# 2023 SEASON

**«SYDNEY" SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** 

### MUSIC THAT INSPIRES



# **WELCOME TO 2023**

It is wonderful to reflect on the 2023 Season now that we have returned to the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall and discovered through recent performances how the renewed space has created a new experience for all of us.

The reopening of the Concert Hall was celebrated with a series of sensational concerts which gave audiences around Australia the opportunity to experience the Sydney Symphony at its very best.

2023 will continue to inspire that wonder, excitement and sense of adventure with an extraordinary season of concerts featuring profound and beautiful music.

We will again welcome artists from around the world to share their extraordinary musical gifts. I'm especially proud that we will invite Australian artists to return and participate in many of the year's landmark events so that the Sydney Symphony's performances are a place to which people return while reaffirming the ideals of music and its importance in the contemporary world.

We're delighted to welcome world-renowned artists, including Anne-Sophie Mutter, Nicola Benedetti, Ray Chen, Stephen Hough, Khatia Buniatishvili and Siobhan Stagg. Among our guests are also many wonderful conducting colleagues, including Donald Runnicles, John Wilson, Masaaki Suzuki and Stephen Layton. As promised, Spanish pianist Javier Perianes returns to continue our exploration of Beethoven's piano concertos, bringing his extraordinary playing to these rich and evocative works.

I am particularly excited that our opera in concert will be *Das Rheingold*, commencing our multi-year presentation of the *Ring Cycle*. I'm delighted to finally perform this work in Sydney featuring an extraordinary cast of Australian and international singers, including Wolfgang Koch and Falk Struckmann.

It will now be possible to hear Wagner's epic creation as it should be heard – as an immense musical experience performed with the finest singers and an orchestra of the highest calibre.

I hope you will join us for a season of the most exciting and rewarding performances.

Simone Young AM Chief Conductor



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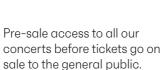
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### **SIMONE YOUNG** CONDUCTS

#### 2023 SEASON OPENING

Mahler famously wrote that a symphony must be "like the world" and embrace everything. His First Symphony realises that bold ambition. This is an evocative masterpiece, drawn with celebrated skill by our Chief Conductor Simone Young. Her passion and depth of experience will immerse you in the vast world of this symphony, where Mahler shifts between panoramic and personal, filling every space in between. Birds soar high above the sounds of alpine horns with valleys, forests and bustling villages below.

It's a spellbinding experience from the first note to the thrilling finish. Following the critical success of our performances of Mahler's Second Symphony in 2022, this concert makes an inspired opening for 2023.

Be transfixed by Australian soprano Siobhan Stagg in Debussy's Ariettes oubliées, arranged by Australian composer Brett Dean. Described by The Age as having "an ethereal stage presence and impossibly beautiful voice" this is a brilliant moment to experience Siobhan Stagg in the Concert Hall.

**MAHLER** Blumine **DEBUSSY** arr. DEAN Ariettes oubliées MAHLER Symphony No.1

SIMONE YOUNG conductor **SIOBHAN STAGG** soprano

Wednesday 8 February, 8pm Thursday 9 February, 1.30pm Friday 10 February, 8pm Saturday 11 February, 8pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

**Emirates Masters Series** Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony

### MAHLER'S FIRST SYMPHONY





#### DAZZLING STORIES IN FULL COLOUR

From its suspense-filled opening, Scheherazade plunges you into a world of high drama. Colourful scenes unfurl around you, a twist at every turn, all gorgeously carried by musical themes that have influenced artists the world over.

Rimsky-Korsakov uses musical cliff-hangers to dazzling effect in his retelling of this classic tale about the power of story to transport us. It's hard not to be moved by this music, especially with Chief Conductor Simone Young leading us to a place so captivating.

In his Concerto for the Left Hand, Ravel embraced the challenge of writing for Paul Wittgenstein, a war veteran who had lost an arm. Ravel created an epic work - a triumph of artistry that places no limits on expression. Cédric Tiberghien, who frequently collaborates with Simone Young, has performed this piece with the Berlin Philharmonic and brings his masterful interpretation to Sydney.

Award-winning composer Unsuk Chin draws inspiration from Ravel in Frontispiece, a work full of drama and surprise providing a spectacular opening for this vibrant program.\*

# **RIMSKY-KORSAKOV'S**

**UNSUK CHIN** Frontispiece\* **RAVEL** Concerto for the Left Hand **RIMSKY-KORSAKOV** Scheherazade \*Great Classics performance only

**SIMONE YOUNG** conductor **CÉDRIC TIBERGHIEN** piano

Thursday 16 February, 7pm Friday 17 February, 11am Saturday 18 February, 2pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Symphony Hour Tea & Symphony Great Classics



#### JANÁČEK'S **STRING QUARTET NO.2** INTIMATE LETTERS

DVOŘÁK'S **STRING QUINTET NO.3 BRIGHT & SPIRITED STRINGS** 

MARIE-ANGE NGUCI IN RECITAL A RISING STAR



Janáček's Second String Quartet uses the full emotional range of string instruments to express the complexities of life, with soaring melodies and moods that shift restlessly from calm to ecstatic, intense and expansive.

The work was inspired by Janáček's love for Kamila Stösslová, a young married woman. The music twists and turns with the changing fortunes of their relationship revealed through their 700 letters.

Grammy Award-winning American composer Joan Tower's *Rising* is a work of perpetual upward movement. A dazzling, continuous expansion gathering intensity throughout, the piece is a dynamic prelude to Janáček's Quartet.

This virtuosic program is an opportunity to see Sydney Symphony musicians up close in the Utzon Room – an intimate setting that's perfect for music about love and change.



Dvořák wrote some of his most famous works in New York during his time as director of the National Conservatory of Music – including this charming String Quintet. He was fascinated by the music of America, particularly Native American and African-American music, and was energised by influences outside European traditions. This quintet is full of joy, as fresh and invigorating as a brisk walk through Central Park in autumn.

The intimacy of the Utzon Room is the perfect setting to hear Andrew Haveron perform solo in Bartók's Sonata. This technically demanding work was written in New York for the great violinist Yehudi Menuhin and is a captivating showpiece for the mastery of the performer.

BARTÓK Sonata for Solo Violin

SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sandro Costantino, Lerida Delbridge,

Andrew Haveron, Catherine Hewgill,

Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House

**DVOŘÁK** String Quintet No.3

Anna Skálová, Justin Williams

Friday 3 March, 6pm

Saturday 4 March, 6pm



Albanian-born Marie-Ange Nguci's reputation for thrilling performances is growing rapidly around the world, and the spirit and exuberance of this all-Russian program is a perfect fit for the twenty-four year old virtuoso. Along with her wonderfully expressive interpretations, Nguci's technical mastery makes her utterly absorbing to watch.

In Rachmaninov's vivid, late-Romantic Variations on a Theme by Chopin, the Russian master applies his rich and dark musical language to a theme by Chopin. The resulting twenty-two captivating vignettes offer a wide range of moods and opportunities for breathtaking virtuosity.

Prokofiev's Piano Sonata No.6 is a piece that demands a blend of elegant lyricism and fierce intensity. It's all wonderful material for Nguci's electric playing, in the ideal setting of the City Recital Hall.

#### JOAN TOWER Rising JANÁČEK

String Quartet No.2, Intimate Letters

#### SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS

Joshua Batty, Lerida Delbridge, Timothy Nankervis, Anna Skálová, Justin Williams

#### Friday 17 February, 6pm Saturday 18 February, 6pm

Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House

#### RACHMANINOV

Variations on a Theme by Chopin SCRIABIN Piano Sonata No.5 PROKOFIEV Piano Sonata No.6 KAPUSTIN Eight Concert Etudes: Finale MARIE-ANGE NGUCI piano

Monday 6 March, 7pm

City Recital Hall

### **PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION**

#### **DRAMATIC & EVOCATIVE**

Music imitates art in Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, a dramatic suite of ten movements inspired by the artworks of Victor Hartmann. Unfolding with joyous energy and daring surprise, Mussorgsky's musical scenes are as evocative and contrasting as the pictures themselves.

