

The Sydney Symphony ends 2010 with a Tchaikovsky Spectacular

9 & 11 December 8pm

10 December 11am

Sydney Opera House Concert Hall



Sydney Symphony Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor Vladimir Ashkenazy will conduct the orchestra for their final concerts of the year as they conclude the 2010 season with a Tchaikovsky Spectacular.

And what a magnificent way to finish! In addition to Tchaikovsky's soaring violin concerto, the program will feature Ashkenazy's personal selection of highlights from the *Sleeping Beauty* ballet – music which overwhelms with the irresistible impulse of honest emotion for which Tchaikovsky is celebrated.

Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto is one of the best-known of all concertos, and one of the most technically difficult works for violin.

Appearing with the orchestra is Canadian violinist James Ehnes (pictured), widely considered one of the most dynamic and exciting performers in classical music. He performed with the Sydney Symphony as part of the 2008 Elgar Festival, and made such an impression that Vladimir Ashkenazy has invited this "tremendous violinist" to return to play another great Romantic concerto.

Praised as "the Jascha Heifetz of our day" by *The Globe and Mail*, James Ehnes has rapidly established a pre-eminent reputation among concert violinists. He has performed in more than 30 countries on five continents, appearing regularly with many of the world's most best-known orchestras and conductors. He is a prolific recording artist, and has won many awards including six Junos, a Grammy, and a Gramophone Award. In 2007 he became the



youngest person ever elected as a Fellow to the Royal Society of Canada, and in July this year the Governor General of Canada appointed him a Member of the Order of Canada.

These final concerts for 2010 will be a celebration of some of Tchaikovsky's most-loved works, as well as a fitting end to what has been a spectacular year for the Sydney Symphony.

CONCERT DETAILS

Tchaikovsky Spectacular

Thursday 9 December 8.00pm

Friday 10 December 11.00am*

Saturday 11 December 8.00pm

Vladimir Ashkenazy conductor

James Ehnes violin

SIBELIUS Finlandia

TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto

TCHAIKOVSKY The Sleeping Beauty: Suite from the ballet

*TEA & SYMPHONY – 10 DECEMBER

Short program: Violin Concerto and Sleeping Beauty Suite.

Pre-concert talk by Robert Murray at 7.15pm in the Northern Foyer (9 and 11 December only).

TICKETS:

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

Bookings through Sydney Symphony 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday on 8215 4600 or select your own seat at: www.sydney-symphony.com

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