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Music is all about connection.

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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. Opening with Mahler's Third Symphony and concluding with Beethoven's Ninth, together we will rediscover great masterpieces and be reminded of their timelessness.

We will explore lesser-known works by great composers, including Elgar, Richard Strauss and Vaughan Williams, and encounter new aspects of their artistry. And we will experience exciting new works by brilliant contemporary voices, and hear some of what our world sounds like today. All this brought to life by our superb Orchestra in world-class concert halls.

Superstar pianist Lang Lang returns to Sydney for two very special concerts. We spend one big week with pianist Daniil Trifonov, including a Rachmaninov concerto and two recitals of Schubert songs with baritone Matthias Goerne. And we look forward to two weeks with Sir Stephen Hough, performing concertos by Felix Mendelssohn and Brahms.

We welcome back our Principal Guest Conductor Sir Donald Runnicles, and we reunite with pianists Jean-Efflam Bavouzet and Javier Perianes; violinists James Ehnes and Arabella Steinbacher; and cellist Daniel Müller-Schott, who bring their superb talents back to Sydney.

We forge new connections with artists making their Sydney Symphony debuts, from established stars such as Marc-André Hamelin, Edward Gardner, 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.

And our multi-year *Ring* Cycle in concert continues with *Siegfried*. I am thrilled to bring a world-class cast of singers to realise the musical and dramatic centrepiece of Wagner's epic work.

2025 promises to be a year of extraordinary excitement and richness. I hope you will join us.

**Simone Young AM**  
Chief Conductor

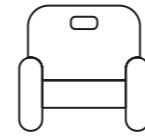


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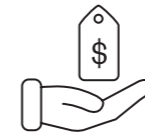
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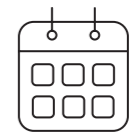
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## SYMPHONY HOUR

**Sydney Opera House, Thursdays 7pm**

One hour. Limitless inspiration. These short but jam-packed performances are perfect for those wanting a unique concert experience during the week.

Be enchanted by Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*, swept away by the drama and power of Sibelius' Second Symphony, and journey to Spain with Ravel and Falla.

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## ROYAL CARIBBEAN SYMPHONIC SATURDAYS

**Sydney Opera House, 7pm**

Make your weekend unforgettable with a selection of classical favourites.

Thrilling stories come to life in Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*. And be amazed by the virtuosity of the world-class soloists like Sir Stephen Hough – plus the best of Australia in Andrew Haveron and Christian Li – performing concertos by Beethoven, Dvořák, Brahms and Elgar.

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## ROYAL CARIBBEAN SYMPHONIC FRIDAYS

**Sydney Opera House, 7pm**

Start your weekend with a touch of inspiration and dive deep into timeless masterpieces.

Including symphonies by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Sibelius and concertos by Mozart and Elgar, this series is ideal for all music lovers.

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## SUNDAY AFTERNOON SYMPHONY

**Sydney Opera House, 2pm**

This series will enthrall all music lovers at a time that's convenient for the whole family.

Experience sublime symphonies by Shostakovich and Vaughan Williams, compelling stories like Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and timeless concertos by Beethoven, Brahms and Elgar.

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# 2025 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

You can add on these Special Events to your Series Pack, or include them in your Create Your Own Pack.



## SIMONE YOUNG CONDUCTS MAHLER'S THIRD SYMPHONY

Opening with eight horns blowing a stirring fanfare, this is the perfect start to our 2025 Season.

Mahler once said that the symphony must be like the world, and contain everything; his monumental Third, with a full orchestra, two choirs and a vocal soloist, achieves exactly that across more than 90 minutes of breathtaking music. Chief Conductor Simone Young brings her internationally acclaimed mastery to this towering symphony.

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## LANG LANG

The classical music phenomenon returns to Sydney for the first time since 2019. He joins the Sydney Symphony on the exhilarating journey of Saint-Saëns' Piano Concerto No.2, from its dramatic opening to its thrilling finale. He will also grace the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall stage solo – one man and his piano in an intimate evening of music by Fauré, Schumann and Chopin.

With just two performances, these will be the hottest tickets in town.

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## DANIIL TRIFONOV

Experience the many sides to the dazzling artistry of Daniil Trifonov, 'the most astounding pianist of our age' (*The Times* of London).

In a feast for Sydney audiences, he presents three very special concerts: Schubert's greatest works together with recital partner and acclaimed baritone Matthias Goerne in two recitals at the City Recital Hall, before combining with the full power of the Sydney Symphony in Rachmaninov's Fourth Piano Concerto.

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## SIMONE YOUNG CONDUCTS SIEGFRIED

The heart of Wagner's epic *Ring Cycle* is *Siegfried*. Packed with passion, violence, rage, betrayal and tragedy, it demands to be seen live.

With an international cast of singers led by Chief Conductor Simone Young – one of the world's great Wagner interpreters – this grand adventure is unmissable, whether this is your first *Ring Cycle* experience or you are a lifelong devotee.

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 Saturday 22 February, 8pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House



# SIMONE YOUNG CONDUCTS MAHLER'S THIRD SYMPHONY

## SEASON OPENING GALA

The eight horns opening Mahler's Third Symphony set the tone for the monumental drama about to unfold. Bold and glowing, with just a hint of suspense, it's a riveting introduction to our 2025 Season.

'The works of Mahler show Chief Conductor Young at her absolute best, such is her affinity with the composer,' wrote *ArtsHub* of our 2024 performances of Mahler's Fifth Symphony. With Mahler's Third, Simone Young brings her formidable experience to the composer's longest and most ambitious symphony. She commands a full orchestra, two choirs and a vocal soloist to create an unforgettable journey through Mahler's rich, interconnected worlds.

Everything unfolds in an expanding universe of fascinating stories and breathtaking landscapes, from contralto Noa Beinart's solo in the shimmering, nocturnal fourth movement, to the innocent wonder of the choir of women and children in the fifth movement.

This concert throws back the curtain on a magnificent year full of music you'll love, with moments of startling power and feeling. Don't miss your chance to hear one of the world's greatest conductors of Mahler in her element.

**MAHLER** Symphony No.3  
**SIMONE YOUNG** conductor  
**NOA BEINART** contralto  
**SYDNEY PHILHARMONIA CHOIRS**  
**SYDNEY CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Emirates Masters Series  
 Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony

Simone Young/Daniel Boud

Friday 28 February, 7pm  
 Saturday 1 March, 7pm  
 Sunday 2 March, 2pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# SIMONE YOUNG CONDUCTS ELGAR & VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

## BEAUTIFUL AND PROFOUND

Experience the best of British with two rare gems by Elgar and Vaughan Williams, masterfully led by Chief Conductor Simone Young, alongside the world premiere of Australian composer Carl Vine's *Dreams Undreamt*.

Elgar's Violin Concerto commands your attention from its very first notes. With its intertwining passages of mystery and nostalgia this is music of emotional depth, and the memory of the ethereal melody in the second movement will linger long after the final note fades. The Sydney Symphony Orchestra's 'charismatic and brilliant' (*The Sunday Times*) Concertmaster Andrew Haveron takes centre stage as soloist in this exquisite concerto.

As Vaughan Williams' *Pastoral Symphony* weaves its lush tapestry, a solo trumpet elegy recalling the Last Post reminds us that these exquisite images are anchored in the composer's experiences of the First World War. It's a poignant moment that strikes at the heart and powerfully demonstrates the way beauty and sadness are often inextricably linked.

After rave reviews for her interpretation of Vaughan Williams' Eighth Symphony in 2023, Simone Young continues her exploration of the music of this great English composer and paints a picture in sound that will be hard to resist.

