

MEDIA RELEASE

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Peter Czornyj appointed Sydney Symphony Director of Artistic Planning

The Sydney Symphony is delighted to announce the appointment of Peter Czornyj to the position of Director of Artistic Planning.

Sydney Symphony Managing Director, Libby Christie said: "I am very pleased to be welcoming Peter Czornyj to the Sydney Symphony in August. He comes with superb musical credentials and extensive knowledge of artists and repertoire. He will work with Mr Ashkenazy on developing a wonderful 2010 season for our audiences and joins the Sydney Symphony for an initial period of six months to be extended by mutual agreement."

Peter Czornyj comes to the Sydney Symphony from the St Louis Symphony Orchestra where he has been Vice President of Artistic Administration since January 2007. Prior to that he worked as Artistic Administrator of The Cleveland Orchestra, Founder and Managing Director of the production company Pure Classics Hamburg, Director of Archiv Produktion the pre-eminent record label for early music and Producer/Assistant to the Head of Artists & Repertoire Deutsche Grammophon Hamburg.

During his extensive career Czornyj has worked closely with many of today's most esteemed artists, conductors and composers. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Music) and a Bachelor of Arts (Music) from University of Hull, England.

Czornyj takes over from the Orchestra's current Director of Artistic Operations, Dr Wolfgang Fink, who was recently appointed General Manager of the Bamberger Symphoniker.

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