From the endearing inelegance of The Gnome, to the fleeting beauty of the Ballet of the Unhatched Chicks, to the triumphant power of The Great Gate of Kiev - Mussorgsky's vision is revealed through the power of Ravel's iconic orchestration.

The brilliance of rising star Marie-Ange Nguci shines through in Saint-Saëns' Piano Concerto No.2. Sometimes reflective and melancholic, sometimes fiery and dramatic, the composer's own pianistic virtuosity finds its match in Nauci's generation-defining talent.



MUSICIANS



#### **MIRIAMA YOUNG**

Reflections on the Harbour Light 50 Fanfares Commission SAINT-SAËNS Piano Concerto No.2 MUSSORGSKY arr. RAVEL Pictures at an Exhibition

MIHHAIL GERTS conductor MARIE-ANGE NGUCI piano

Wednesday 8 March. 8pm Thursday 9 March, 1.30pm Friday 10 March, 8pm Saturday 11 March, 8pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony

### RHAPSODY **IN BLUE**

#### **NEW YORK STORIES**

Like a wailing siren, the instantly recognisable opening notes of the clarinet set the scene. We're in New York City with the jazz era spark forever captured in Gershwin's pioneering work, Rhapsody in Blue. Audiences were mesmerised at its premiere, and in this performance the acclaimed Australian pianist Simon Tedeschi keeps the magic alive.

"Mambo!" Brazen, strident, brassy – this is the hustling, bustling New York of Bernstein's West Side Story. Thanks to classics, such as Mambo, Maria. Somewhere and America, a whole new generation has fallen in love with this retelling of *Romeo and Juliet*. Hear the hits. Feel the tender ache of Tony and Maria's first love once again.

#### **PAUL BONETTI**

The Bright Day Clarion Calls the Quaking Earth 50 Fanfares Commission **BERNSTEIN** Symphonic Dances from West Side Story **IVES** Central Park in the Dark **GERSHWIN** Rhapsody in Blue

**ANDREA MOLINO** conductor SIMON TEDESCHI piano

#### Friday 17 March, 7pm Saturday 18 March, 7pm Sunday 19 March, 2pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Classics Under the Sails Sunday Afternoon Symphony



**MOZART'S GRAN** PARTITA SERENADE **RADIANT & JOYFUL** 

#### **JS BACH'S MAGNIFICAT IN D**

EXHILARATING & BEAUTIFUL



There's a cheerful and joyous feel to this chamber concert where you can experience the musicianship of Sydney Symphony's woodwind musicians at the City Recital Hall.

Our musicians take on two classics - Mozart's Gran Partita Serenade and Beethoven's Wind Quintet.

Gran Partita translates as "grand suite", and Mozart's Serenade has every bit of the full, radiant sound you'd expect. Beethoven's quintet is charming and stately. It's a program of profoundly uplifting music that evokes courtly occasions and ornate sculptures, and allows the unique quality of woodwind instruments to shine in the hands of our performers.



Bring together a choir of exquisite voices, an orchestra and Bach, and the outside world fades away. The *Magnificat* is a transformative experience, featuring more than 100 performers on stage for a work of immense beauty.

This music is bright and exhilarating, with soaring brass and gorgeous choral singing. It delights with its bold contrasts and cascades of light and colour – a work to nourish the spirit and renew a sense of wonder.

Stephen Layton is one of the world's areat choral conductors, best known as conductor of the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, and a specialist in realising the radiant brilliance of Bach's work.

#### BEETHOVEN

Quintet for Three Horns, Oboe and Bassoon MOZART Serenade No.10, Gran Partita

SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS

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STEPHEN LAYTON conductor **AMY MOORE** soprano **CHLOE LANKSHEAR** soprano STEPHANIE DILLON mezzo-soprano **CHRISTOPHER WATSON** tenor DAVID GRECO baritone SYDNEY PHILHARMONIA CHOIRS

Thursday 30 March, 7pm Friday 31 March, 11am Saturday 1 April, 2pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Symphony Hour Tea & Symphony Great Classics

City Recital Hall

Thursday 30 March, 7pm

#### **DONALD RUNNICLES CONDUCTS BRAHMS 2** LUSH & TRIUMPHANT



Brahms was a perfectionist and it took him almost fifteen years to write his first symphony. After this premiered to critical acclaim, his Second Symphony took less than a year to complete, bursting out in all its colour and glory. From the lush, pastoral landscape of the opening movement to the grand, triumphant finale, every moment is packed with sweeping emotions and lyrical tunes. Glanert's Idyllium is inspired by Brahms' music and pays homage to the great Romantic composer.

Schumann's Piano Concerto is one of the most beautiful of all piano concertos, filled with dreamy melodies and tender music. Noted by The Australian for her "melting lyricism" and "spirited eloquence", Australian pianist Andrea Lam is the perfect choice to capture the romantic spirit of Schumann's concerto.

The full expressive power of the Orchestra is drawn out in these works, led by our Principal Guest Conductor Donald Runnicles.

DETLEV GLANERT Idyllium SCHUMANN Piano Concerto **BRAHMS** Symphony No.2

**DONALD RUNNICLES** conductor ANDREA LAM piano

Friday 14 April, 7pm Saturday 15 April, 7pm Sunday 16 April, 2pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Classics Under the Sails Sunday Afternoon Symphony

### **ELGAR'S CELLO CONCERTO**

#### **POWERFUL INSPIRATIONS**

Composed in the aftermath of the First World War, Elgar's Cello Concerto speaks to the spirit of his time. Famous for the cello's powerful opening statement, this is music of aching intensity, from the wistful, searching mood of the iconic first movement to its very final moments. Experience Elgar's vision as interpreted by sought-after cellist Nicolas Altstaedt, a performer celebrated for his superb control, warmth of tone and huge presence - "One hung on every note as if they were the words of a master storyteller". (The Australian)

Shostakovich was no stranger to adversity. His Tenth Symphony hints at his struggle against Stalinist oppression. The frenzied force of emotion that ends in such spirited freedom (it premiered after Stalin's death) has led to many interpretations. Our Principal Guest Conductor Donald Runnicles delivers this highly moving experience with his trademark brilliance.

#### ALEX TURLEY

Cloudscapes 50 Fanfares Commission ELGAR Cello Concerto SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No.10

**DONALD RUNNICLES** conductor NICOLAS ALTSTAEDT cello

Wednesday 19 April, 8pm Thursday 20 April, 1.30pm Friday 21 April, 8pm Saturday 22 April, 8pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

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### ARABELLA **STEINBACHER**

#### LUMINOUS & TRANSCENDENT

Arabella Steinbacher is one of the world's most in-demand violinists. and a stellar performer arriving to premiere a concerto by composer and Sydney Symphony musician Georges Lentz. Part luminous meditation, part dark diabolical jig creating an elegy for our grandchildren's planet, this is a concerto that requires true virtuosity. In Arabella Steinbacher's hands, it will be a transcendent experience.

The colossal opening chords of *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* are iconic - made famous by Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey. Richard Strauss had a unique gift for generating enormous sound from a symphony orchestra. Vast, beautiful and almost overwhelming, Zarathustra is awe-inspiring from start to finish.

### **PERFORMS LENTZ**



**BIBER** Battalia in D **GEORGES LENTZ** "...to beam in distant heavens..." - Violin Concerto **R STRAUSS** Thus Spoke Zarathustra

**UMBERTO CLERICI** conductor **ARABELLA STEINBACHER** violin

Friday 28 April, 7pm Saturday 29 April, 7pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Classics Under the Sails



# STEPHEN HOUGH



GLORIOUSLY EXPANSIVE

**STEPHEN HOUGH IN RECITAL** 

GREAT ROMANTICS

Stephen Hough, one of the world's most acclaimed pianists, performs the work that rocketed Rachmaninov to stardom. Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.2 is an arresting testament to youthful exuberance. In three powerful movements, the composer creates a dramatic journey from darkness to light.

The breathtaking conviction and originality of this concerto may be why it's considered one of the greatest of all time. When interpreted with depth and clarity by Stephen Hough, we can appreciate more fully the humanity of Rachmaninov's work.

