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Australia's leading orchestral and jazz musicians set to star in a new piece by Hollywood legend Lalo Schifrin

Sydney Symphony, James Morrison and Ambre Hammond join forces under the baton of Lalo Schifrin in a world premiere performance

*19 and 21 July
Sydney Opera House Concert Hall*

Sydney, xx June – For two concerts in July, Sydney audiences will be the first in the world to hear the newest piece by incomparable composer/conductor Lalo Schifrin. Written especially for the Sydney Symphony, Australian trumpet legend James Morrison and rising piano star Ambre Hammond, the Double Concerto for Piano, Jazz Trumpet, and Orchestra will showcase the astounding talents of legendary film music composer Lalo Schifrin and Australia's leading orchestral and jazz musicians.



The past two years have seen Lalo Schifrin light up the Opera House Concert Hall with his brilliant blend of beloved jazz standards and symphony orchestra. Now, Schifrin, who like the Sydney Symphony turns 75 in 2007, returns with a new take on symphonic jazz with a concert featuring three of his original compositions including *Fantasy for Screenplay and Orchestra* – a work that has been composed for an imaginary movie in which the audience can make up in their own story as they listen to it.



Of his newest composition, the Double Concerto for Piano, Jazz Trumpet, and Orchestra, Schifrin says, "The piece was inspired by the virtuosity of Ambre Hammond and James Morrison and the combined talents of the Sydney Symphony which I can definitely say is the best orchestra I've ever worked with. I really hope the audience in Sydney will be pleased with the work because I really believe there's nothing like it in the whole music literature."

Lalo has dedicated the piece to the SMILE Foundation, a new Australian charity set up to fund research into rare childhood diseases and support afflicted families. Australian pianist Ambre Hammond is an ambassador of the foundation.

Ambre Hammond first met Schifrin in Sydney in 2005 and the following year visited him at his Hollywood home, "Lalo is a true Hollywood legend, he even lives in Groucho Marx's former home! I am absolutely blown away by his talents. He has created something very special in this new piece for James and myself and it's such a huge honour to be bringing it to life. The first performance of this piece on the Opera House concert hall stage will be a monumental occasion in my career."

The Sydney Symphony Morrison Plays Schifrin concert is part of the Sydney Symphony Kaleidoscope Series of which James Morrison is Artistic Advisor. The Morrison Plays Schifrin concert is proudly presented by BigPond and will be streamed live on www.sydneyphilharmonicsymphony.com

To book tickets to 'Morrison Plays Schifrin' at the Sydney Opera House, call Sydney Symphony Customer Service on 8215 4600 or visit www.sydneyphilharmonicsymphony.com

For more information on Lalo Schifrin, visit www.schifrin.com

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Note to editors

Concert details

Thursday 19 July, 8pm

Saturday 21 July, 8pm

Sydney Opera House

Lalo Schifrin conductor
James Morrison trumpet
Ambre Hammond piano

SCHIFRIN Tropicos

Fantasy for Screenplay and Orchestra

Double Concerto for Jazz Trumpet and Piano commissioned by the SMILE Foundation (World Premiere)

Tickets from \$63