**Carl VINE** *Dreams Undreamt*  
*50 Fanfares Commission*  
**ELGAR** Violin Concerto  
**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS**  
*Pastoral Symphony (Symphony No.3)*  
**SIMONE YOUNG** conductor  
**ANDREW HAVERON** violin  
**LAUREN FAGAN** soprano

Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays  
 Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays  
 Sunday Afternoon Symphony



Simone Young/Jay Patel



James Ehnes/Benjamin Ealovega

Thursday 6 March, 7pm  
 Friday 7 March, 11am  
 Saturday 8 March, 2pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# JAMES EHNES PERFORMS BRAHMS' VIOLIN CONCERTO

## EVOCATIVE STORYTELLING

The soaring first movement of Brahms' Violin Concerto is worth the price of admission alone. It's a breathtaking introduction to one of the most incredible concertos ever written. And in the hands of Canadian violin virtuoso James Ehnes, it leaps off the stage.

*The Times* (London) declares Ehnes as being 'in a class of his own.' He's one of the greatest violinists in the world, his performances praised for their astounding lyricism and beauty.

Rising star Finnegan Downie Dear, a protégé of Simone Young, conducts Ehnes in this concert of evocative works by master storytellers. He takes us from the Hungarian folk music-infused passages of Brahms' concerto to Rimsky-Korsakov's spirited *Capriccio espagnol*, complete with violins and cellos imitating Spanish guitars. And kicking off a year of celebrations for the 150th birthday of the great French composer Maurice Ravel (born 7 March 1875), his *Mother Goose* with its cast of fairy-tale characters – including Sleeping Beauty, Tom Thumb and Beauty and the Beast – captures his trademark charm and rich orchestral colour.

Enchanting from start to finish.

**BRAHMS** Violin Concerto  
**RIMSKY-KORSAKOV** Capriccio espagnol\*  
**RAVEL** Mother Goose (complete)  
*\*Does not feature in the Symphony Hour and Tea & Symphony performances.*  
**FINNEGAN DOWNIE DEAR** conductor  
**JAMES EHNES** violin

Symphony Hour  
 Tea & Symphony  
 Great Classics



Alice Bartsch, Second Violin/Jay Patel

Friday 7 March, 6pm  
 Saturday 8 March, 6pm  
 Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House

## BOCCHERINI & BERWALD

### REDISCOVERED GEMS

Discover two seldom-performed gems by Luigi Boccherini and Franz Berwald in this concert full of beautiful melodies.

The *Grand Septet* by Berwald is beautifully written; with short melodic fragments building and dancing around each other, it features some inspired interplay between the string and wind instruments.

Liszt once told Berwald, 'You have true originality, but you will not be a success in your own lifetime.' This proved sadly accurate, but nearly 150 years after his death Berwald's music is finally getting the attention it deserves.

The music of Italian composer Luigi Boccherini undoubtedly comes from the Classical era of Haydn and Mozart, brimming with energy and verve. This String Quintet is charming and optimistic, with rich, five-part harmonies that remind us that Boccherini was a virtuoso cellist as well as composer, and greatly expanded the expressive potential of his instrument – especially in chamber music.

**BOCCHERINI** String Quintet in E  
**BERWALD** Grand Septet

**MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

*Please note: The musicians featured in the photo above may not appear in this concert.*

Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines



David Elton, Principal Trumpet; Cécile Glémot, Trumpet; Scott Kinmont, Associate Principal Trombone

Thursday 20 March, 7pm  
 City Recital Hall

## GLOWING BRASS IN THE CITY

### GRAND AND TRIUMPHANT

From grand entrances to triumphant finales, brass instruments are often called upon for music's most moving moments. Experience the world-class brass musicians of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at their best in this glowing all-brass concert, with the City Recital Hall an ideal venue to experience all the glory of these gleaming instruments.

It was artworks by his friend Viktor Hartmann that inspired Mussorgsky to write *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and the brilliant musical colours of the brass will bring them to life. The towering final movement, *The Great Gate of Kyiv*, is one of classical music's best-loved moments, and is even more spectacular as a brass-only fanfare.

The music of the Baroque is known for being grand, bright and sparkling – qualities ideally suited to brass instruments. Each member of the section shines in this enchanting and elegant suite of music from Purcell's *The Fairy Queen*. Coupled with gorgeous shorter works by John Williams and Morten Lauridsen, there is no music better suited to the rich, glowing soundworld of brass instruments.

**John WILLIAMS** Fanfare for a Festive Occasion  
**PURCELL arr. CREES** The Fairy Queen: Suite  
**Morten LAURIDSEN** O magnum mysterium  
**MUSSORGSKY arr. HOWARTH** Pictures at an Exhibition

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Classics in the City

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

Daniil Trifonov/Dario Acosta



# DANIIL TRIFONOV PERFORMS RACHMANINOV

## PASSION AND POWER

*The Times* (London) calls Daniil Trifonov 'the most astounding pianist of our age.' In his first appearance with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra since 2017, the Grammy Award-winning performer tackles Rachmaninov's final Piano Concerto, a piece that showcases Trifonov's tremendous ability in spirited dialogue with the world-class musicians of our Orchestra.

Rachmaninov's trademark emotion is on display in his Fourth Piano Concerto. Launching like a rocket from the very first chord, this is music that envelops you in a whirlwind of excitement. Rachmaninov was also one of the greatest pianists of all time, and his pieces are a test even for seasoned performers. 'Few artists have burst onto the classical music scene in recent years with the incandescence' of Daniil Trifonov, wrote *The New York Times*. This is your chance to experience all the passion and power of a true virtuoso.

Liadov's *The Enchanted Lake* will draw you into its magical depths, and Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique* is packed with gorgeous, energetic melodies – perfect partners to Rachmaninov's concerto in this concert that will leave you glowing.

**LIADOV** The Enchanted Lake  
**RACHMANINOV** Piano Concerto No.4  
**BERLIOZ** Symphonie fantastique

**ASHER FISCH** conductor  
**DANIIL TRIFONOV** piano

Special Event

Presenting Partner



Daniil Trifonov, Matthias Goerne/Richard Termine

Wednesday 26 March, 7pm

City Recital Hall

## SCHUBERT'S WINTERREISE: TRIFONOV & GOERNE IN RECITAL

### DRAMATIC LANDSCAPES

'A stranger I arrived; a stranger I depart.'

Schubert's evocative and intensely moving *Winterreise* follows our protagonist's journey to forget a lost love. With one lone voice accompanied by one single piano, this cycle of 24 songs takes us through a bleak, wintry landscape, exploring hope, despair and fate along the way.

This soulful meditation on existence will be performed by one of the world's greatest singers, Matthias Goerne. The German baritone has recorded this work twice before and has been hailed as 'one of the best modern interpreters of this music' (*Audiophile Audition*). Accompanied by superb pianist and frequent collaborator Daniil Trifonov, *Winterreise* is a rare event, and a beautiful, aching journey through the intoxicating experience of love.

Written to be performed in an intimate setting, there's no venue better suited to experience this extraordinary work and these phenomenal artists than the City Recital Hall.

**SCHUBERT** Winterreise

**DANIIL TRIFONOV** piano  
**MATTHIAS GOERNE** baritone

International Pianists in Recital



Daniil Trifonov/Caitlin Ochs

Sunday 30 March, 2pm

City Recital Hall

## SCHUBERT'S SWAN SONGS: TRIFONOV & GOERNE IN RECITAL

### THE FINAL MASTERPIECES

A composer's final works are often their most captivating, with a lifetime of experience reflected in exquisite technique. This is certainly true of Schubert's *Schwanengesang*, which translates to 'swan song'; of the 600 or so songs he wrote, these last fourteen are among the most sublime.

Partly because of his fame as a songwriter, Schubert's piano music was overshadowed in his too-short lifetime. But today, his 21st and final Piano Sonata is acknowledged as one of the great landmarks in the repertoire.

These extraordinary pieces will be brought to life by two phenomenal performers in this glittering recital: Matthias Goerne, one of the world's greatest lieder singers, and internationally acclaimed pianist Daniil Trifonov.