Respighi uses the full power of the orchestra in his epic Roman Trilogy. Conducted by John Wilson, this is expansive, glorious music that will take you to a landscape at once exotic and familiar.

event, and an opportunity to experience yet another side to Hough's wizardry. Lushly serene, this meditative program features some of the absolute masterworks of Romantic and Impressionist writing, from Chopin to Liszt and Debussy, as well as a work by Hough himself.

Named by The Economist as one of "Twenty Living Polymaths" and the first classical performer to be awarded a MacArthur Fellowship (the unofficial "Genius Grant"), Stephen Hough is a modern-day Renaissance man. In this recital, his dazzling talent is on full, breathtaking display.

#### RACHMANINOV

Piano Concerto No.2 RESPIGHI Roman Festivals\* Fountains of Rome\* Pines of Rome \*Great Classics performance only

JOHN WILSON conductor **STEPHEN HOUGH** pigno

Thursday 11 May, 7pm Saturday 13 May, 2pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

**MOMPOU** Cants màgics CHOPIN Ballade No.3 **CHOPIN** Two Nocturnes **DEBUSSY** Estampes **STEPHEN HOUGH** Partita LISZT

Années de Pèlerinage: Three Petrarch Sonnets Dante Sonata

STEPHEN HOUGH piano

Monday 15 May, 7pm City Recital Hall

Symphony Hour Great Classics

International Pianists in Recital



#### **STEPHEN HOUGH** PERFORMS **RACHMANINOV 1 PASSIONATE & DRAMATIC**

Any recital by Stephen Hough is a must-see

When a pianist of Stephen Hough's calibre interprets a work such as Rachmaninov's intensely dramatic Piano Concerto No.1, it's a special event - one not to be missed.

Written with all the daring and spirit of an eighteen year old, Rachmaninov's concerto displays the hallmarks of passion and intensity that would come to define his legacy. The raging double-octave leaps, the luxurious orchestration, the heart-wrenching piano solo - this is the Russian's emergence as a pure and unapologetic Romantic.

In his Symphony in F sharp, Erich Wolfgang Korngold reveals the musical storytelling skills that made him such a prolific composer of early Hollywood film scores. His Symphony is brought to life by conductor John Wilson in all its four dashina, cinematic movements.

#### **GORDON HAMILTON**

a great Big Blue Thing 50 Fanfares Commission **RACHMANINOV** Piano Concerto No.1 **KORNGOLD** Symphony in F sharp

JOHN WILSON conductor **STEPHEN HOUGH** piano

#### Wednesday 17 May, 8pm Thursday 18 May, 1.30pm Friday 19 May, 8pm Saturday 20 May, 8pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

**Emirates Masters Series** Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony

### **MOZART'S GREAT MASS**

#### **VISIONARY & DRAMATIC**

The powerful Great Mass in C minor reveals Mozart at the height of his brilliance, mercurial as ever as he confronts formidable themes with fantastic writing. A work of mysterious origins, the Great Mass is a layered, shimmering tapestry. Moods shift constantly, sometimes dazzling, sometimes movingly sombre. It's a soul wrestling with what it means to be alive. Maybe that's why we are drawn back to this masterpiece.

Conductor Masaaki Suzuki, an expert in choral repertoire, negotiates this enormous work with a striking vision, allowing us to connect with this music of transcendent beauty.

In contrast, enjoy the sparkling wit of Mozart's gripping overture from Don Giovanni – a story of a young playboy who ends up in hell. Together with his Linz Symphony this program offers an unforgettable glimpse of Mozart's irrepressible genius.

#### MOZART

Don Giovanni: Overture Symphony No.36, Linz Mass in C minor, The Great

MASAAKI SUZUKI conductor SARA MACLIVER soprano **RACHELLE DURKIN** soprano NICHOLAS JONES tenor **DAVID GRECO** baritone **SYDNEY PHILHARMONIA CHOIRS** 

Wednesday 7 June, 8pm Thursday 8 June, 1.30pm Friday 9 June, 8pm Saturday 10 June, 8pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

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### **INCMINOR**



#### **RESPIGHI'S ROMAN TRILOGY GLORIOUS LANDSCAPES**

#### **STEVE REICH & BACH**

**GLITTERING HARMONIES** 



From the first bright hit of brass, there can be no doubt that this is Respighi's Rome. Full of breathless excitement and cinematic grandeur, the Roman Trilogy is big, sweeping and bold – a huge orchestral experience. Moving from the monumental to soft and seductive, it captures, like any great journey, the heightened sensory power of delight and discovery.

Conductor John Wilson's recent recording of the Roman Trilogy was lauded by BBC Music Magazine: "There are dozens of versions of Respighi's Roman Trilogy available, but none better than this"



A rush of pure energy, Steve Reich's Mallet Ouartet showcases his masterful use of minimal instrumentation to create a rich and dramatic sound. BBC Music Magazine described this as vintage Reich: "A smooth minimalist sheen on the surface [belying] structures that are beguilingly complex".

Bach's music is centuries away from minimalism, but in common with Reich's Quartet, has a driving momentum that propels his glittering harmonies forward - qualities that make his work immensely satisfying to hear. In Bach's oboe concerto, here arranged for percussion, oboe and strings, that sense of motion provides energy for a bright, joyful work.

The Debussy *Rhapsodie* is a famous orchestral piece, arranged here for oboe and strings by our Principal Cor Anglais, Alexandre Oguey. It is a beautiful, intimate rendition of Debussy's colourful music.

#### RESPIGHI

**Roman Festivals** Fountains of Rome Pines of Rome

JOHN WILSON conductor

DEBUSSY arr. OGUEY Rhapsodie **JS BACH** arr. OGUEY & CONSTABLE Concerto in D, BWV 1053R STEVE REICH Mallet Quartet

#### SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS

David Campbell, Sophie Cole, Timothy Constable, Rosemary Curtin, Fenella Gill, Rebecca Lagos, Alexandre Oguey, Mark Robinson

Friday 12 May, 11am Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

#### Friday 9 June, 6pm Saturday 10 June, 6pm

Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House



#### SYDNEY SYMPHONY **BRASS MUSICIANS EXHILARATING & INSPIRING**



Brass ensembles have a brilliant ability to inspire. Uniquely bold and exhilarating, you can hear why Handel chose to feature these instruments so prominently in his Music for the Royal Fireworks - the culminating piece in this concert. It's a chance to experience a range of musical styles written or arranged for brass ensemble, in music for dance, all full of life and warmth.

The brass musicians of the Sydney Symphony have developed a close, intuitive sense of each other's playing - a musical connection that can only come from working together for years. When performing as an ensemble, this cohesion is obvious - twelve musicians sounding as one. It's a rare delight to hear such orchestral precision in a recital space, and with this wonderfully varied repertoire, all the colours of brass have the freedom to shine.

HANDEL arr. HOWARTH Music for the Royal Fireworks ENCINA arr. KINMONT Three Villancicos BORODIN arr. MOREAU Polovtsian Dances **ANDRESEN** Three Norwegian Dances PIAZZOLLA arr. VERHELST Maria de Buenos Aires: Suite

SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA **MUSICIANS** 

Thursday 15 June, 7pm City Recital Hall

#### SPINIFEX GUM AND THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY **POWERFUL & UPLIFTING**

**SIMONE YOUNG & STEVEN ISSERLIS POWERFUL & ROMANTIC**  **BRITTEN & PROKOFIEV** RHYTHMIC MOVEMENTS



Spinifex Gum combines the beauty of a choir of young Indigenous female singers from Far North Queensland and the Torres Strait with contemporary songwriting that speaks to issues of our time.

This is a unique collaboration between Marliya of Gondwana Choirs and Felix Riebl and Ollie McGill of The Cat Empire. In this breathtaking concert, their unique blend of choral music, contemporary song and dance combine with the power of the Sydney Symphony in a performance like you've never seen before.

High energy, high impact, and hauntingly beautiful, this fearless music lays bare the injustices faced by Indigenous Australians and shines a light on the strength of those who fight for their community.

"...entertaining... compelling, and the music carries its own cosmic energy." (Sydney Morning Herald)



Hugely expressive and wearing grand emotions on its sleeve, Schumann's Fourth Symphony has a passionate advocate in our Chief Conductor Simone Young, with her deep musical understanding of Schumann's own Romantic vision.

