

**UNDER EMBARGO UNTIL:
10am, Wednesday 28 August 2024**

THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES 2025 SEASON

FORGING NEW CONNECTIONS



Wednesday 28 August – Sydney, AUSTRALIA. The Sydney Symphony Orchestra is delighted to unveil its 2025 Season, featuring timeless masterpieces, world premieres, and new Australian works by brilliant contemporary voices performed by classical music’s finest international and homegrown artists.

In 2025, the Orchestra will present 44 concert programs, featuring 17 Australian and 37 international artists from 18 different countries, 11 Sydney Symphony debuts, 10 programs showcasing Australian works, and seven world premieres in a season which forges new connections and welcome back old friends.

The Sydney Symphony Orchestra’s Chief Conductor Simone Young said: “Music is all about connection. In 2025, we invite you to delve deeper into this extraordinary music as we re-connect with great works and great artists and make new connections with rising stars and

less familiar masterpieces. 2025 promises to be a year of extraordinary excitement and richness”.

In her fourth season as Chief Conductor, Simone Young leads the Orchestra in six major programs, opening the season with Mahler’s unforgettable Third Symphony (**19–22 February**), and concluding it with Beethoven’s beloved Ninth alongside the premiere of a new commission by acclaimed First Nations composer William Barton (**26–29 November**). In March Young explores lesser-known works by great composers including Elgar and Vaughan Williams (**28 February–2 March**), and in September leads an exploration of the music of Richard Strauss (**3–6 September**).

The Sydney Symphony’s multi-year *Ring* Cycle in concert continues in November with Young leading the Orchestra in the third instalment of Wagner’s epic musical drama, *Siegfried*. In July this year, Young became the first Australian and first woman to lead the *Ring* Cycle at the internationally renowned Bayreuth Festival in Germany.

Throughout the season, the superb talents of the world’s greatest artists will be on full display, as the Orchestra reunites with superstar pianists Lang Lang, Daniil Trifonov, Sir Stephen Hough, Jean-Efflam Bavouzet and Javier Perianes; celebrated violinists James Ehnes and Arabella Steinbacher; and revered cellist Daniel Müller-Schott.

New connections are formed as 11 artists make their Sydney Symphony debuts, from established stars such as Marc-André Hamelin, Edward Gardner, Tomáš Netopil, Sasha Cooke, Lise de la Salle and Akiko Suwanai, to the new generation of talent including Kian Soltani, Daniel Lozakovich, Eva Gevorgyan, Finnegan Downie Dear and Roderick Cox.

The Sydney Symphony Orchestra’s Principal Guest Conductor Sir Donald Runnicles returns to conduct four programs including works by Mendelssohn (**4–7 June**), Strauss & Beethoven (**13–14 June**), Sibelius & Wagner (**18–20 September**), and Shostakovich’s beloved Fifth Symphony (**12–14 September**).

The Sydney Symphony Orchestra is also delighted to announce that Australian conductor and long-term collaborator **Benjamin Northey** has been appointed **Conductor in Residence** for the 2025 and 2026 seasons. This new role will see Northey support the Orchestra’s Schools, Emerging Artists, and Regional Touring programs alongside the development of Australian conductors.

More information about Sydney Symphony’s 2025 Season can be found at <https://www.sydneyorchestra.com.au/concerts-tickets/subscriptions>

Season details:

