

## MEDIA RELEASE

### ***Sharing the love... Sydney Symphony performs free concert in Parramatta*** **Sydney's affair with the Symphony reaches 75 years in 2007 and the celebration stretches from the Bennelong Point to Parramatta**

Sydney, February 26 – Celebrating 75 years of music making, Sydney Symphony will mark its birthday year with an unprecedented reach that's both geographic and musical. In a few short weeks it will give its third free, outdoor concert for the people of Sydney, at Parramatta Park. Performing well-known music for a family-style audience, the Orchestra will be joined by special guest host, Channel 9 News' entertainment reporter Lynda Kinkade. Audiences will hear Wagner's much-loved Tannhäuser: Overture, Vaughan Williams' popular The Lark Ascending, and the famous Finlandia, by Sibelius, amongst other works. Ranging from the charming to the stirring, the Sydney Symphony will hold audiences captive with music that has entertained people for hundreds of years.

Chris Levins, Director of Parramatta Park says: "The concert will be a great night out for the family and friends. We have provided a magnificent line up of entertainment and this combined with a sublime Park setting will make it the most outstanding place to be at in Sydney on the night. We are looking forward to the experience and hope everyone will come and enjoy the experience with us."

Organized by the Parramatta Park Trust with Sydney Symphony, the concert brings together two outstanding cultural institutions, each of which will be celebrating an important milestone in their history. This year marks Sydney Symphony's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, and for Parramatta Park, 2007 is their 150<sup>th</sup> birthday year. The performance will be to the highest quality, featuring superb sound plus video screens for maximum visibility and experience.



While its home remains the iconic Sydney Opera House, audiences from the outer suburbs have also been touched by Sydney Symphony as part of its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, and this remains a vital part of its identity as an icon of Sydney.

"The outdoor experience is so quintessentially Sydney", says Managing Director Libby Christie, "there's just no better way to soak up summer and the Symphony!" The three free concerts held in major centres for Sydney represent a very real commitment to taking music to the people of the city and to further strengthening relationships with the community for which Sydney Symphony is a true cultural icon and ambassador.

The world-class standard of the Sydney Symphony regularly attracts some of the most internationally acclaimed soloists and conductors, who travel to work with the Orchestra on concert programs that offer Sydney-siders the best in music performance. In 2007 some of the stars appearing with the Sydney Symphony include cellist Pieter Wispelwey, jazz keyboardist Chick Corea, and songwriter Burt Bacharach.

It's an ambitious aim to both entertain and inspire audiences from such wide backgrounds, but one that is key to the Sydney Symphony's success over 75 years. Wherever Sydney-siders may live, and wherever their musical tastes may lie, Sydney Symphony will move, touch, inspire and entertain thousands this year as it has for the past 75.

To find out more about the Sydney Symphony's year-long celebration through concerts and events, log on to [www.sydney-symphony.com](http://www.sydney-symphony.com) for information and bookings.

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