Alone, either of these superb masterpieces is thrilling to witness; experiencing them together in an intimate recital is truly something special.

**SCHUBERT**

Schwanengesang  
Piano Sonata No.21

**DANIIL TRIFONOV** piano  
**MATTHIAS GOERNE** baritone

International Pianists in Recital



Wednesday 9 April, 8pm  
 Thursday 10 April, 1.30pm  
 Friday 11 April, 8pm  
 Saturday 12 April, 8pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# MOZART & BRUCKNER

## GLITTERING AND MAGNIFICENT

Experience the expressive range and power of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, from Mozart's effervescent Piano Concerto No.19 to Bruckner's magnificent wall of sound in his Seventh Symphony, and the world premiere of *Blue Light Sphere* by Australian composer Kate Moore.

Mozart's music glitters with life. His Piano Concerto No.19 is full of showstopping virtuosity, particularly in the final movement where the pace picks up and the soloist can really let loose. Star French pianist Lise de la Salle has been dazzling audiences since the age of nine and this piece is the perfect showcase for her prodigious talent in her Sydney Symphony debut.

Bruckner's symphonies are awe-inspiring experiences, every bit as powerful and moving as those of his close friend and student Gustav Mahler. After our immersion in Mahler in recent seasons, the Sydney Symphony is ideally placed to tackle this gigantic piece.

You'll find yourself pinned to your seat as the scale of his Seventh Symphony rolls over you. The ending of the first movement, with its cascading rivers of glowing brass and shimmering strings, hits with the intensity of first love. Like so many moments in this concert, it is glittering and powerful.

**Kate MOORE** *Blue Light Sphere*  
*50 Fanfares Commission*

**MOZART** Piano Concerto No.19  
**BRUCKNER** Symphony No.7

**LAWRENCE RENES** conductor  
**LISE DE LA SALLE** piano

Emirates Masters Series  
 Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony



Jay Patel



Lise de la Salle/Stéphane Gallois



Jordan Munns

**Monday 7 April, 7pm**  
 City Recital Hall

## LISE DE LA SALLE IN RECITAL

### THRILLING AND VIRTUOSIC

*Gramophone* magazine calls Lise de la Salle 'a talent in a million'. Since her first concert at just nine years old she's performed at the great concert houses of the world, including the Berlin Philharmonie and the Hollywood Bowl – and now it's your turn to see this extraordinary artist in person, up close and personal at the City Recital Hall.

Join us in this stunning showcase of pieces by two giants of Romantic piano music. Liszt was possibly the greatest pianist of his time, and his own compositions hint at his tremendous talent. His Piano Sonata is one of his most ambitious works, and his *Réminiscences de Don Juan*, which paraphrases arias from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, almost literally makes the piano sing.

Chopin was another great pianist-composer, and his Ballades may be his greatest achievements. Passionate and expansive, and fiendishly difficult to perform, they remain one of the yardsticks by which all pianists measure themselves.

Full of jaw-dropping moments of virtuosity, this is a thrilling recital for any music lover.

**CHOPIN** Ballade No.1  
**LISZT** Piano Sonata in B minor  
**CHOPIN** Ballade No.4  
**LISZT**  
 Cantique d'amour  
 Réminiscences de Don Juan

**LISE DE LA SALLE** piano

International Pianists in Recital

**Friday 11 April, 11am**  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## BACH, STRAVINSKY & SPOHR

### 2025 SYDNEY SYMPHONY FELLOWS IN CONCERT

Bright and brimming with talent, our 2025 Fellows join the musicians of the Sydney Symphony to perform chamber orchestra masterpieces by Bach, Stravinsky, Monteverdi and Spohr in this hugely entertaining concert.

Everything feels closer in a chamber orchestra performance. In this intimate, personal atmosphere, you can hear each musician and the extraordinary sounds they can draw out of their instrument.

Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No.3 is a ten-minute whirlwind of joy – a masterpiece in miniature that will leave you breathless. And that's just the start: music by Stravinsky, Monteverdi and Spohr demonstrates how much you can achieve with these small forces.

It's music written to make you feel good.

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**JS BACH** Brandenburg Concerto No.3  
**STRAVINSKY** Dumbarton Oaks  
**MONTEVERDI** arr. MASE Four Madrigals  
**SPOHR** Nonet

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**2025 SYDNEY SYMPHONY FELLOWS**

Tea & Symphony



Roderick Cox/Susie Knoll



Catherine Hewgill, Principal Cello;  
Kees Boersma, Principal Double Bass/Jay Patel

Thursday 1 May, 7pm  
Friday 2 May, 7pm  
Saturday 3 May, 2pm  
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## TCHAIKOVSKY'S SIXTH SYMPHONY

### CONDUCTED BY RODERICK COX

Tchaikovsky's *Pathétique* is a lifetime in a symphony. Growing in power and strength throughout, the strings bloom exquisitely in the third movement – 80 musicians of the Sydney Symphony at full stride – before falling away into poetic oblivion at the end. It was Tchaikovsky's final symphony, one he described as the best thing he'd ever written. It's hard to disagree.

Conductor Roderick Cox is a rapidly rising star, praised for his 'finesse' (*Boston Globe*) and 'riveting intensity' (*Seen and Heard*), and in his Sydney debut he brings that to bear on this concert of beautiful strings, glowing trumpets and lush moods. Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun* creates a dreamlike atmosphere with its magical, haunting opening. And acclaimed cellist Li-Wei Qin brings his 'immaculate precision and elegance' (*Sydney Morning Herald*) to the Sydney premiere of Barber's touching Cello Concerto.

**DEBUSSY** *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*  
**BARBER** Cello Concerto\*  
**TCHAIKOVSKY** Symphony No.6, *Pathétique*  
\*Does not feature in the Symphony Hour performance.

**RODERICK COX** conductor  
**LI-WEI QIN** cello

Symphony Hour  
Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays  
Great Classics

Friday 2 May, 6pm  
Saturday 3 May, 6pm  
Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House

## SOUNDS OF AUSTRALIA

### EVOCATIVE AND INSPIRED

Experience the evocative soundworlds created by Australian composers in this fascinating concert.

Red earth, lush rainforests, unique animals and beautiful birdsong: the natural world has always provided a rich source of inspiration for Australian composers. In bringing together the sounds of this ancient land with the rich traditions of classical music, Brenda Gifford, Christopher Sainsbury, Nardi Simpson and Aaron Wyatt have created something new, and newly inspiring.

From Simpson's *Burruguu*, which explores the idea of creation of the world but also of music, to Wyatt's *Cirrus*, inspired by the Melbourne sky on a bright but cold day, these works utilise unexpected combinations of instruments to explore the land and soundscapes of Australia.

**Brenda GIFFORD** Walimbaya (Return)  
**Christopher SAINSBURY** From the Deep  
**Nardi SIMPSON** Burruguu (Time of Creation)  
**Aaron WYATT** Cirrus

### MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines

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

Daniel Lozakovich/Marco Borggreve



# DANIEL LOZAKOVICH PERFORMS SIBELIUS' VIOLIN CONCERTO

### RADIANT AND LYRICAL

Still only 23 years old, Swedish violinist Daniel Lozakovich has been captivating audiences worldwide for years – precisely why he was signed to Deutsche Grammophon at just 16. In his Australian debut, he performs Sibelius' Violin Concerto, an incredible opportunity to experience this extraordinary artist performing a work that showcases every bit of his ability.

As the violin enters above shimmering strings, Sibelius captures the icy beauty of his native Finland. There's a sense of vastness and weightlessness that's simply beautiful to experience. Lozakovich's virtuosity will leave you breathless, and you'll instantly understand why this remains one of Sibelius' most popular works.