Written over 100 years later, Walton's Cello Concerto shares the same romantic essence. From a dreamy and tender opening, the music blossoms, alternating between fiery passion and deep introspection. Award-winning English cellist Steven Isserlis brings out all the nuances and delicate nature of the concerto, drawing you into this intimate work.



In his Phantasy Quartet, Britten presents a leisurely pastoral existence, which gives way to the grittiness of an industrialised world. First performed in 1933, the work still possesses a freshness and a contemporary sensibility that's exciting to experience. as Britten experiments with rhythm and the range of possibilities offered by the instruments.

Prokofiev's Quintet in G minor is thrilling. Closely related to his ballet, Trapèze, it contains six characterful movements that lend themselves to expressive choreography. As pure music, the shapes form in the air as the mood shifts around the performers. It's a fascinating piece, especially when heard in the intimate setting of the Utzon Room.

**BRITTEN** Phantasy Quartet

**PROKOFIEV** Quintet in G Minor

SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Harry Bennetts, David Campbell,

Callum Hogan, Stuart Johnson,

Alexander Morris, Shefali Pryor, Amanda Verner, Adrian Wallis,

Marina Marsden, Justine Marsden,

Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House

BRIDGE Lament

MUSICIANS

Justin Williams

Friday 30 June, 6pm

Saturday 1 July, 6pm

### **SIMONE YOUNG** CONDUCTS

#### AN ENCHANTED EVENING

Tchaikovsky's music for ballet is every bit as enchanting as the fairy tales he brings to life. Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty and The Nutcracker are three of the most popular ballets ever written, but it's rare to experience them in the Concert Hall with the music taking centre stage. It's what makes this program so special - dazzling storytelling, able to take full flight.

Chief Conductor Simone Young creates an experience that allows this extraordinarily beautiful music to shine. You'll be spellbound by this sublime selection of Tchaikovsky's most popular creations. This concert is pure romance, and not to be missed.

### **TCHAIKOVSKY'S BALLET MUSIC**



#### BEETHOVEN

The Creatures of Prometheus: Overture\* WALTON Cello Concerto SCHUMANN Symphony No.4 \*Great Classics performance only

SIMONE YOUNG conductor STEVEN ISSERLIS cello

#### Wednesday 21 June, 7pm

Sydney Symphony Presents

AARON WYATT conductor

**ROSS IRWIN, FELIX RIEBL,** 

FELIX RIEBL composer

**OLLIE MCGILL** arrangements

LYN WILLIAMS choral director

**DEBORAH BROWN** choreography

MARLIYA choir

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

#### Friday 30 June, 11am Saturday 1 July, 2pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Tea & Symphony Great Classics

Cocktail Hou



**TCHAIKOVSKY** Selections from The Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty and Swan Lake

SIMONE YOUNG conductor

#### Friday 7 July, 7pm Saturday 8 July, 7pm Sunday 9 July, 2pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Classics Under the Sails Sunday Afternoon Symphony

### **RAY CHEN**

#### **BEAUTY & ROMANCE**

One of the world's most in-demand violinists performs one of Tchaikovsky's most loved works. In Ray Chen's skilled hands, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto is a pure, Romantic experience - ravishing and electrifying.

After a gentle opening, the violin emerges. Blissfully reflective, it delivers one of Tchaikovsky's most poignant themes. As the music unfolds, the energy intensifies and Tchaikovsky arrives at a triumphant and exhilarating conclusion in the final movement, with the main theme reappearing alongside the full might of the orchestra.

First performed in 1922, after the disruption and heartache of the First World War, Nielsen's Symphony No.5 captures the light and shade of an uncertain time. Inventive digressions evoke new challenges and ways forward for an uncertain world, with true moments of warmth and optimism gleaming through.

#### **ALICE CHANCE**

Through Changing Landscape 50 Fanfares Commission TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto **NIELSEN** Symphony No.5

DAVID ROBERTSON conductor **RAY CHEN** violin

Wednesday 12 July, 8pm Thursday 13 July, 1.30pm Friday 14 July, 8pm Saturday 15 July, 8pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

**Emirates Masters Series** Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony

### PERFORMS TCHAIKOVSKY



**PLAY WITH RAY** BACH'S DOUBLE VIOLIN CONCERTO



**BEETHOVEN & MOZART** 

HEARTWARMING CLASSICS

Enjoy the unmistakable glow of the Sydney Symphony woodwind section in an engaging program featuring works by Beethoven and Mozart. Performing in the cosy surrounds of the Utzon Room. it's an opportunity to be close to our talented musicians.

The combination of two clarinets, two bassoons and two horns is an instrumentation that delivers a rich, mellow warmth that has attracted many composers to write for this combination. Beethoven and Mozart were both experts at writing for these instruments, and these works beautifully accentuate the unique blend of tones.

Mozart wrote concertos for all three instruments, so he knew exactly how to show off their potential. His Serenade is pure entertainment, and with this skilled ensemble it will be a perfect pick-me-up for a midwinter's day.



Ever dreamed of performing on the stage of the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall? Presented by the Sydney Symphony and Ray Chen, Play with Ray will make that dream a reality for three lucky violinists. Talented violinists of all ages are invited to apply to perform in concert with Ray Chen and the Sydney Symphony as part of an international skill-based competition.

Together, Ray Chen and the three winners of the competition will perform Bach's Double Concerto, with each winner featuring in one movement. This is extraordinary and dramatic music and the beautiful interweaving melodies and cascading passages allow both soloists to share in the spotlight. Added to a program curated by Chen, this is sure to be a dazzling experience.

#### **BEETHOVEN**

Sextet for Clarinets, Bassoons and Horns **SEIBER** Serenade MOZART Serenade No.11

SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS Euan Harvey, Fiona McNamara, Alexander Morris, Rachel Silver,

Christopher Tingay, Matthew Wilkie

Program to include:

BACH Concerto for Two Violins in D minor

TIANYI LU conductor **RAY CHEN** violin

Friday 21 July, 6pm Saturday 22 July, 6pm Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House Tuesday 25 July, 7pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Cocktail Hou

#### **JAVIER PERIANES IN RECITAL** SCENES FROM SPAIN





Spanish pianist Javier Perianes is blazing a trail around the world, performing with renowned orchestras and capturing hearts along the way. As a testament to his beautiful plaving style and extraordingry ability, he was named "Artist of the Year" at the International Classical Music Awards in 2019

Perianes is acknowledged as a master of the Romantic repertoire, with a deep affinity for the music of his native Spain, and this recital provides an opportunity to appreciate the depth of his skill flowing across a range of moods and expressions.

The music of Albéniz, Falla and Debussy evokes the sights and sounds of Andalusia and the streets of Granada, and these impressions of Spain come to life in Perianes' performances. His interpretation of Goyescas by Enrique Granados is something truly special. The work is inspired by Spanish artist Francisco Goya, and Perianes reveals a connection to the music that is intuitive and almost effortless - it's a joy to experience.

#### FALLA

Homenaje from le Tombeau de Claude Debussv Serenata Andaluza DEBUSSY Préludes: Book II: La Puerta del Vino Préludes: Book I: La sérénade interrompue ALBÉNIZ Iberia: El Albaicín **FALLA** Fantasía Bætica **GRANADOS** Goyescas

JAVIER PERIANES piano

#### Monday 31 July, 7pm

City Recital Hall

### **SIMONE YOUNG** CONDUCTS

#### **RADIANT BEAUTY**

Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony is an idyllic centrepiece for this program inspired by the beauty of the natural world.

Beethoven was continually lured away from Vienna by the beauty of the countryside, where he would work and walk for miles. The landscape radiates through the work, from brilliant sunshine to dark and sudden storms.

Chief Conductor Simone Young masterfully creates Beethoven's transforming moments present in both the symphony and the Fourth Piano Concerto. The Concerto is a work of nobility and an ideal platform for a pianist to shine from, and in Spanish virtuoso Javier Perianes we hear one of the world's best.

*The Guardian* described Perianes as having "exquisite grace and a wonderful lightness of touch," and you will hear every moment perfectly in the stunning acoustics of the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall.

