



AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

BURT BACHARACH NEW WORK "FOR THE CHILDREN" COMPOSED FOR SYDNEY SYMPHONY

International music legend Burt Bacharach announced at a press conference in Melbourne today (Tuesday 29 January 2008) that he has composed a new work entitled "For The Children", an eleven and a half minute orchestral piece specifically written for the Sydney Symphony and inspired by his 2007 tour.

"For The Children" will have its Australian Premiere this Thursday at the opening night of an Evening with Burt Bacharach, his band and the Sydney Symphony at the Sydney Opera House.

Mr Bacharach said:

"The emotion I felt walking out onto the Sydney Opera House stage for the first time and performing with the Sydney Symphony last year, was a career highlight for me."

The Sydney concerts will also be recorded in anticipation of an album release in 2008, "Burt Bacharach Live at the Sydney Opera House".

Acknowledged as one of the greatest composers of our generation, Mr Bacharach has returned to Australia due to overwhelming demand, less than seven months after a sell out tour with State Orchestras in Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane and Sydney.

Limited seats are available for "An Evening with Burt Bacharach", which will also travel to the Hunter Valley on Saturday 2nd February and Melbourne, for a debut season with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra from Wednesday 6th to Saturday 9th February.

Following his final Australian concert in Melbourne, Mr Bacharach will be honoured with his eighth Grammy Award, The Recording Academy's Lifetime Achievement Award, to be received and accepted on his behalf by his children, Cristopher, Oliver and Raleigh Bacharach, at the 50th Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. Mr Bacharach also has three Academy Awards.

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Tour dates:

AN EVENING WITH BURT BACHARACH

SYDNEY

Thurs 31st January & Fri 1st February
Sydney Opera House with Sydney Symphony

Bookings:

SOH Box Office: 02 9250 7777
www.sydneyoperahouse.com
Sydney Symphony: 02 8215 4600
www.sydneysymphony.com

HUNTER VALLEY

Sat 2nd February
Wyndham Estate Forum with Sydney Symphony

Ticketmaster: 136 100
www.ticketmaster.com.au
Showbiz: 1300 474 697
www.showbiz.com.au

MELBOURNE

Wed 6th, Thurs 7th, Fri 8th & Sat 9th February
The Arts Centre, Hamer Hall with the
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

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