There are few more passionate ambassadors for Czech music than Tomáš Netopil, Principal Guest Conductor of the Czech Philharmonic. His interpretation of the radiant technicolour of Dvořák's Sixth Symphony adds fire to the lyrical and dance-like third movement. And in the heartbreaking beauty of Janáček's symphonic suite from *Jenůfa*, Netopil will gently guide you through love, betrayal and grief, arriving at a spellbinding catharsis.

**JANÁČEK** Symphonic Suite from *Jenůfa*  
**SIBELIUS** Violin Concerto  
**DVOŘÁK** Symphony No.6

**TOMÁŠ NETOPIL** conductor  
**DANIEL LOZAKOVICH** violin

Emirates Masters Series  
Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony



Stephen Hough/Sim Canetty-Clarke

Friday 16 May, 11am  
 Saturday 17 May, 7pm  
 Sunday 18 May, 2pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## STEPHEN HOUGH PERFORMS BRAHMS

### PASSION AND FIRE

Passions flare and fates collide in this concert of palpable emotion, with Brahms' fiery Piano Concerto No.1 performed by Sir Stephen Hough and the Sydney Symphony, paired with Prokofiev's intoxicating *Romeo and Juliet* and the world premiere of *LiFT* by Australian composer Iain Grandage.

In the hands of Sir Stephen Hough, 'Brahms' concertos have rarely sounded more brilliant, energetic and innovative' (*The Sunday Times*). When you experience the stormy opening you'll understand why this piece is considered one of the great piano concertos – but keep listening for the gorgeous slow movement, before it sweeps you into its vibrant finale.

Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* vividly realises the humour, tenderness and, of course, tragedy of this classic tale. *Montagues and Capulets* is iconic, and a great gateway into Prokofiev's best-loved piece.

**Iain GRANDAGE** LiFT\*  
*50 Fanfares Commission*  
**PROKOFIEV** *Romeo and Juliet* (selections)  
**BRAHMS** Piano Concerto No.1  
 \*Does not feature in the Tea & Symphony performance.

**ELIM CHAN** conductor  
**STEPHEN HOUGH** piano

Tea & Symphony  
 Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays  
 Sunday Afternoon Symphony



Thursday 22 May, 7pm  
 City Recital Hall

## STIRRING STRINGS IN THE CITY

### DRIVING AND INSPIRING

String instruments are capable of so much, from lush, sweeping crescendos to urgent, driving rhythms. Experience the full expressive potential of these beloved instruments as the strings of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra take centre stage at the City Recital Hall.

Grażyna Bacewicz was one of Poland's most important composers, and a significant orchestral violinist as well. Sometimes called her 'Ninth Symphony', her Concerto for String Orchestra 'crackles with energy' (*BBC Music Magazine*), with a haunting slow movement at its centre.

Dvořák's Serenade is deeply heartfelt and lyrical. Written in just twelve days, its five short movements overflow with exquisite melodies and rich textures. It's not hard to see why it stands among his most popular and most frequently performed works.

Josef Suk was a student of Dvořák's, a fierce advocate of his music – and later became his son-in-law. Based on a 12th century hymn, this ode to his homeland is touching and full of longing.

**BACEWICZ** Concerto for String Orchestra  
**SUK** Meditation on an Old Czech Hymn  
**DVOŘÁK** Serenade for Strings

**MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Classics in the City

Wednesday 4 June, 8pm  
 Thursday 5 June, 1.30pm  
 Friday 6 June, 8pm  
 Saturday 7 June, 8pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## STEPHEN HOUGH PERFORMS MENDELSSOHN

### CAPTIVATING MASTERPIECES

Sir Stephen Hough is one of the world's great pianists, and since his debut with the Sydney Symphony more than 30 years ago he has been a regular visitor, captivating audiences with his sublime artistry. In this concert he applies his considerable talents to Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No.1: arresting and delicate all at once, this sparkling piece will captivate from the start, with some moments that leave you breathless and others full of rhythmic delight.

Principal Guest Conductor Sir Donald Runnicles is another frequent collaborator and old friend – not just of the Orchestra's but of Hough's as well, making them the perfect pair to lead this adventure to the heart of the Romantic era.

Mendelssohn's *The Hebrides* Overture sets the tone for this immersive concert. Full of light and shade, it will transport you to the rugged coastline of Scotland. Brahms' Third Symphony was written at the height of his powers, launching with a brass salvo before setting off into a kaleidoscope of orchestral colours.

Runnicles is widely celebrated for the 'superb flow, balance and emphasis' (*Sydney Morning Herald*) that he brings to Brahms' symphonies, and also for his advocacy of the works of German composer Detlev Glanert, whose *Hidden Image* was written as a partner to Brahms' Third. Runnicles led its world premiere in June 2024, and here gives its first Australian performances.

Discover the incredible places Romantic music can take you with this hugely entertaining concert.

**MENDELSSOHN**  
 The Hebrides  
 Piano Concerto No.1  
**Detlev GLANERT** *Hidden Image*:  
 Contrafactum with Brahms  
**BRAHMS** Symphony No.3

**DONALD RUNNICLES** conductor  
**STEPHEN HOUGH** piano

Emirates Masters Series  
 Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony



Stephen Hough

Friday 13 June, 7pm  
Saturday 14 June, 2pm  
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# DONALD RUNNICLES CONDUCTS STRAUSS & BEETHOVEN

## A HERO'S JOURNEY

Embark on an epic hero's quest with Principal Guest Conductor Sir Donald Runnicles in this concert of myth and fantasy. Cinematic in scale, with an orchestra to match, you'll be on the edge of your seat for the whole ride.

Richard Strauss' *A Hero's Life (Ein Heldenleben)* is the centrepiece of this concert. The music is indeed heroic: rich and colourful, with energy, vitality and personality worthy of any Hollywood blockbuster. Strauss pushes the orchestra to its limits in volume and virtuosity, and the exquisite solo violin part is one of the most demanding and extraordinary in all of music.

Based on the famous fairytale, Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* conjures an enchanting world of forests and witches, the music rivalling the plot for drama and adventure. Following its American premiere in 1905 *The New York Times* described it as 'an achievement of the highest talent and skill,' and its charms have not diminished since.

Opening the concert with Beethoven's vibrant and energetic Overture from *The Creatures of Prometheus*, Sir Donald Runnicles will bring his decades of experience conducting at the world's leading opera houses to bring these gripping stories to life.

## BEETHOVEN

The Creatures of Prometheus: Overture  
**HUMPERDINCK** Hansel and Gretel: Suite  
**R STRAUSS**  
A Hero's Life (Ein Heldenleben)

**DONALD RUNNICLES** conductor

Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays  
Great Classics



Donald Runnicles/Jay Patel



Wendy Kong, Second Violin; Monique Irik, Second Violin/Jay Patel

Friday 20 June, 6pm  
Saturday 21 June, 6pm  
Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House

## RAVEL & DEBUSSY

### EXQUISITE COLOURS

The harp is an instrument of extraordinary and distinctive musical colour. From one delicately plucked string to cascading sounds that emulate an entire orchestra, it is capable of magic. And you can experience that magic as conjured by the French Impressionists in this spellbinding concert in the Utzon Room.

Turina fell in love with the Impressionists, and his music combines the sophistication of Paris with the folk melodies and rhythms of his native Spain, as you can hear in this piece evocatively titled *La Oración del Torero* (The Bullfighter's Prayer).

Ravel's Introduction and Allegro was commissioned by a harp manufacturer to show off its instrument – and it does just that! This is quintessential Ravel, graceful and sensual at the outset before the harp takes centre stage in hypnotic exchanges with the other instruments.

Another masterpiece in miniature, Debussy's Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp distills all of his trademarks – a swirling, perfumed atmosphere, ever-changing harmonies and exquisite musical colours – into fifteen sublime minutes.