Simone Young has chosen a 50 Fanfares commission by Australian composer Mary Finsterer as the opening work for this very special concert.

#### **MARY FINSTERER**

Stabat Mater 50 Fanfares Commission **BEETHOVEN** Piano Concerto No.4 **BEETHOVEN** Symphony No.6, Pastoral

SIMONE YOUNG conductor **JAVIER PERIANES** piano

Wednesday 2 August, 8pm Thursday 3 August, 1.30pm Friday 4 August, 8pm Saturday 5 August, 8pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony

### **BEETHOVEN'S** PASTORAL **SYMPHONY**





### **DIANA DOHERTY** PERFORMS

#### **CELEBRATING ROSS EDWARDS**

Ross Edwards is one of our nation's most prominent composers. His writing has drawn inspiration from Australia's natural life and landscape to present a unique vision of place.

In this special event celebrating Ross Edwards' 80th birthday, Chief Conductor Simone Young presents a performance in light, sound and movement at the superb Concert Hall.

Ross Edwards' Oboe Concerto was created especially for the Sydney Symphony and our Principal Oboe Diana Doherty in 2002, inspired by her virtuosity and richly expressive playing. It's a dynamic work in three movements that tells stories of the natural world, cultures colliding, love and dance. Layering Western musical styles over bird calls and traditional Australian sounds, it provides a stunning, glowing representation of our land.

Continuing this rich and enduring partnership, the Sydney Symphony has commissioned a new work by this esteemed Australian composer for this concert.

Edwards' music often draws inspiration from the beauty of nature, and in Ralph Vaughan Williams' buoyant, optimistic and lush Eighth Symphony, with its depiction of England's green and pleasant land, we find a clear musical connection. Personally chosen by Simone Young to contrast with the Australian landscapes so redolent in Ross Edwards' music, it is a perfect companion in this celebratory concert.

#### **PEGGY POLIAS**

50 Fanfares Commission **ROSS EDWARDS** Oboe Concerto, Bird Spirit Dreaming **ROSS EDWARDS** New Work VAUGHAN WILLIAMS Symphony No.8

SIMONE YOUNG conductor **DIANA DOHERTY** oboe

Friday 11 August, 8pm Saturday 12 August, 8pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

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#### DVOŘÁK'S SYMPHONY NO.7 LUSH & ROMANTIC

#### ANDREW HAVERON DIRECTS **BRITTEN'S SERENADE** INTIMATE DREAMSCAPES



Propelled by a relentless energy, Dvořák's Symphony No.7 is a Romantic masterpiece that many consider his greatest work. Lush and rich, and decidedly moody in nature, Dvořák creates an exciting world of sound coloured by his Czech heritage and deep admiration for Brahms and Beethoven.

Strauss' Second Horn Concerto presents a challenge that only the very best attempt, and here it is performed by Stefan Dohr, Principal Horn of the mighty Berlin Philharmonic. Demanding an exhilarating display of skill, this will be a rare and memorable moment in the Concert Hall.

The program opens with melodies surging and fading as our wind, brass and string sections come together for Kodály's Dances of Galanta, a joyful collection of music where folk roots run centuries deep.

**KODÁLY** Dances of Galanta **R STRAUSS** Horn Concerto No.2 DVOŘÁK Symphony No.7

**OLA RUDNER** conductor STEFAN DOHR horn

#### Friday 18 August, 7pm Saturday 19 August, 7pm Sunday 20 August, 2pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House



One of the most influential British composers of last century, Britten's music is lyrical, heartfelt and highly charged. His is an original voice with unmistakable authenticity.

In the beautifully intimate setting of the City Recital Hall, Sydney Symphony Concertmaster Andrew Haveron directs this performance featuring Berlin Philharmonic Principal Horn Stefan Dohr. Sydney-born and internationally renowned tenor Andrew Goodwin is the perfect partner for Britten's Serenade, and its poetry set to music.

Like Britten, Shostakovich is one of the most significant composers of the 20th century. This Chamber Symphony is the result of conductor Rudolf Barshai transcribing Shostakovich's Tenth String Quartet for a larger ensemble. The result is at once personal and powerful, combining the directness of the quartet with the richness of a larger ensemble.

**BRITTEN** Prelude and Fugue for 18 Solo Strings **BRITTEN** Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings SHOSTAKOVICH arr. BARSHAI Chamber Symphony (after the String Quartet No.10)

**ANDREW HAVERON** director STEFAN DOHR horn ANDREW GOODWIN tenor

Thursday 24 August, 7pm City Recital Hall

### JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA

#### JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER AND THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WYNTON MARSALIS' EPIC ALL RISE



The genius of Wynton Marsalis brings together two orchestras and a choir to create the kaleidoscopic jazz symphony, All Rise. With the talented musicians of Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Sydney Symphony Orchestra and Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, the number of musicians on stage will be a visual spectacle - but wait until you hear them.

Over twelve epic movements of All Rise, Marsalis discovers fresh creative freedom within the classical form. It's a tour de force that combines New Orleans jazz, gospel, spirituals, African chant, symphonic modernism, ragtime, blues, folk song and Latin dances.

Joyous and energetic, tantalising and transcendent – All Rise pulses with grandeur, complexity and contrasts, much like its great inspiration, multicultural America.

#### MARSALIS All Rise

**BENJAMIN NORTHEY** conductor JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA SYDNEY PHILHARMONIA CHOIRS

Thursday 31 August, 8pm Friday 1 September, 8pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

**Credit Suisse Special Event** 

#### **JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER** ORCHESTRA JAZZ CLASSICS FROM THE BEST



Is there a greater jazz band on the planet than the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra? This exhilarating ensemble has been making audiences feel good since 1988, performing music from the greatest composers and performers of the genre, including Duke Ellington and Count Basie. Every Jazz at Lincoln Center performance is an incredible event full of energy and bristling with life - the music woven deep in the fabric of this phenomenal ensemble.

Hear the classics the way they were meant to be enjoyed with jazz happening in the moment. Led by the extraordinary trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, you'll hear musicians so perfectly unified they play as one, with plenty of opportunity for individual members' talents to shine.

A selection of jazz classics JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA

Saturday 2 September, 8pm Sunday 3 September, 6.30pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

### NICOLA BENEDETTI

#### WYNTON MARSALIS' VIOLIN CONCERTO

In a Sydney first, Grammy Award-winning violinist Nicola Benedetti brings her brilliant technique and arace to the music of Wynton Marsalis, one of America's most captivating composers. A jazz legend, Marsalis has created a violin concerto that brings together the genius of performer and composer. Jazz, blues and fiddle music – feel the fresh, foot-stomping spirit of America come alive at the Sydney Opera House.

As a teenager, Marsalis was captivated by Stravinsky's genre-busting, incandescent writing. Inspired by folk stories, the dreamlike The Firebird is one of the Russian composer's most famous creations, still seductive and thrilling more than a century after its premiere. From near silence, darkness and mystery transform into a soaring melody within its opening minutes. The dark magic of an evil sorcerer hangs over each note, until he is at last vanguished as the work's finale blazes like a sunrise of joy.

ADAMS Short Ride in a Fast Machine MARSALIS Violin Concerto **STRAVINSKY** The Firebird (complete)

**KAREN KAMENSEK** conductor NICOLA BENEDETTI violin

Wednesday 6 September, 8pm Thursday 7 September, 1.30pm Friday 8 September, 8pm Saturday 9 September, 8pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

**Emirates Masters Series** Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony

### PERFORMS MARSALIS



#### **BEETHOVEN 7 & BRUCH'S VIOLIN CONCERTO EXHILARATING & POWERFUL**



Beethoven, Bruch and the Sydney Opera House – it's a combination that will re-energise the weariest soul. This performance, conducted by Mark Wigglesworth, has two masterpieces to rediscover.

Bruch's Violin Concerto No.1 is his most famous work, perfectly capturing the intensity of romance. Through all the emotions, there's a wonderful sense of momentum urging us forward. You'll be swept away by the shimmering technique of Australian rising star Emily Sun.

Beethoven's Seventh is as monumental as it is familiar. One of the greatest symphonies ever written, full of power and longing, it dances with the joy and exhilaration of life.

