

SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

PATRON Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC

Founded in 1932 by the Australian Broadcasting Commission, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra has evolved into one of the world's finest orchestras as Sydney has become one of the world's great cities. Resident at the iconic Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra also performs in venues throughout Sydney and regional New South Wales, and international tours to Europe, Asia and the USA have earned the Orchestra worldwide recognition for artistic excellence.

The Orchestra's first chief conductor was Sir Eugene Goossens, appointed in 1947; he was followed by Nicolai Malko, Dean Dixon, Moshe Atzmon, Willem van Otterloo, Louis Frémaux, Sir Charles Mackerras, Zdenêk Mácal, Stuart Challender, Edo de Waart and Gianluigi Gelmetti. Vladimir Ashkenazy was Principal Conductor from 2009 to 2013. followed by David Robertson as Chief Conductor from 2014 to 2019. Australian-born Simone Young commenced her role as Chief Conductor in 2022, a year in which the Orchestra made its return to a renewed Sydney Opera House Concert Hall. The Sydney Symphony Orchestra's concerts encompass masterpieces from the classical repertoire, music by some of the finest living composers, and collaborations with guest artists from all genres, reflecting the Orchestra's versatility and diverse appeal. Its award-winning education program is central to its commitment to the future of live symphonic music. and the Orchestra promotes the work of Australian composers through performances, recordings and its commissioning program.

PERFORMING IN THIS CONCERT

FIRST VIOLINS

Fiona Ziealer Assistant

Concertmaster

Lerida Delbridge

Assistant Concertmaster Jennifer Booth Sophie Cole Sercan Danis Claire Herrick Georges Lentz **Emily Long** Alexander Norton Léone Ziegler

SECOND VIOLINS Fmma Jezek

Robert Smith*

Acting Associate **Principal** Emma Haves Monique Irik Wendy Kong Benjamin Li Nicole Masters Marcus Michelsenº Emily Oin® Riikka Sintonen°

Rain Liu[†]

VIOLAS

Tobias Breider Principal

Anne-Louise

Comerford Associate Principal Jane Hazelwood Stuart Johnson

Felicity Tsai Leonid Volovelsky Stephen Wright^o Nathan Greentree*

CELLOS

Leah Lynn

Assistant Principal Fenella Gill Christopher Pidcock Joseph Kelly[†] Eliza Sdraulig° Eve Silver*

DOUBLE BASSES

Dylan Holly Steven Larson Richard Lynn Benjamin Ward

FLUTES Emma Sholl

Associate Principal Carolyn Harris

OBOES

Shefali Pryor Associate Principal

Alexandre Oguey Principal Cor Anglais

CLARINETS Christopher Tingay

Principal Clare Foxt Romola Smith*

Alexander Morris Principal Bass Clarinet

Matthew Wilkie Principal Emeritus Fiona McNamara

HORNS

Euan Harvey Acting Principal **Emily Newham^o** Acting Principal 3rd Horn

Rachel Silver

TRUMPETS Brent Grapes

Associate Principal Cécile Glémot Daniel Henderson*

TROMBONES Scott Kinmont

Associate Principal Jordan Mattinson[†] Christopher Harris

Principal **TUBA**

Edwin Diefes* Guest Principal

TIMPANI Mark Robinson Acting Principal

PERCUSSION Rebecca Lagos

Timothy Constable

Natalie Wongo

Acting Principal

KEYBOARDS / **FXTRAS**

Catherine Davis* Guest Principal Piano

Michael Duke*

Guest Principal Saxophone Andrew Smith*

Alto Saxophone Nathan Henshaw*

Tenor Saxophone

Nicholas Russoniello* Tenor Saxophone

Jay Byrnes* Baritone Saxophone Clive Lendich* Guitar

Andrew Gander*

Jacques Emery* Bass

Bold Principal

- * Guest Musician
- ^o Contract Musician
- [†] Sydney Symphony Fellow

2024 CONCERT SEASON

SYDNEY SYMPHONY PRESENTS

Friday 12 April, 7pm Saturday 13 April, 2pm Saturday 13 April, 7pm

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

NICHOLAS BUC conductor

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN A SYMPHONIC NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

CAST

Gene Kelly Don Lockwood Donald O'Connor Cosmo Brown Debbie Reynolds Kathy Selden Jean Hagen Lina Lamont Millard Mitchell RF Simpson Cyd Charisse Dancer **Douglas Fowley Roscoe Dexter** Rita Moreno Zelda Zanders

STORY AND **SCREENPLAY BY**

Adolph Green Betty Comden

SONGS

Lyrics by Arthur Freed Music by Nacio Herb Brown

PRODUCED BY

Arthur Freed

DIRECTED BY Gene Kelly

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Stanley Donen

STAGED AND

DIRECTED BY

Gene Kelly Stanley Donen Film Courtesy of Warner Bros. Entertainment. Inc.