**RAVEL** Introduction and Allegro  
**DEBUSSY** Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp  
**TURINA** La Oración del Torero

### MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines



Christian Li/Albert Comper

Friday 27 June, 11am  
Saturday 28 June, 7pm  
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## BERNSTEIN & KORNGOLD

### FEATURING VIOLINIST CHRISTIAN LI

Full of gorgeous strings, brilliant brass and the irrepressible energy of mid-century America, this concert brings together three iconic composers – and the world premiere of *Fanfare for Solidarity* by Australian composer Bree van Reyk – for one rollicking good time. Caribbean sounds collide with New York's jazz scene in music by Gershwin and Bernstein, and Korngold brings the Golden Age of Hollywood to the stage.

Australian violinist Christian Li became the youngest winner in the history of the Yehudi Menuhin International Competition for Young Violinists at age ten, and the youngest artist ever signed to Decca Classics two years later. Still only 17, he brings his 'staggering virtuosity' (*BBC Music Magazine*) to Korngold's Violin Concerto, full of stirring melodies that draw on the composer's scores for the Silver Screen. It's the perfect companion to Bernstein's thrilling *Symphonic Dances from West Side Story*, and the infectious Latin feel of Gershwin's *Cuban Overture*.

This is music that will leap off the stage and fill your heart.

**Bree VAN REYK** Fanfare for Solidarity  
*50 Fanfares Commission*  
**KORNGOLD** Violin Concerto  
**GERSHWIN** Cuban Overture\*  
**BERNSTEIN** Symphonic Dances from West Side Story  
*\*Does not feature in the Tea & Symphony performance.*

**EDUARDO STRAUSSER** conductor  
**CHRISTIAN LI** violin

Tea & Symphony  
Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays

# LANG

Wednesday 18 June, 7pm  
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## LANG LANG AND THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY

### INDULGE IN FRENCH ROMANTICS

Dive into the swirling colour of Saint-Saëns with global sensation Lang Lang, and the Sydney Symphony performing some of the greatest Romantic pieces ever written. Don't miss out on a ticket to see this superstar in his only performance with orchestra in Sydney.

Saint-Saëns' Piano Concerto No.2 will stir and excite you at every turn. Lang Lang has chosen this piece for a reason: it's an exhilarating journey from melancholy and moving to light and playful, from its dramatic opening to its wildly passionate finale. It's captivating to the final note.

Before Lang Lang joins in thrilling fashion, the Sydney Symphony shines in Debussy's *La Mer*, which lures you out to sea across three shimmering movements. This music is filled with the composer's trademark intricate and flexible rhythms, with an all-consuming fluidity that carries you like a tide. Feel the invigorating wave of sound crash over you as the brass chords ring out in the finale.

Boulanger's *D'un Matin de printemps* vividly conjures the image of a fresh spring morning. In a matter of minutes, you'll experience the rich soundscapes that cemented her legacy in 20th century music.

Led by our Conductor in Residence Benjamin Northey, secure your seat for this unforgettable night featuring iconic French music and a global phenomenon.

# LANG

**Lili BOULANGER**  
D'un Matin de printemps  
**DEBUSSY** La Mer  
**SAINT-SAËNS** Piano Concerto No.2

**BENJAMIN NORTHEY** conductor  
**LANG LANG** piano

Special Event

Presenting Partner



Lang Lang/Rae Strum

Lang Lang/Olaf Heine

Sunday 22 June, 2pm  
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## LANG LANG IN RECITAL

### AT THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Lang Lang is a global phenomenon. He has performed for presidents, monarchs and on stage at the Grammy Awards, and now returns to Sydney for this very special recital.

In a night of intimate Romantic music, Lang Lang's ability to draw out long, elegant melodies will bring new depth to the music of Chopin and Schumann. Opening with one of Fauré's most popular works, the *Pavane*, he sets the scene for a concert full of feeling.

*Kreisleriana* is one of Schumann's most intricate works. Moody and passionate, it reveals the composer's brilliant ability to capture the complexity of human emotion, and demands a great deal from the performer, so it's thrilling to witness.

Chopin's energetic Mazurkas allow Lang Lang to really showcase his versatility. Each piece has a different mood and character, demonstrating the Romantic master's inexhaustible gift for composing wonderful melodies. The combination of Chopin's innovation with Lang Lang's interpretation will make for an incredible experience.

Don't miss one of today's most entertaining and acclaimed pianists in recital in the iconic Sydney Opera House Concert Hall.

**FAURÉ** Pavane  
**SCHUMANN** Kreisleriana  
**CHOPIN** Mazurkas  
Polonaise in F sharp minor  
**LANG LANG** piano

Special Event

Presenting Partner



Wednesday 2 July, 8pm  
 Thursday 3 July, 1.30pm  
 Friday 4 July, 8pm  
 Saturday 5 July, 8pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# ARABELLA STEINBACHER PERFORMS PROKOFIEV

## LYRICAL AND LUSH

Arabella Steinbacher's mastery of Prokofiev's Second Violin Concerto is clear from the first touch of her bow. Moments after the lights go down, her unaccompanied violin deftly sketches a potent and mysterious melody before the orchestra joins her.

*The New York Times* describes Steinbacher as having 'balanced lyricism and fire... a finely polished technique and a beautifully varied palette of timbres.' You'll feel captivated as she weaves her way from the soulful opening to the delicate middle movement and addictive finale.

To celebrate Ravel's 150th birthday, we perform his largest work, *Daphnis and Chloé* – an orchestral masterpiece that draws in all the power of the elements to tell a beautiful love story. When the choir summons the impossibly lush sunrise – complete with twittering birds and golden rays of light – you'll experience something ancient, a world beyond words.

From a solo violin to a dazzling display of orchestral colour – and the world premiere of Australian composer William Gardiner's *arion* – this concert is a celebration of what it means to be alive.

**William GARDINER** arion  
*50 Fanfares Commission*  
**PROKOFIEV** Violin Concerto No.2  
**RAVEL** Daphnis and Chloé

**EDWARD GARDNER** conductor  
**ARABELLA STEINBACHER** violin  
**SYDNEY PHILHARMONIA CHOIRS**

Emirates Masters Series  
 Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony



Arabella Steinbacher



Eva Gevorgyan/Evgeny Evtyukhov



Rebecca Shaw

**Monday 7 July, 7pm**  
 City Recital Hall

## EVA GEVORGYAN IN RECITAL

### A DAZZLING DEBUT

It's always exciting to catch a star on the rise, and at just 20 years of age Eva Gevorgyan is a phenomenon. She's won prizes at over 50 international piano competitions, was the youngest ever female finalist at the prestigious Chopin International Piano Competition, and her hugely engaging stage presence has won her fans all over the world.

In Gevorgyan's debut Sydney recital, you'll experience every facet of her talent up close in a showcase of Romantic masterpieces. Beethoven's Sonata No.27 and Brahms' Four Pieces for Piano are introspective gems by two great masters, both requiring virtuosity as well as control so that the poignant emotion of these works never becomes overblown.

In the year of Ravel's 150th birthday, *La Valse* reveals to us a Romantic and expressive streak we don't often hear in his work, its wonderful rhythms suggesting couples twirling on a ballroom floor. Equally evocative is Schumann's *Carnaval*, 21 short variations that capture the essence of revelers at a festival.

All you need to do is sit back and enjoy this utterly delightful performance.

**BEETHOVEN** Piano Sonata No.27  
**BRAHMS** Four Pieces for Piano  
**RAVEL** La Valse  
**SCHUMANN** Carnaval  
**EVA GEVORGYAN** piano

International Pianists in Recital

**Thursday 10 July, 7pm**  
**Friday 11 July, 7pm**  
**Saturday 12 July, 2pm**  
**Sunday 13 July, 2pm**

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## RAVEL & FALLA

### POSTCARDS FROM SPAIN

Spanish music is full of life. From Ravel's heart-pounding conclusion to *Bolero* to Falla's rousing *The Three-Cornered Hat*, this concert will thrill and transport you. Spanish conductor Jaime Martín – Chief Conductor of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – guides the accomplished musicians of the Sydney Symphony in these vivid evocations of his homeland, and a celebration of Ravel's 150th birthday.

