

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**FROM BOWRAL TO VENICE**

Bowral residents Stephen and Sharon Fifer will be soon be swapping their Subaru Forrester for a Gondola having won a trip to Venice through the Sydney Symphony's Subscriber Competition, courtesy of Sydney Symphony Principal Partner, Emirates Airline.

The Fifers, long-time subscribers to the Sydney Symphony's Friday morning *Tea & Symphony* concert series, were so surprised by the news of their win that at first they hesitated to tell anyone for fear that it might not actually be true.

"We couldn't quite believe it at first," said Stephen, "We were walking around in a bit of a daze throughout the afternoon."

The Fifers have been loyal Sydney Symphony subscribers for 15 years, regularly making the lengthy trip from Bowral to Sydney to see the Orchestra perform at the Sydney Opera House. However, for them the experience makes the travel worthwhile.

"For us it's a pleasure to enjoy beautiful music in such a beautiful city," said Stephen.

Having visited Venice once before several years ago, the Fifers are looking forward to seeing the 'city of water' again.

"We can't wait to go," said Stephen, "What a wonderful opportunity to travel to that fascinating city again."

Sydney Symphony 2008 subscriptions are currently available. For more information, visit [www.sydney-symphony.com](http://www.sydney-symphony.com) or call 02 8215 4600.

Emirates has been the Principal Partner of Sydney Symphony since 2003. They generously donated these airseats to the Symphony in support of this competition.

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