Subscriptions available from Wednesday 28th August at 10am

All tickets on sale Monday 2nd December at 10am

SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - 2025 SEASON

17 AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS		
ARTIST	CONCERT	DATES
Simone Young AM <i>Chief Conductor – Sydney Symphony Orchestra</i>	Simone Young conducts Mahler's Third Symphony	19 – 22 February
	Simone Young conducts Elgar & Vaughan Williams	28 February – 2 March
	Simone Young conducts Richard Strauss	3 – 6 September
	Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition	31 October – 2 November
	Simone Young conducts Siegfried	13 & 16 November
	Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Simone Young	26 – 29 November
Harry Bennetts, violin	Harry Bennetts performs Beethoven's Violin Concerto	9 October
Samantha Clarke, soprano	Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Simone Young	26 – 29 November
	Simone Young conducts Siegfried	13 & 16 November
Umberto Clerici, conductor	Harry Bennetts performs Beethoven's Violin Concerto	9 October
Samuel Dundas, bass	Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Simone Young	26 – 29 November
Kutcha Edwards, vocals	Kutcha Edwards & The Sydney Symphony	14 October
Lauren Fagan, soprano	Simone Young conducts Elgar & Vaughan Williams	28 – 2 March
Warwick Fyfe, baritone	Simone Young conducts Siegfried	13 & 16 November
Andrew Haveron, <i>Concertmaster</i>	Simone Young conducts Elgar & Vaughan Williams	28 February – 2 March
Deborah Humble, <i>mezzo-soprano</i>	Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Simone Young	26 – 29 November
Andrea Lam, piano	Simone Young conducts Richard Strauss	3 – 6 September
Christian Li, violin	Bernstein & Korngold	27– 28 June
Sara Macliver, soprano	Stephen Layton conducts Bach, Mozart & Handel	21 – 23 August
Benjamin Northey <i>Conductor in Residence</i>	Lang Lang and The Sydney Symphony	18 June
	Kutcha Edwards & The Sydney Symphony	14 October

Li-Wei Qin, <i>cello</i>	Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony	1 – 3 May
Sydney Philharmonia Choirs	Simone Young conducts Mahler's Third Symphony	19 – 22 February
	Arabella Steinbacher performs Prokofiev	2 – 5 July
	Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Simone Young	26 – 29 November
Sydney Children's Choir	Simone Young conducts Mahler's Third Symphony	19 – 22 February

37 INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS

ARTIST	CONCERT	DATES
Jean-Efflam Bavouzet, <i>piano</i>	Jean-Efflam Bavouzet in Recital	20 October
Noa Beinart, <i>contralto</i>	Simone Young conducts Mahler's Third Symphony	19 – 22 February
	Simone Young conducts Siegfried	13 – 16 November
Lionel Bringuier, <i>conductor</i>	Daniel Müller-Schott performs Tchaikovsky	22 – 25 October
Elim Chan, <i>conductor</i>	Stephen Hough performs Brahms	16 – 18 May
James Ehnes, <i>violin</i>	James Ehnes performs Brahms's Violin Concerto	6 – 8 March
Asher Fisch, <i>conductor</i>	Daniil Trifonov performs Rachmaninov	28 – 29 March
Gustavo Gimeno, <i>conductor</i>	Javier Perianes performs Saint-Saëns	30 – 2 August
Matthias Goerne, <i>baritone</i>	Schubert's Winterreise: Trifonov & Goerne in Recital	26 March
	Schubert's Swan Songs: Trifonov & Goerne in Recital	30 March
Stephen Hough, <i>piano</i>	Stephen Hough performs Brahms	16 – 18 May
	Stephen Hough performs Mendelssohn	4 – 7 June
Anja Kampe, <i>soprano</i>	Simone Young conducts Siegfried	13 – 16 November
Wolfgang Koch, <i>bass-baritone</i>	Simone Young conducts Siegfried	13 – 16 November
Lang Lang, <i>piano</i>	Lang Lang and the Sydney Symphony	18 June
	Lang Lang in Recital	22 June

Stephen Layton, conductor	Stephen Layton conducts Bach, Mozart & Handel	21 – 23 August
Jaime Martín, conductor	Ravel & Falla	10 – 13 July
Dmitry Matvienko, conductor	Mozart & Beethoven	29 – 30 August
Daniel Müller-Schott, cello	Daniel Müller-Schott performs Tchaikovsky	22 – 25 October
Simon O'Neill, tenor	Simone Young conducts Siegfried	13 & 16 November
	Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Simone Young	26 – 29 November
Javier Perianes, piano	Javier Perianes performs Saint-Saëns	30 July – 2 August
Lawrence Renes, conductor	Mozart & Bruckner	9 – 12 April
Donald Runnicles, Principal Guest Conductor – Sydney Symphony Orchestra	Stephen Hough performs Mendelssohn	4 – 7 June
	Donald Runnicles conducts Strauss & Beethoven	13 – 14 June
	Donald Runnicles conducts Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony	12 – 14 September
	Donald Runnicles conducts Sibelius & Wagner	18 – 20 September
Gerhard Siegel, tenor	Simone Young conducts Siegfried	13 – 16 November
Arabella Steinbacher, violin	Arabella Steinbacher performs Prokofiev	2 – 5 July
Eduardo Strausser, conductor	Bernstein & Korngold	27– 28 June
Teddy Tahu Rhodes	Simone Young conducts Siegfried	13 & 16 November
Daniil Trifonov, piano	Schubert's Winterreise: Trifonov & Goerne in Recital	26 March
	Schubert's Swan Songs: Trifonov & Goerne in Recital	30 March
	Daniil Trifonov performs Rachmaninov	28 – 29 March
Signature Choir	Signature Choir & The Sydney Symphony	20 – 21 June