Wagner's Tannhäuser Overture leads our Great Classics program, and provides an opulent, cinematic introduction to an uplifting concert experience.\*

WAGNER Tannhäuser Overture and Venusberg Music\* BRUCH Violin Concerto No.1 **BEETHOVEN** Symphony No.7 \*Great Classics performance only

MARK WIGGLESWORTH conductor **EMILY SUN** violin

Friday 15 September, 11am Saturday 16 September, 2pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

to shine.

#### SCHUBERT'S OCTET WARM & RADIANT



A mighty work for a chamber ensemble, Schubert wrote his Octet when he was taking a break from writing songs and symphonies to explore this intimate form. True to his talent for creating great melodies, the Octet encompasses a variety of moods across six glowing movements. It radiates warmth, from jaunty dance tunes to heartfelt, lyrical moments.

Led by Concertmaster Andrew Haveron, it's the perfect piece to showcase the impressive range of the Sydney Symphony's musicians, and Schubert provides a moment for each instrument

#### **SCHUBERT** Octet SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS

Friday 15 September, 6pm Saturday 16 September, 6pm

Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House

#### LILYA ZILBERSTEIN IN RECITAL

**GRAND EXPRESSIONS** 

DANIEL DE BORAH PERFORMS MOZART HERE'S TO MOZART



This program is a treat for piano lovers. With music from Schubert's melodies to Rachmaninov's expressive preludes, Russian-born German pianist Lilya Zilberstein will demonstrate her absolute mastery of the piano.

Rising to prominence after winning the Busoni Competition in Italy in 1987, Zilberstein is a sought-after performer at major concert halls and festivals around the world. Born and educated in Russia, her style captures the essence of the robust Russian tradition.

Her heritage informs this special performance of Rachmaninov's Thirteen Preludes, inspiring the spirit and virtuosity to truly inhabit these pieces of wildly varying ideas. Schubert's Lieder challenge the performer to make the piano sing, with all the nuance and emotion of the human voice. This display of the grand recital tradition is a one-night wonder, not to be missed.

SCHUBERT Six Moments musicaux, Op.94 **SCHUBERT** arr. LISZT Four Lieder: Der Wanderer Ständchen von Shakespeare Gretchen am Spinnrade Auf dem Wasser zu singen **RACHMANINOV** Thirteen Preludes, Op.32

LILYA ZILBERSTEIN piano

#### Monday 16 October, 7pm

City Recital Hall

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Mozart's Piano Concerto No.17 bears all the hallmarks of his genius - beautiful melodies, a precise balance of joy and poignancy. and his trademark irrepressible energy. It's the perfect work for acclaimed Australian pianist Daniel de Borah, demonstrating his interpretative skills within a program that pays homage to Mozart.

Schubert's Fifth Symphony is often considered to be his most Mozart-like, but Schubert's own genius blooms in delightful melodies and gorgeously romantic moods. Writing in his diary, Schubert reveals his passion for Mozart's music: "O Mozart! Immortal Mozart! What countless impressions of a brighter, better life hast thou stamped upon our souls!"

The program is full of moments of such brightness and emotion.

**IBERT** Homage to Mozart MOZART Piano Concerto No.17 **SCHUBERT** Symphony No.5

**UMBERTO CLERICI** conductor **DANIEL DE BORAH** piano

Thursday 19 October, 7pm City Recital Hall

#### LI-WEI QIN PERFORMS HAYDN'S **CELLO CONCERTO NO.1** DAZZLING CLASSICS



An inspiring and radiant favourite, Haydn's First Cello Concerto is the perfect work to showcase the dynamic talents of Australian cellist Li-Wei Oin.

A lively and elaborate conversation between orchestra and soloist, the concerto's opening movement is spirited and rapid, followed by moments of languid, divine beauty, leading to the final movement's exuberance - all elevated by Li-Wei's masterful dexterity.

Haydn's Symphony No.88 is guaranteed to lift the spirits and Mozart's brilliantly crafted Symphony No.39 is just as stirring. Dazzling with natural lyricism, jubilant melodies and dynamism, this is Mozart at the height of his powers.

Principal Guest Conductor Donald Runnicles brings his trademark dynamism to a program that will invigorate, uplift and delight.

HAYDN Symphony No.88\* HAYDN Cello Concerto No.1 MOZART Symphony No.39 \*Great Classics performance only

**DONALD RUNNICLES** conductor LI-WEI QIN cello

Thursday 26 October, 7pm Saturday 28 October, 2pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

#### **MOZART & HAYDN** MASTERS OF THE SYMPHONY



If Haydn is the father of the symphony, Mozart took the form to new and unimagined heights. In this program, the connection between the composers emerges as a scintillating conversation led by Donald Runnicles, our Principal Guest Conductor.

Meticulous in expression, Haydn's Symphony No.88 brims with charm, elegance and humour. It's brilliant and daring. Mozart's Symphony No.39, the first of his celebrated final three symphonies, shares the same sense of daring on an even grander scale. This symphony is infused with Mozart's characteristic imagination, energy and joy - evidence of the bright, lasting mark of Haydn's influence.

**HAYDN** Symphony No.88 MOZART Symphony No.39

DONALD RUNNICLES conductor

#### Friday 27 October, 11am

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House



### KHATIA BUNIATISHVILI

#### **PASSIONS OF THE SOUL**

With its exquisite melodies, sweeping drama, delicate introspection and powerful displays of emotion, Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No.1 embodies the passions of the soul.

Performed by the sensational Khatia Buniatishvili, Tchaikovsky's work is a brilliant showpiece for a pianist described by *Gramophone* Magazine as having "fantastic fingers... and phenomenal gifts".

Principal Guest Conductor Donald Runnicles brings Debussy's evocative Images for Orchestra to life in deft, musical strokes. In these beautifully rendered Impressionist visions of England, Spain and France at the dawn of the 20th century you can almost see the bustling streets and undulating landscapes. Here it's contrasted by Dutilleux's Métaboles, a work of imaginative and subtle transformations, creating a dreamlike map of a new, spellbinding soundworld, interweaving ideas and structures.

**DUTILLEUX** Métaboles **DEBUSSY** Images for Orchestra TCHAIKOVSKY Piano Concerto No.1

**DONALD RUNNICLES** conductor KHATIA BUNIATISHVILI piano

Wednesday 1 November, 8pm Thursday 2 November, 1.30pm Friday 3 November, 8pm Saturday 4 November, 8pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony

### PERFORMS **TCHAIKOVSKY**

### **ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER**

#### **CINEMATIC FAVOURITES**

Experience all the drama of favourite Hollywood films as violin sensation Anne-Sophie Mutter performs works by the legendary John Williams, composer of scores for Harry Potter, Jurassic Park, Star Wars and many other cinematic classics.

Anne-Sophie Mutter's sensational performances with the Berlin Philharmonic as a thirteen year old caught the attention of John Williams. Over the subsequent decades, they have been close musical collaborators, and Williams' Violin Concerto No.2, premiered in 2021, was written specifically for Mutter. Williams himself conducted the world premiere at Tanglewood. More experimental than a film score, but just as cinematic, the concerto opens the way for an exhilarating display of Mutter's virtuosity.

This concert also features a selection of iconic film music across the years. selected and directed by Chief Conductor Simone Young. Lush, dramatic and compelling, this is storytelling at its finest.

### **AND THE MUSIC OF JOHN WILLIAMS**





HERRMANN Vertigo: Suite JOHN WILLIAMS Violin Concerto No.2 **ROTA** The Leopard: Suite **WESTLAKE** Flying Dreams JOHN WILLIAMS Hedwig's Theme **JOHN WILLIAMS** The Long Goodbye: Theme

SIMONE YOUNG conductor **ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER** violin

Thursday 9 November, 8pm Friday 10 November, 8pm Saturday 11 November, 8pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Credit Suisse Special Event



# SIMONE YOUNG CONDUCTS

#### AN OPERA IN CONCERT

Wagner's extraordinary vision would take pages to describe - it should only be experienced, and ideally, as a purely musical performance.

