

Conductor Kristjan Järvi returns to Sydney

“a kinetic force on the podium” – New York Times

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Sydney Opera House Concert Hall

It's been a remarkable month for 38-year-old conductor Kristjan Järvi (pictured). Not only did he announce a brand new multi-record deal with Sony Classical but he led the orchestra of which he is Founding Conductor and Music Director, The Baltic Youth Philharmonic, in a concert at Peenemünde, Germany, that was deemed “a most felicitous symbol of the peaceful coexistence of the Baltic region countries.”

And October shows no signs of slowing down, as the Estonian-born American-raised conductor makes his way to Australia to conduct the Sydney Symphony in two very different programs:



Rhapsody in Blue (8 & 9 October)

As part of the Sydney Symphony's popular Kaleidoscope series, these concerts will take audiences on a journey to the jazz age – filled with the sounds of Ellington, Bernstein and Gershwin's *An American in Paris* and *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Beethoven and Stravinsky Masterpieces (13, 15 & 16 October)

As part of the EnergyAustralia Master Series, these concerts feature two absolute masterpieces – Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* and Beethoven's Violin Concerto performed by French violinist Renaud Capuçon on his 1737 Guarneri del Gesù 'Panette' that once belonged to legendary violinist Isaac Stern.

Kristjan not only pursues a stellar international career conducting the world's finest orchestras, but he is dedicated to the people of Estonia and its surrounds. In early 2005, Kristjan launched a Music Outreach Program for children at a remote Estonian orphanage in Viljandi. The program was the first of its kind in Estonia and its success has led to a national initiative. As founder and supporter Kristjan regularly visits the children, who have been receiving music lessons and music therapy on a weekly basis since the program's inception. Kristjan's own childhood was filled with musical fun and inspiration from his parents Neeme and Lillia. He hopes for all children in Estonia to have the opportunity to experience the same.

Kristjan is also dedicated to the idea of 'music without borders', founding the Baltic Youth Philharmonic in 2008. The orchestra is dedicated to bringing together talented young musicians from the 10 countries surrounding the Baltic Sea for an intensive period of rehearsals and touring. Its musicians are challenged to overcome cultural differences to forge, in record time, a world-class orchestra that tours the Baltic region and beyond. According to Kristjan: "We wanted to create a training centre for the whole Baltic Sea area. For long enough, this sea has been isolating the states that surround it, but we want to create a Baltic community through music."

Kristjan has been hailed by The New York Times as "a kinetic force on the podium, like Leonard Bernstein reborn." A member of the distinguished Järvi family, he is the eldest son of esteemed conductor Neeme Järvi, Music Director Emeritus of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and brother of Paavo Järvi, also a highly recognised conductor and Music Director of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

For more information on Kristjan Järvi, visit: <http://www.kristjanjarvi.com/>

CONCERT DETAILS:

RHAPSODY IN BLUE

Sydney Opera House, Concert Hall
Thu 8 & Fri 9 October, 8pm

Kristjan Järvi conductor
Michael Kieran Harvey piano
Francesco Celata clarinet

BEETHOVEN AND STRAVINSKY MASTERPIECES

Sydney Opera House, Concert Hall
Wed 13, Fri 15 & Sat 16 October, 8pm

Kristjan Järvi conductor
Renaud Capuçon violin

ADAMS The Chairman Dances – Foxtrot for orchestra

MILHAUD The Creation of the World

GERSHWIN An American in Paris

BERNSTEIN Prelude, Fugue and Riffs

GERSHWIN Rhapsody in Blue

ELLINGTON Harlem

TCHAIKOVSKY Dance of the Comedians

BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto

STRAVINSKY The Rite of Spring

TICKETS:

Tickets from \$35* (booking fee of \$6 – \$8.50 may apply).

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