INCLUDING 11 SYDNEY SYMPHONY DEBUTS

ARTIST	CONCERT	DATES
Sasha Cooke,	Donald Runnicles conducts Sibelius & Wagner	18 – 20 September

<i>mezzo soprano</i>		
Roderick Cox, conductor	Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony	1 – 3 May
Finnegan Downie Dear, conductor	James Ehnes performs Brahms's Violin Concerto	6 – 8 March
Edward Gardner, conductor	Arabella Steinbacher performs Prokofiev	2 – 5 July
Eva Gevorgyan, piano	Eva Gevorgyan in Recital	7 July
	Ravel & Falla	10 – 13 July
Marc-André Hamelin, piano	Marc-André Hamelin in Recital	15 September
	Donald Runnicles conducts Sibelius & Wagner	18 – 20 September
Daniel Lozakovich, violin	Daniel Lozakovich performs Sibelius' Violin Concerto	7 – 10 May
Dmitry Matvienko, conductor	Mozart & Beethoven	29 & 30 August
Lise de la Salle, piano	Mozart & Bruckner	9 – 12 April
	Lise de la Salle in Recital	7 April
Akiko Suwanai, violin	Mozart & Beethoven	29 – 30 August
Kian Soltani, cello	Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition	31 October – 2 November

7 WORLD PREMIERES

COMPOSER	WORK	DATES
William Barton	New commission	26 – 29 November
William Gardiner <i>50 Fanfares commission</i>	arion	2 – 5 July
Iain Grandage <i>50 Fanfares commission</i>	LiFT	16 – 18 May
Kate Moore <i>50 Fanfares commission</i>	Blue Light Sphere	9 – 12 April
Bree Van Reyk <i>50 Fanfares commission</i>	Fanfare for Solidarity	27– 28 June
Carl Vine <i>50 Fanfares commission</i>	Dreams Undreamt	28 February – 2 March

Justin Williams <i>Sydney Symphony Assistant Principal Viola</i>	Wind Quintet	29 & 30 August
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10 PROGRAMS SHOWCASING AUSTRALIAN WORKS

COMPOSER and WORK	CONCERT	DATES
Carl VINE Dreams Undreamt <i>50 Fanfares commission</i>	Simone Young conducts Elgar & Vaughan Williams	28 February – 2 March
Kate MOORE Blue Light Sphere <i>50 Fanfares commission</i>	Mozart & Bruckner	9 – 12 April
Brenda GIFFORD Walimbaya (Return) Christopher SAINSBURY From the Deep Nardi SIMPSON Burruguu (Time of Creation) Aaron WYATT Cirrus	Sounds of Australia	2 & 3 May
Iain GRANDAGE LiFT <i>50 Fanfares commission</i>	Stephen Hough performs Brahms	16 – 18 May
Bree VAN REYK Fanfare for Solidarity <i>50 Fanfares commission</i>	Bernstein & Korngold	27 & 28 June
William GARDINER arion <i>50 Fanfares commission</i>	Arabella Steinbacher performs Prokofiev	2 – 5 July
Justin WILLIAMS Wind Quintet <i>Sydney Symphony Assistant Principal Viola</i>	Schoenberg & Williams	29 & 30 August
Holly HARRISON Spitfire	Mozart & Harrison	10 & 11 October
Kutcha EDWARDS	Kutcha Edwards & the Sydney Symphony	14 October
William BARTON New commission	Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Simone Young	26 – 29 November

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