

Partnership brings classical music to western Sydney students

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The Sydney Symphony will take classical music to around 3,000 students from western Sydney this week under a partnership with Sydney Olympic Park Authority.

Minister for Western Sydney, David Borger said the Sydney Symphony's mentoring orchestra, the Sydney Sinfonia, would perform five concerts over two days at Sydney Olympic Park for students from western Sydney.

"The Sydney Symphony will perform for students from 28 western Sydney schools at Sydney Olympic Park including Blackheath Public School, Canley Vale High School, Hammondville Public School and Farmborough Road Public School Unanderra," Minister Borger said.

"This is an important initiative that will give around 3,000 students the opportunity to experience classical music and hopefully ignite in them a life-long interest in the music," Minister Borger said.

This is the seventh year that Sydney Olympic Park Authority and the Sydney Symphony have come together to bring educational concerts to students from western Sydney.

The concerts will take place on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 July at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre and have been developed to be consistent with the New South Wales music syllabus.

"Music education is one of the most important aspects of what the Sydney Symphony does each year," said Symphony Managing Director Rory Jeffes. "The Orchestra is dedicated to promoting quality music education in the classroom and in the concert hall."

In attendance will be over 200 students from the New South Wales Government Priority Schools Funding Program (PSFP). This program provides additional assistance to school communities to reduce the achievement gap for students in schools with high concentrations of students from low socio-economic status backgrounds.

The program includes:

MOZART: The Magic Flute: Overture

PROKOFIEV: Lieutenant Kijé: Suite, Op.60: I The Birth of Kijé

BRAHMS: Hungarian Dance No.19

DUKAS: La Péri: Fanfare

HINDSON: Dangerous Creatures: Scorpions

HINDSON: Dangerous Creatures: Big Black Bear

Concert times:

Date	Time	Years
Thursday 29 July	10.30am	Years 3 – 6
Thursday 29 July	12pm	Years 3 – 6
Friday 30 July	10.30am	Years K – 2
Friday 30 July	12pm	Years K – 2
Friday 30 July	1.30pm	Years 7 & 8

Photo opportunity:

Photography is welcome at the concerts. For more information, please contact:

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