These pieces are postcards from Spain. Ravel's mother was from the Basque region straddling the Spanish-French border, with its proud local culture and language, and *Bolero* and *Alborada del gracioso* are full of the passion and unique rhythms of Spanish dance music.

Falla's *Nights in the Gardens of Spain* draws on the Arabic roots of Spanish music and is richly atmospheric and immersive, referencing gardens from Córdoba to the Alhambra palace in Granada. Eva Gevorgyan, 'a young and exceptionally talented pianist' (*Interlude*), brings life to these vivid musical pictures.

If you're longing for somewhere warm and lively, this concert is your ticket.

**RAVEL** Alborada del gracioso  
**FALLA**  
 Nights in the Gardens of Spain\*  
 The Three-Cornered Hat: Suites No.1 and No.2  
**RAVEL** Bolero

*\*Does not feature in the Symphony Hour performance.*

**JAIME MARTÍN** conductor  
**EVA GEVORGYAN** piano

Symphony Hour  
 Great Classics

Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays  
 Sunday Afternoon Symphony



Javier Perianes/Igor Estudio

Wednesday 30 July, 8pm  
 Thursday 31 July, 1.30pm  
 Friday 1 August, 8pm  
 Saturday 2 August, 8pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# JAVIER PERIANES PERFORMS SAINT-SAËNS

## A FASCINATING VOYAGE

Prepare for a fascinating voyage through exotic landscapes to the great expanses of the human heart.

Spanish pianist Javier Perianes 'really is an exquisite musician', says *The Times* (London), and here he brings his 'trademark polish and poetic sensitivity' (*Limelight*) to Saint-Saëns' thrilling Piano Concerto No.5. With its evocation of frogs and crickets croaking by the Nile and drawing upon the sounds of Nubian folk song, Saint-Saëns conjures a vibrant and romantic memory of Egypt. Acclaimed pianist Perianes brings each scene to life in dazzling colour.

The *William Tell* Overture is one of the most thrilling ever written. As this famous piece gallops to its conclusion, you'll understand why Rossini is considered a master of getting an audience excited.

Shostakovich lived a tumultuous life, and on the surface his Fifteenth Symphony seems mired in introspection. But his humour always shines through, from the glockenspiel that opens this symphony to his mischievous reference to Rossini's Overture. In a concert that swings between darkness and light, Shostakovich captures everything it is to be human.

**ROSSINI** William Tell: Overture  
**SAINT-SAËNS**  
 Piano Concerto No.5, Egyptian  
**SHOSTAKOVICH** Symphony No.15  
**GUSTAVO GIMENO** conductor  
**JAVIER PERIANES** piano

Emirates Masters Series  
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Alexandra Osborne, Associate Concertmaster;  
 Emma Jezek, Assistant Principal Second Violin;  
 Justin Williams, Assistant Principal Viola/Jay Patel

Friday 25 July, 6pm  
 Saturday 26 July, 6pm  
 Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House

## BRUCH & GATTI

### SYMPHONIC RICHNESS

Chamber music is often intimate and intricate, but it can also be grand and sumptuous. The two pieces in this concert demonstrate the expressive possibilities inherent in larger ensembles.

Luigi Gatti's Sextet is tuneful, charming and captivating throughout its half-hour duration. All six instruments get their moments in the spotlight, but when they come together they create something more than the sum of their parts.

Max Bruch wrote his String Octet in the immediate aftermath of the First World War, but this music really belongs to the world of Schubert, Brahms and Mendelssohn: ravishing and melodic. Bruch's ensemble of eight instruments here includes a double bass rather than the customary second cello, which gives this work an almost symphonic depth and richness.

**GATTI** Sextet  
**BRUCH** String Octet

**MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

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Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines



Shefali Pryor, Associate Principal Oboe

Thursday 7 August, 7pm  
 City Recital Hall

## LYRICAL WOODWINDS IN THE CITY

### CHARACTERFUL AND CONTRASTING

From the piccolo to the bassoon, woodwind instruments are capable of an extraordinary range of tones, colours and textures. This concert is a rare chance to hear the woodwind musicians of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra on their own, in music by two great late-Romantic masters, in the intimate setting of the City Recital Hall.

Richard Strauss wrote two early masterpieces for wind instruments, his Wind Serenade and his Suite for Wind Instruments. Expect colour and contrast and lots of fun in the characterful music that packs a vibrant punch.

Antonín Dvořák's Wind Serenade builds over four gorgeous movements, from lyrical to lively and rhythmic. Infused with the folk music of his native Bohemia, this music has a rustic feel that's tremendously charming.

Don't miss this wildly entertaining night with our beloved Sydney Symphony Orchestra woodwind musicians.

**R STRAUSS**  
 Wind Serenade  
 Suite for Wind Instruments  
**DVOŘÁK** Wind Serenade

**MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Classics in the City



Stephen Layton

Thursday 21 August, 7pm  
Saturday 23 August, 7pm  
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## STEPHEN LAYTON CONDUCTS BACH, MOZART & HANDEL

### JUBILANT BRIGHTNESS

Stephen Layton is one of the world's greatest choral conductors, an expert in vocal music from the Renaissance to the modern day. In this concert he conducts Baroque and Classical masterpieces by Bach, Handel, Mozart and Haydn, featuring guest soloist Sara Macliver.

Bach's cantata *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen* is joyful, bursting with radiant salvos from the trumpet from the very first bar; Mozart's *Exsultate, jubilate* is every bit as bright, exalted and jubilant as its title suggests – both are ideally suited to acclaimed Australian soprano Sara Macliver and her 'pure, pitch perfect, silvery' voice (ABC).

Handel's celebratory *Music for the Royal Fireworks* is a perfect partner for these uplifting pieces, full of orchestral pyrotechnics that will make your heart soar. And Haydn's *Symphony No.44* is the perfect counterweight – full of his characteristic *sturm und drang* ('storm and stress') in the opening movement, before light breaks through the clouds in the gorgeous third movement.

**HAYDN** *Symphony No.44, Trauer\**  
**JS BACH** *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen, BWV51*  
**MOZART** *Exsultate, jubilate*  
**HANDEL** *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

*\*Does not feature in the Symphony Hour performance.*

**STEPHEN LAYTON** conductor  
**SARA MACLIVER** soprano

Symphony Hour  
Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays



Emma Jezek, Assistant Principal Second Violin;  
Justin Williams, Assistant Principal Viola/Jay Patel

Friday 29 August, 6pm  
Saturday 30 August, 6pm  
Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House

## SCHOENBERG & WILLIAMS

### RADIANCE AND INVENTION

Schoenberg's *Transfigured Night* is an intoxicating work. Influenced hugely by Brahms and Wagner in both the richness of the writing and the high drama of the narrative it depicts, it is one of the great works of late Romantic chamber music.

Based on a work by German poet Richard Dehmel, it portrays an emotionally charged scene between two lovers; opening with an extraordinarily atmospheric section that draws us into the layered weight of night, before the finale draws the lovers together in ecstasy.

Sydney Symphony Assistant Principal Viola Justin Williams is also a composer of note, his output already including piano and chamber works and a symphony. His *Wind Quintet* receives its world premiere here, brought to life by his colleagues in the Orchestra's wind section; the warm and mellifluous tones of these instruments will envelop you in a musical embrace.

'See how brightly the universe gleams! There is a radiance in everything,' says Dehmel's protagonist – and there is certainly radiance here in this concert.

**Justin WILLIAMS** *Wind Quintet*  
**SCHOENBERG** *Transfigured Night*

### MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines

Friday 29 August, 7pm  
Saturday 30 August, 2pm  
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# MOZART & BEETHOVEN

### BRILLIANT MASTERPIECES

These brilliant masterpieces by Beethoven and Mozart are often overlooked, but no less accomplished. There's a freshness to a hidden gem, and in this concert that sense is beautifully captured by rising star conductor Dmitry Matvienko and incredible violin soloist Akiko Suwanai.

