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Sounds of the Sydney Symphony to support NSW rural communities

*Tamworth Town Hall
Fitzroy Street*

Saturday 10 April, 5pm

The NSW Government, Sydney Symphony, Tamworth Regional Council and corporate sponsors have joined forces for a special rural benefit concert to be held at Tamworth Town Hall on **Saturday 10 April at 5pm**.

Minister for Regional Development Ian Macdonald said this is the seventh year the NSW Government and the Sydney Symphony have joined forces to raise money for rural communities.

“Over the past sixth months, rural communities across NSW have battled the onslaught of fires, floods and drought. The Sydney Symphony’s rural benefit concert will be a real morale boost for people in the bush, while also providing financial relief for charities that do so much to help families cope during these tough times,” Mr Macdonald said.

“This is also a great opportunity for the Tamworth community to hear some of Australia’s finest musicians in action.

“The visit will see over 60 Sydney Symphony musicians and the Orchestra’s Assistant Conductor Nicholas Carter arrive in Tamworth accompanied by two tonnes of instruments, ranging from double basses and trombones, through to flutes and oboes.

“With the support of a range of partners, we hope to raise up to \$50,000, which will be donated to local charities that assist rural communities in Tamworth and the surrounding area.

“Money raised will be divided equally among the drought recovery programs of the Australian Red Cross, Anglicare, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Salvation Army.”

Sydney Symphony Managing Director, Rory Jeffes, said the Tamworth performance will be a highlight of the Orchestra’s 2010 regional touring program.

“Each year, the Sydney Symphony performs in hospitals, schools, concert halls and theatres throughout New South Wales,” Mr Jeffes said.

“Touring is an important aspect of our work and I know the musicians thoroughly enjoy their time on the road getting to know our supporters and audiences away from our home at the Sydney Opera House.

“We are also proud this year to be demonstrating the depth of Australian classical music talent with guest violinist, 24-year-old Ji Won Kim and our assistant conductor Nicholas Carter.

“The success of previous benefit concerts, from which we have raised in total over \$400,000, has inspired us once again to help struggling communities throughout regional NSW, and we are grateful to the support of the NSW Government, Minister Macdonald and many generous sponsors for helping to make our Tamworth concert happen,” Mr Jeffes said.

The 2010 Sydney Symphony annual regional tour is made possible by the NSW Government through Industry & Investment NSW and the NSW Ministry for the Arts, Tamworth Regional Council, BHP Billiton, St. George Bank, Snowy Hydro Ltd, Xstrata Coal, Cadia Valley Operations, Telstra, Regional Express Airlines, Tourism Tamworth, The Land, and the Federal Government through the Australia Council for the Arts.

TICKET PRICES:

Adults: \$49
Children: \$22

Family tickets available from Tourism Tamworth at www.visittamworth.com or on 6767 5300

PROGRAM:

WAGNER Prelude to *Die Meistersinger*
TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto
MOZART Idomeneo: Ballet music
STRAVINSKY The Firebird: Suite (1919)

Nicholas Carter conductor
Ji Won Kim violin

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