

# Australia's best classical performers

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From Dame Nellie Melba to the Australian Chamber Orchestra, Australian classical performers have made a splash at home and internationally over the years.

It would be almost impossible to put together a comprehensive list of Australia's best classical performers, so we asked ABC Classic presenters to let us know their favourites.

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## Penelope Thwaites

**Concert pianist Penelope Thwaites has performed with major orchestras in Australia and the UK and has been a strong advocate for the music of Australian composers.**

**“Her playing is simply exquisite, and she is such a humble and generous contributor to the classical music community. And whilst we take for granted the prominence of Australian composer Percy Grainger in the collective musical consciousness worldwide, it is great and prolific interpreters such as Thwaites we have to thank for elevating him so.” – Greta Bradman**