

PACK YOUR PICNICS SYDNEY SYMPHONY FREE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE IN PARRAMATTA PARK

Saturday 20 March, 8pm

In another demonstration of its commitment to audiences in greater Sydney, the Sydney Symphony is set to perform a free outdoor concert at Parramatta Park on Saturday 20 March at 8pm.

Led by Australian conductor Alexander Briger, the performance will see over 80 Sydney Symphony musicians perform works by Beethoven plus a not-to-be missed performance of orchestral highlights from Wagner's *Ring* Cycle.

According to Sydney Symphony Managing Director, Rory Jeffes, the Sydney Symphony belongs to everyone throughout Sydney and New South Wales and the Orchestra strongly believes that everyone should have the opportunity to hear a full size orchestra perform some of the greatest and most popular music ever written.

"The Sydney Symphony is committed to extending the opportunity to enjoy classical music to audiences throughout greater Sydney and each year performs at schools, hospitals, theatres and open-air venues in suburbs such as Penrith, Blacktown, Campbelltown and Parramatta," said Jeffes.

"In fact, around half the performances given by the Sydney Symphony each year are at venues away from our home at the Sydney Opera House.

"Our thanks go to Parramatta Park Trust and the NSW Government for their continued support of this annual event and for helping us bring the joy of classical music to everyone throughout Sydney," said Jeffes.

2010 marks the third year the Sydney Symphony has performed a free concert at Parramatta Park. The concert has been made possible due to the financial support of the NSW Government who made a commitment in 2009 to give Parramatta Park Trust the funding necessary to stage the free concert.

This year's Parramatta Park concert will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Lachlan Macquarie's swearing-in as Governor of New South Wales.

For more about Parramatta Park Trust's program of events to commemorate the Macquarie 2010 Bicentenary visit www.parrapark.com or the Macquarie 2010 Bicentenary website www.Macquarie2010.nsw.gov.au

PROGRAM:

BEETHOVEN Fidelio overture

BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No.5 (Emperor)

WAGNER The Ring of the Nibelung: An Orchestral Suite

Alexander Briger conductor

François-Frédéric Guy piano

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