Mozart's Fifth Violin Concerto is one of his most popular, revealing all the brilliance of a prodigious teenager. Suwanai summons its youthful character with pristine clarity.

Beethoven's Fourth Symphony is lively and spirited. A little jewel nestled between his massive Third and dramatic Fifth Symphonies, it's a perfect symphony – elegant, bright and vivacious, overflowing with Beethoven's trademark irrepressible energy.

Opening with Prokofiev's *Classical* Symphony, directly inspired by Mozart but with plenty of Prokofiev's own style shining through, this invigorating concert is your perfect opportunity to delight in the undiscovered and rediscovered.

**PROKOFIEV** *Classical Symphony*  
**MOZART** *Violin Concerto No.5*  
**BEETHOVEN** *Symphony No.4*  
**DMITRY MATVIENKO** conductor  
**AKIKO SUWANAI** violin

Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays  
Great Classics



Akiko Suwanai/Takaki Kumada



Wednesday 3 September, 8pm  
 Thursday 4 September, 1.30pm  
 Friday 5 September, 8pm  
 Saturday 6 September, 8pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# SIMONE YOUNG CONDUCTS RICHARD STRAUSS

## A MUSICAL ODYSSEY

Richard Strauss' *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* launched into popular consciousness in the 1960s, dramatically underscoring the opening scenes of *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Strauss' sublime shifts from darkness to light are timeless, and jaw-dropping to experience live.

Chief Conductor Simone Young is one of the world's leading interpreters of Strauss' music. In this concert she draws out the vast power of these works, alongside Australian pianist Andrea Lam and the virtuosity of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

Embark on a profound voyage with three very different works, including one of Strauss' great tone poems and a piano concerto in all but name. Using just 23 string players, *Metamorphosen* is an intimate, reflective masterpiece written at the end of his career. *Burleske* gives rich, colourful glimpses into his early genius, and a chance to experience Andrea Lam's 'fine pianism full of integrity and colour' (*Sydney Arts Guide*). And the famous *Zarathustra* is far more than its opening, with Strauss using every instrument to demonstrate just how moving a single piece of music can be.

**R STRAUSS**  
 Metamorphosen  
 Burleske  
 Thus Spoke Zarathustra

**SIMONE YOUNG** conductor  
**ANDREA LAM** piano

Emirates Masters Series  
 Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony



Donald Runnicles/Jay Patel

Friday 12 September, 11am  
 Saturday 13 September, 7pm  
 Sunday 14 September, 2pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## DONALD RUNNICLES CONDUCTS SHOSTAKOVICH'S FIFTH SYMPHONY

### DRAMATIC AND HEROIC

You can feel the tension in Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony. Written after he had been denounced by Stalin for writing 'muddle instead of music', Shostakovich's career hung in the balance. His response was this symphony. A mighty, sweeping masterpiece that unleashes the full power of the orchestra; a bold statement that found universal approval.

Principal Guest Conductor Sir Donald Runnicles is world-renowned for connecting audiences to the emotion of music, which means you'll feel every dramatic twist and turn, with goosebumps guaranteed in the blazing finale.

In his Sydney Symphony debut, Canadian virtuoso Marc-André Hamelin provides an elegant contrast with Beethoven's heroic and noble Piano Concerto No.4. And Anna Clyne's *This Midnight Hour* magnificently conjures the night. Join us for this powerful reminder that in the darkest of times, artists hold the light.

**Anna CLYNE** *This Midnight Hour*  
**BEETHOVEN** Piano Concerto No.4\*  
**SHOSTAKOVICH** Symphony No.5

\*Does not feature in the Tea & Symphony performance.

**DONALD RUNNICLES** conductor  
**MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN** piano

Tea & Symphony  
 Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays  
 Sunday Afternoon Symphony



Marc-André Hamelin/Sim Canetty-Clarke

Monday 15 September, 7pm  
 City Recital Hall

## MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN IN RECITAL

### HEAVYWEIGHTS OF THE PIANO

Canadian pianist Marc-André Hamelin is one of the world's most accomplished pianists: 'right now there is no one like him,' says *The New Yorker*. In his first-ever solo recital in Sydney he takes on two of the biggest sonatas in the repertoire – the might of Rachmaninov's Second Piano Sonata and the massive scope of Beethoven's Piano Sonata No.29 – in a concert that is a showcase of undisputed heavyweights of the piano.

Beethoven's *Hammerklavier*, as it's known, opens brightly, with big, satisfying major chords. It's the longest piano sonata that Beethoven wrote, and a huge test for the performer, who must capture its deeply personal moments of introspection and bright extroversion with equal conviction. If *Hammerklavier* is triumphant, Rachmaninov's Second Piano Sonata is intense and moody – a thrilling emotional wrestling match. Music by Medtner, a contemporary of Rachmaninov, rounds out a powerful concert.

Hamelin is at the height of his powers, and his debut Sydney recital is an absolute must for piano lovers.

**BEETHOVEN** Piano Sonata No.29, Hammerklavier  
**MEDTNER**

Improvisation, Op.31 No.1  
 Danza Festiva, Op.38 No.3

**RACHMANINOV**

Études-tableaux, Op.39 No.5  
 Piano Sonata No.2

**MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN** piano

International Pianists in Recital



Simone Young

Thursday 18 September, 7pm  
 Friday 19 September, 7pm  
 Saturday 20 September, 2pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# DONALD RUNNICLES CONDUCTS SIBELIUS & WAGNER

## STRIKING AND SWEEPING

Join us on this thrilling voyage across two striking visions of the ocean paired with Sibelius' sweeping Symphony No.2, as world-renowned Principal Guest Conductor Sir Donald Runnicles summons every ounce of passion from the talented musicians of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

One of Sibelius' most-loved works, his Second Symphony builds exquisitely over four distinct movements. From the opening notes that seem to suggest a forest springing to life, to the triumphant finale, Runnicles ensures the expressive power of this work lands perfectly in a concert of windswept visions of the natural world.

Making her Sydney Symphony debut, two-time Grammy Award-winning mezzo-soprano Sasha Cooke soars in Elgar's poetic *Sea Pictures*, while Wagner's *Flying Dutchman* Overture casts you into the vivid drama of a storm at sea.

**WAGNER** The Flying Dutchman: Overture  
**ELGAR** Sea Pictures\*  
**SIBELIUS** Symphony No.2

*\*Does not feature in the Symphony Hour performance.*

**DONALD RUNNICLES** conductor  
**SASHA COOKE** mezzo-soprano

Symphony Hour  
 Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays  
 Great Classics



Rebecca Shaw



Harry Bennetts, Associate Concertmaster/Daniel Boud

Thursday 9 October, 7pm  
 City Recital Hall

## HARRY BENNETTS PERFORMS BEETHOVEN'S VIOLIN CONCERTO

### INTIMATE FORCES, GRAND EMOTIONS

Of all the great violin concertos, Beethoven's might be the crown jewel. From the expansive and sublime opening to the intimate and contemplative slow movement, before finishing in a triumphant finale, it is every bit a masterpiece. Sydney Symphony Associate Concertmaster Harry Bennetts takes centre stage as soloist in this astounding, monumental piece.

Conductor Umberto Clerici is especially noted for demonstrating 'nearly all the hallmarks of great Schubert conducting' (*Limelight*), and here he brings to life Schubert's youthful take on tragedy in the moody Symphony No.4. The gorgeously melancholic opening gives way to a sparkling lightness, which will ring out across the City Recital Hall.

When these masterpieces were written 200 years ago, orchestras and concert halls were smaller. This is your chance to hear these pieces as the composers would have heard them – the reduced forces and intimate venue allowing all of their texture and richness to shine.