A groundbreaking music drama that took Wagner twenty-six years to complete, the Ring Cycle is an epic through and through. Das Rheingold, the first in the four-opera cycle, sets the tone for the story – a cosmic struggle between Norse gods, heroes and mythical creatures over a cursed ring that bestows world domination.

These performances mark the start of a landmark multi-year project presenting the complete Ring Cycle in concert, led by Chief Conductor Simone Young, internationally acclaimed for her mastery of Wagner's music. This is a rare chance to hear Wagner's masterpiece in Sydney, and will be its first performances here in more than twenty years.

In a pure musical experience, our Orchestra and the finest Wagnerian singers from Australia and Europe appear together on stage – free to unleash Wagner's dramatic and deeply felt sound in all its awesome power. All in the rich acoustic of the Concert Hall.

In a word, unforgettable.

# RHEINGOLD



#### **WAGNER** Das Rheingold

**SIMONE YOUNG** conductor

Cast to include: WOLFGANG KOCH Wotan MICHAELA SCHUSTER Fricka **ELEANOR LYONS** Freia STEVE DAVISLIM Loge NOA BEINART Erda FALK STRUCKMANN Alberich **ANDREW GOODWIN** Mime

Thursday 16 November, 7pm Saturday 18 November, 7pm Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

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### **CREATE YOUR OWN PACK**

The music you love, at a time and day that works for you.

Whether it's finding comfort in your favourite music or the excitement of hearing something new for the first time, we have some suggested combinations below, but you can also create your own adventure.

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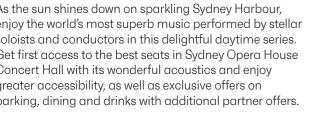
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MAHLER Blumine **DEBUSSY** arr. DEAN Ariettes oubliées MAHLER Symphony No.1

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MOZART

**MOZART'S GREAT MASS** IN C MINOR **VISIONARY & DRAMATIC** 

Don Giovanni: Overture

Symphony No.36, Linz

Mass in C minor. The Great

MASAAKI SUZUKI conductor

SARA MACLIVER soprano

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JOHN WILSON conductor STEPHEN HOUGH piano

**RACHMANINOV 1** 

Wed 17 May, 8pm Fri 19 May, 8pm Sat 20 May, 8pm Thu 18 May, 1.30pm

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Stabat Mater

Wed 2 Aug, 8pm

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SIMONE YOUNG conductor

JAVIER PERIANES piano

BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No.4

**BEETHOVEN** Symphony No.6, Pastoral

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NICOLA BENEDETTI PERFORMS MARSALIS WYNTON MARSALIS' VIOLIN CONCERTO

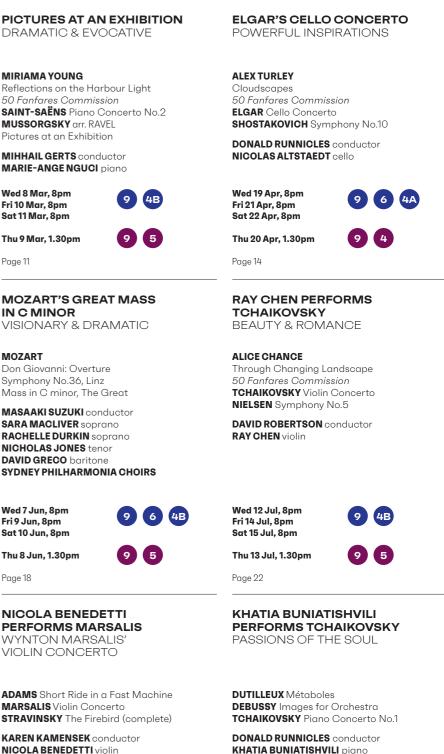
ADAMS Short Ride in a Fast Machine MARSALIS Violin Concerto STRAVINSKY The Firebird (complete)

KAREN KAMENSEK conductor NICOLA BENEDETTI violin



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SIMONE YOUNG CONDUCTS TCHAIKOVSKY'S BALLET MUSIC AN ENCHANTED EVENING	<b>DVOŘÁK'S SYMPHONY NO</b> LUSH & ROMANTIC
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ARABELLA STEINBACHER PERFORMS LENTZ LUMINOUS & TRANSCENDENT

BIBER Battalia in D GEORGES LENTZ "...to beam in distant heavens..." – Violin Concerto R STRAUSS Thus Spoke Zarathustra

UMBERTO CLERICI conductor ARABELLA STEINBACHER violin

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#### **TEA & SYMPHONY** SPECIAL SNACK-SIZE PERFORMANCES

Catch up with family and friends in one of our most sociable series. These one-hour performances are just the right length for those looking for a more compact concert at a great price and convenient time. Complimentary tea and biscuits are provided as part of the Tea & Symphony concert experience.

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2pm on Saturdays

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\*Great Classics performance only SIMONE YOUNG conductor

CÉDRIC TIBERGHIEN piano

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SCHUMANN Symphony No.4

SIMONE YOUNG conductor

STEVEN ISSERLIS cello

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#### **RESPIGHI'S ROMAN TRILOGY**

GLORIOUS LANDSCAPES

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#### JOHN WILSON conductor

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The Creatures of Prometheus: Overture\*

#### WAGNER

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MARK WIGGLESWORTH conductor **EMILY SUN** violin

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**RIMSKY-KORSAKOV'S** SCHEHERAZADE DAZZLING STORIES IN FULL COLOUR

**RAVEL** Concerto for the Left Hand **RIMSKY-KORSAKOV** Scheherazade

SIMONE YOUNG conductor CÉDRIC TIBERGHIEN piano

Thu 16 Feb, 7pm

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**JS BACH'S** MAGNIFICAT IN D EXHILARATING & BEAUTIFUL

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STEPHEN HOUGH PERFORMS **RACHMANINOV 2** GLORIOUSLY EXPANSIVE

RACHMANINOV Piano Concerto No.2 **RESPIGHI** Pines of Rome

JOHN WILSON conductor STEPHEN HOUGH piano

LI-WEI OIN PERFORMS HAYDN'S CELLO CONCERTO NO.1 DAZZLING CLASSICS

HAYDN Cello Concerto in C MOZART Symphony No.39

DONALD RUNNICLES conductor LI-WEI QIN cello

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UMBERTO CLERICI conductor DANIEL DE BORAH piano

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#### 7pm on Mondays

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**MARIE-ANGE NGUCI IN RECITAL** A RISING STAR

RACHMANINOV Variations on a Theme by Chopin SCRIABIN Piano Sonata No.5 PROKOFIEV Piano Sonata No.6 KAPUSTIN Eight Concert Etudes: Finale

MARIE-ANGE NGUCI piano

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STEPHEN HOUGH

GREAT ROMANTICS

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**CHOPIN** Two Nocturnes

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Dante Sonata

Three Petrarch Sonnets

STEPHEN HOUGH piano

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#### JAVIER PERIANES IN RECITAL

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LILYA ZILBERSTEIN IN RECITAL GRAND EXPRESSIONS

#### SCHUBERT

Six Moments musicaux, Op.94 SCHUBERT arr. LISZT Four Lieder: Der Wanderer Ständchen von Shakespeare Gretchen am Spinnrade Auf dem Wasser zu singen RACHMANINOV Thirteen Preludes, Op.32 LILYA ZILBERSTEIN piano

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SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS Joshua Batty, Lerida Delbridge, Timothy Nankervis, Anna Skálová, Justin Williams

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**BRITTEN & PROKOFIEV** RHYTHMIC MOVEMENTS

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Alexander Morris, Rachel Silver, Christopher Tingay, Matthew Wilkie

