



Estrella Strings – Yana Wells, Brigette Smith and Lauren Bradnam – are doing a free pop-up concert at Gold Coast Show. Picture Glenn Hampson

Classical pop hits Show day

Ashleigh Jansen

Three Gold Coast mums are bringing classical music into the modern age with their trio, called Estrella Strings.

The group was formed by a desire to bring the music of Netflix's hit Regency-era series Bridgerton to life.

Their inaugural Gold Coast Show performance is this Saturday at 10.15am. Violinists Yana Wells and Lauren Bradnam and violist Brigette Smith said they hope to bring string music to a younger generation through the power of pop.

"We saw there was space for a group of musicians a little bit different to the traditional string quartet," Ms Bradnam said.

"With the rise of Bridgerton people love to hear the more modern pop music played in a classical style, so we decided to come together and form Estella Strings."

Think Ariana Grande, Billie Eilish, Alanis Morissette or Taylor Swift played by classically trained musicians.

"Most of our repertoire and our song list is now is actually modern pop music derived from what they're playing on Bridgerton," Ms Bradnam said.

Having performed sellout concerts with traditional orchestras, the trio – who have been playing together for more

GOLD COAST SHOW

WHEN

Friday August 30 – Sunday September 1

TIME

9am – 10pm Friday and Saturday;
9am – 9pm Sunday

LOCATION

Broadwater Parklands

ENTRY

Free

TRANSPORT

Ride the G:link to Broadwater Parklands

FIREWORKS

6.45pm to 7pm Friday and Saturday

than 15 years – implore anyone with an interest in music or string instruments to come down to the Show.

"The music has a nice earthy tone, and it's like a classy version of what you hear on the radio – people just seem to be captivated by it and we love the happiness it brings," Ms Wells said. "And if you're a big fan of Bridgerton, we would love for you to come down."

Ms Smith added: "If you've got kids and they learn violin at school and they get stuck playing what they might think is boring stuff – come down and show them that we can play really fun and modern stuff on our instruments too."