Dvorak, Gershwin, Debussy, Heifetz, Svendsen and Elgar such as *Romance in F Major*, *Liebeslied*, *Schon Rosmarin*, *Caprice Viennois*, *Danse Espagnole*, *Romance in F minor*, *Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair*, *Estrellita*, *Beau Soire*, *Sea Murmurs*, *Bess You Is My Woman Now*, *Salut D' Amour*, *La Fille Avec Cheveux De Lin* and *Romance* will be played.

Built nearly 90 years ago by a grieving husband to commemorate his wife, today the Neilson Hays Library is looked after by teams of volunteer expat women and dedicated Thai staff.

Entering the building from hectic Surawong Road is truly like stepping back in time — not only have the ornate neo-classical stucco details been preserved but also the intricately carved teak fittings, elegant furniture and original glass-fronted bookcases.

But no one reaches the age of 90 or thereabouts without needing a little extra loving care. The library requires some urgent repairs, particularly to the teak floor, which in recent times has developed some alarming cracks. All proceeds raised from Salut D'Amour will go to the library's repair fund.

'Salut D'amour'

Will be performed at the Neilson Hays Library on Feb 10 at 7:30pm. Tickets are 500 baht; visit www.neilsonhayslibrary.com, call the library on 02-233-1731, or simply drop in. Fine wine will be served, with the first glass free for library members.