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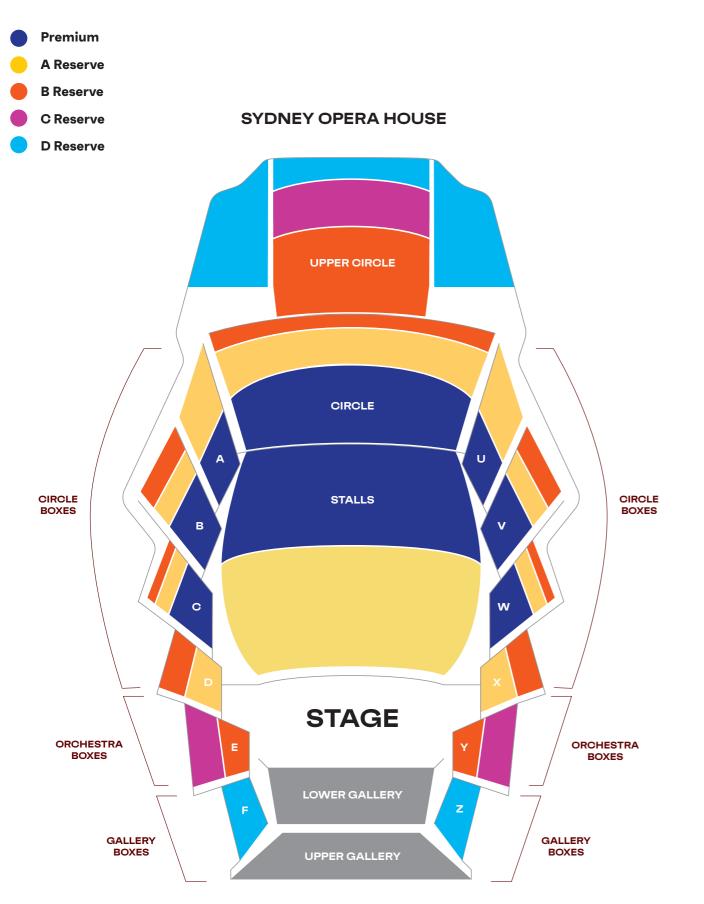
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Great Classics	42	130	110	75	48		
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Classics in the City	45	99	85	55	45		
International Pianists in Recital	46	99	85	55	45		
Cocktail Hour	47		85				
AND SPECIAL EVENTS AT SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE CONC	ERT HALL						
<b>Spinifex Gum and the Sydney Symphony</b> Powerful & Uplifting	20	82	72	62	52		
<b>Play with Ray</b> Bach's Double Violin Concerto	23	142	122	88	62		
<b>Diana Doherty performs Ross Edwards</b> Celebrating Ross Edwards	25	125	110	85	55		
Jazz at Lincoln Center and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Wynton Marsalis' epic All Rise	27	165	135	99	75		
<b>Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra</b> Jazz classics from the best	27	165	135	99	75		
Anne-Sophie Mutter and the music of John Williams Cinematic Favourites	33	165	135	99	75		
Simone Young conducts Das Rheingold An Opera in Concert	35	150	125	90	70		

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#### WHERE TO BOOK

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Please call me to discuss my 2023 booking and season choices.

#### STEP 1. I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING SERIES PACKS

For Series Pack options, seat prices and venue maps see pages 50-52.

Series name	Pack size	Day	Reserve (Premium/A

Sunday Afternoon Symphony – Family Offer

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Sunday Afternoon Symphony	U18 Ticket (1 adult/1 child)	Sunday	

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		Subtotal	\$

#### STEP 2. I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING CREATE YOUR OWN PACK

Choose a minimum of four concerts to Create Your Own Pack. Please book the same number of seats and seating reserve for all concerts. For concert prices see page 54.

<b>Reserve</b> (Premium/A/B/C)		No. of seats					
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#### STEP 3. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EVENTS

To see Season concerts, see page 53.

Concert name	Date	Time	Reserve (Premium/A/B/C/D)	No. of seats	Total \$
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#### PAYMENT

#### **STEP 6. SELECT A PAYMENT OPTION** I am paying the Total amount due now. □ I am paying by instalments: □ 20% Now 80% Later OR □ 50% Now 50% Later Final Payment **10 February 2023** (Credit card payments only)

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### **2023 SEASON CALENDAR**

#### FEBRUARY

Page	Concert	Series	М	т	w	т	F	S	S
8	Simone Young conducts Mahler's First Symphony	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			8	9	10	11	
9	Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade	Symphony Hour Tea & Symphony Great Classics				16	17	18	
10	Janáček's String Quartet	Cocktail Hour					17	18	

#### MARCH

Page	Concert	Series	м	Т	w	т	F	S	S
10	Dvořák's String Quintet No.3	Cocktail Hour					3	4	
10	Marie-Ange Nguci in Recital	International Pianists in Recital	6						
11	Pictures at an Exhibition	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			8	9	10	11	
12	Rhapsody in Blue	Classics Under the Sails Sunday Afternoon Symphony					17	18	19
13	Mozart's Gran Partita Serenade	Classics in the City				30			
13	JS Bach's Magnificat in D	Symphony Hour Tea & Symphony				30	31		

#### APRIL

Page	Concert	Series	М	т	w	т	F	S	S
13	JS Bach's Magnificat in D	Great Classics						1	
13	Donald Runnicles conducts Brahms 2	Classics Under the Sails Sunday Afternoon Symphony					14	15	16
14	Elgar's Cello Concerto	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			19	20	21	22	
15	Arabella Steinbacher performs Lentz	Classics Under the Sails					28	29	

#### MAY

Page	Concert	Series	М	т	w	т	F	S	S
17	Stephen Hough performs Rachmaninov 2	Symphony Hour Great Classics				11		13	
19	Respighi's Roman Trilogy	Tea & Symphony					12		
17	Stephen Hough in Recital	International Pianists in Recital	15						
17	Stephen Hough performs Rachmaninov 1	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			17	18	19	20	

#### JUNE

Page	Concert	Series	М	т	w	т	F	S	S
18	Mozart's Great Mass in C minor	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			7	8	9	10	
19	Steve Reich & Bach	Cocktail Hour					9	10	
19	Sydney Symphony Brass Musicians	Classics in the City				15			
20	Spinifex Gum and the Sydney Symphony	Sydney Symphony Presents			21				
20	Simone Young & Steven Isserlis	Tea & Symphony					30		
20	Britten & Prokofiev	Cocktail Hour					30		

#### JULY

Page	Concert	Series	м	Т	w	Т	F	S	S
20	Simone Young & Steven Isserlis	Great Classics						1	
20	Britten & Prokofiev	Cocktail Hour						1	
21	Simone Young conducts Tchaikovsky's Ballet Music	Classics Under the Sails Sunday Afternoon Symphony					7	8	9
22	Ray Chen performs Tchaikovsky	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			12	13	14	15	
23	Beethoven & Mozart	Cocktail Hour					21	22	
23	Play with Ray	Credit Suisse Special Event		25					
23	Javier Perianes in Recital	International Pianists in Recital	31						

#### AUGUST

Page	Concert	Series	М	т	w	т	F	S	S
24	Simone Young conducts Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			2	3	4	5	
25	Diana Doherty performs Ross Edwards	Credit Suisse Special Event					11	12	
26	Dvořák's Symphony No.7	Classics Under the Sails Sunday Afternoon Symphony					18	19	20
26	Andrew Haveron directs Britten's Serenade	Classics in the City				24			
27	Jazz at Lincoln Center and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra	Credit Suisse Special Event				31			

#### SEPTEMBER

Page	Concert	Series	М	т	W	т	F	S	S
27	Jazz at Lincoln Center and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra	Credit Suisse Special Event					1		
27	Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra	Credit Suisse Special Event						2	3
28	Nicola Benedetti performs Marsalis	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			6	7	8	9	
29	Beethoven 7 & Bruch's Violin Concerto	Tea & Symphony Great Classics					15	16	
29	Schubert's Octet	Cocktail Hour					15	16	

#### OCTOBER

Page	Concert	Series	м	т	W	т	F	s	S
30	Lilya Zilberstein in Recital	International Pianists in Recital	16						
30	Daniel de Borah performs Mozart	Classics in the City				19			
31	Li-Wei Qin performs Haydn's Cello Concerto No.1	Symphony Hour Great Classics				26		28	
31	Mozart & Haydn	Tea & Symphony					27		

#### NOVEMBER

Page	Concert	Series	Μ	Т	W	Т	F	S	S
32	Khatia Buniatishvili performs Tchaikovsky	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			1	2	3	4	
33	Anne-Sophie Mutter and the music of John Williams	Credit Suisse Special Event				9	10	11	
35	Simone Young conducts Das Rheingold	Credit Suisse Special Event				16		18	

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