PRODUCTION CREDITS

Producer John Goberman Live orchestra adaptation Patrick Russ Technical Supervisor Pat McGillen Music Preparation Larry Spivack Original orchestrations reconstructed by John Wilson, Paul Campbell and Andrew Cottee

Estimated durations

First half - 55 minutes Interval - 20 minutes Second half - 50 minutes

The concert will run for approximately two hours and five minutes

Audio

Des O'Neil - aFX Global

Technical Director

Callum Walker - CVP

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The producer wishes to acknowledge the contributions and extraordinary support of John Waxman (Themes & Variations).

A Symphonic Night at the Movies is a production of PGM Productions, Inc. (New York) and appears by arrangement with IMG Artists.

Presenting Partner



Principal Partner



WELCOME

Welcome to Singin' in the Rain: A Symphonic Night at the Movies.

Wilson Parking has been a long-term supporter of the Sydney Symphony, and for over a decade we have been making sure audiences are transported by more than music alone.

Directed and choreography by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen, this musical romantic comedy is widely regarded as one of the greatest films of all time.

With its audacious and athletic choreography and a stellar cast including Donald O'Connor and a 19-year-old Debbie Reynolds, *Singin' in the Rain* radiates joy on every level.

This unique concert event evokes the glamour and thrill of old time Hollywood, as the glorious soundtrack of *Singin'* in the *Rain* is played live to film by the full forces of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. 'Good Morning', 'Make Em Laugh' and the title track are just some of the iconic songs made famous by a Technicolour masterpiece.

The Sydney Symphony Orchestra and Wilson Parking share a strong, ongoing commitment to accessibility and excellence, and I congratulate the Orchestra on its ever-expanding program.

On behalf of all of us at Wilson Parking, I hope you enjoy this unique concert event as the Sydney Symphony releases the optimism, humour and joy of this iconic film.

Peter Witts General Manager NSW Wilson Parking





MGM'S TECHNICOLOR MUSICAL TREASURE!

Starring

GENE KELLY DONALD O'CONNOR DEBBIE REYNOLDS



JEAN HAGEN · MILLARD MITCHELL AND CYD CHARISSE

Stary and Screen Play by BETTY COMDEN AND ADOLPH GREEN Suggested by the Sang-Sincoln in the Name

LINES BY ARTHUR FREED - Major by NACIO HERB BROWN - Directed by GENE KELLY and STANLEY DONEN - Produced by ARTHUR FREED - AN MG MA PICTURE

ABOUT THE MUSIC

NICHOLAS BUC conductor

Nicholas Buc is a composer, conductor, and instrumentalist. He studied composition with Brenton Broadstock and Stuart Greenbaum at the University of Melbourne, where he received the inaugural Fellowship of Australian Composers Award. As the recipient of the Brian May Scholarship for Australian film composers, he completed a Master's degree in Scoring for Film and Multimedia at New York University, studying with Ira Newborn and Paul Chihara as well as receiving the Elmer Bernstein Award for Film Scoring.

Nicholas Buc has conducted the livein-concert world premieres of John Williams' Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Alan Menken's Beauty and the Beast and Nicholas Hooper's Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. Other live film concerts he has conducted include Pixar In Concert. Star Trek. E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, Back to the Future, Casino Royale, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Jurassic Park, Psycho, Star Wars: Episodes IV, V, VI and VII and the first three Harry Potter films. He has conducted all the major Australian symphony orchestras as well as the Minnesota Orchestra and Houston. Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Austin, Grand Rapids and Madison symphony orchestras in the US. In Asia, he has conducted the Tokyo, Hong Kong, Malaysian, Osaka and Taipei Philharmonic orchestras.

Nicholas Buc's works have been premiered by the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir, The Australian Voices, Melbourne Chamber Orchestra, Benaud Trio and Concordis Chamber Choir. He has also worked with Tina Arena on six Australian tours and written arrangements for Missy Higgins, Passenger, Eskimo Joe and The Whitlams, as well as working on five seasons of *The Voice Australia*. In February/March he conducted concerts with Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra.

Nicholas Buc is currently completing a major theatrical work, *TROT*. His ballet score, *Kazka*, for the Lehenda Ukrainian Dance Company, toured throughout Australia, Canada and the US.



Nicholas Buc







Wilson Parking is proud to support the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in 2024