**BEETHOVEN** Violin Concerto  
**SCHUBERT** Symphony No.4, Tragic

**UMBERTO CLERICI** conductor  
**HARRY BENNETTS** violin

Classics in the City



Lerida Delbridge, Assistant Concertmaster; Anna Skálová, First Violin; Justin Williams, Assistant Principal Viola; Timothy Nankervis, Cello

Friday 10 October, 6pm  
 Saturday 11 October, 6pm  
 Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House

## MOZART & HARRISON

### LIVELY AND ENTICING

The combination of clarinet and strings is a perfect match, the mellow woodwind balanced beautifully against the sprightly strings.

Mozart was the first to explore this combination in his Clarinet Quintet of 1789, written for Anton Stadler, the most gifted clarinetist in Vienna at the time. Across four exquisite movements we hear a gentle lullaby, a lively dance and lyrical passages that could almost be opera arias; while the clarinet is first among equals, all five instruments shine in this exquisite piece.

Nearly 250 years later, Australian composer Holly Harrison continues the tradition with *Spitfire* for clarinet and string trio. Inspired by music of the 1930s and three pivotal musical figures in Django Reinhardt, Stéphane Grappelli and Benny Goodman, Harrison describes the piece as 'a feverish mix of jazz, Appalachian folk, blues and swing, with a touch of vaudeville'. All brought to life by the superb musicians of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in the picturesque Sydney Opera House Utzon Room.

**Holly HARRISON** Spitfire  
**MOZART** Clarinet Quintet

**MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
*Please note: The musicians featured in the photo above may not appear in this concert.*

Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines



Jean-Efflam Bavouzet/Benjamin Ealovega

**Monday 20 October, 7pm**  
City Recital Hall

## JEAN-EFFLAM BAVOUZET IN RECITAL

### CELEBRATING RAVEL

Ravel's mercurial, evocative music has a singular ability to spirit us away to exotic locations and create deeply-felt moods. It's only fitting that we mark the 150th anniversary of his birth with a very special recital by acclaimed French pianist Jean-Efflam Bavouzet.

'There is no finer Ravelian,' says *Limelight*, and in this concert dedicated to the Impressionist master, Bavouzet showcases his intimate connection to this music. Twenty years ago his award-winning recording of Ravel's complete solo piano music established his interpretive brilliance, which Sydney experienced in critically acclaimed performances of the Piano Concerto in G in 2022.

Be fully immersed in this experience of Ravel – just the composer and the artist. And you. From the heartbreakingly delicate *Pavane for a Dead Princess* to the courtly *Le Tombeau de Couperin*, you'll be swept away by this master performer.

#### RAVEL

Sérénade grotesque  
Pavane for a Dead Princess  
Miroirs  
Valses nobles et sentimentales  
Le Tombeau de Couperin

**JEAN-EFFLAM BAVOUZET** piano

International Pianists in Recital



Cécile Glémot, Trumpet; Brent Grapes, Associate Principal Trumpet; Scott Kinmont, Associate Principal Trombone/Jay Patel

**Friday 31 October, 11am**  
**Saturday 1 November, 7pm**  
**Sunday 2 November, 2pm**  
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## MUSSORGSKY'S PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION

### CONDUCTED BY SIMONE YOUNG

This concert is a celebration of everything stirring and sensuous in Romantic music, led by Chief Conductor Simone Young.

Simone Young recently conducted Mussorgsky's opera *Khovanshchina* in Berlin, performances hailed as '...quite simply, outstanding in every way' (*Seen and Heard International*). She brings that interpretive brilliance to *Pictures at an Exhibition*, with its heart-stopping contrasts, vivid stories and dramatic scenes that the Romantics are famous for. Close your eyes and be transported to *The Great Gate of Kyiv*.

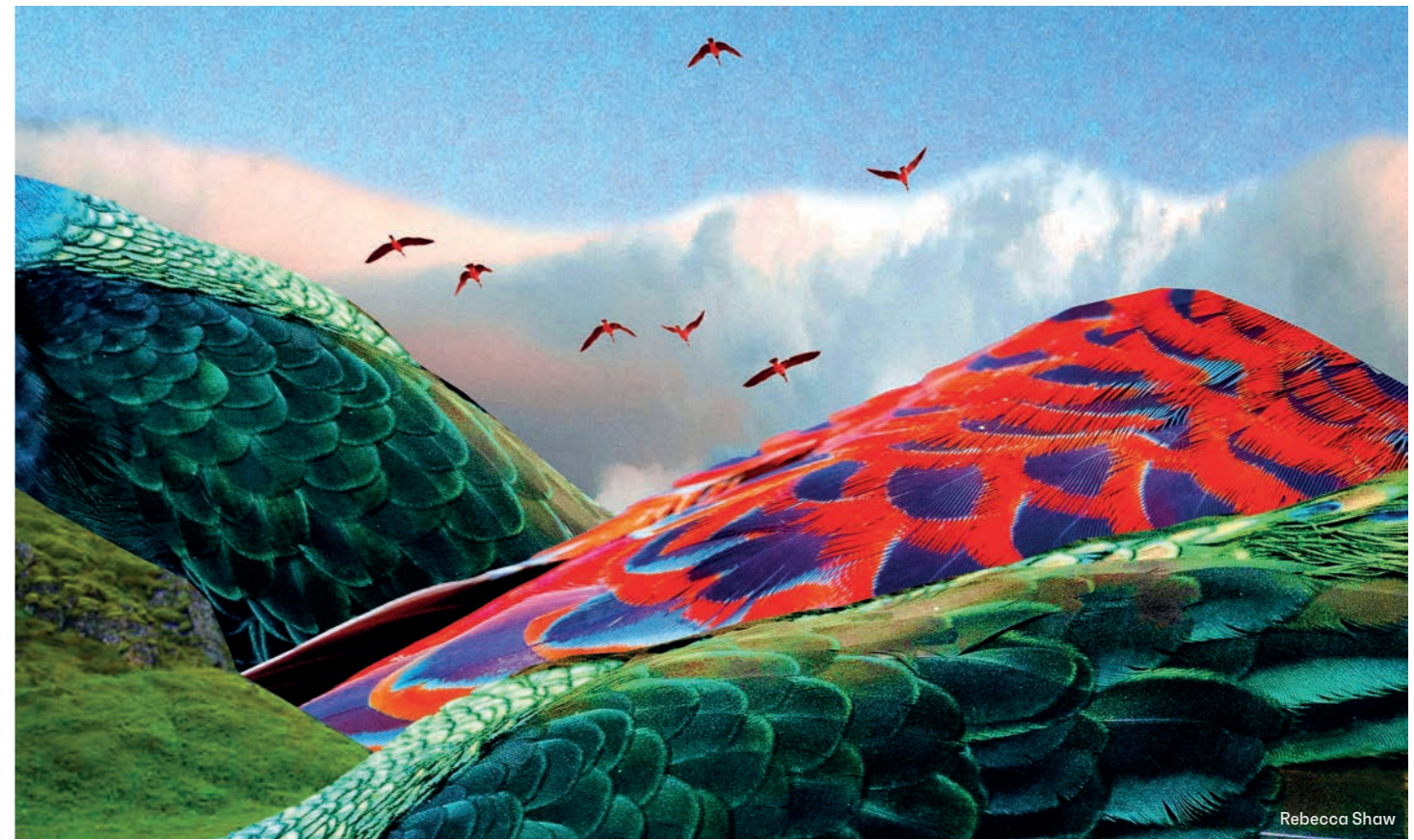
Janáček's Sinfonietta opens with twelve trumpets in an exciting fanfare, full of glowing pride. Dvořák's Cello Concerto is arguably the greatest cello concerto of all, with beautiful melodies for the soloist to showcase their virtuosity. Deutsche Grammophon-signed cellist Kian Soltani makes his Sydney Symphony debut in an experience that will fire your imagination and fill your heart.

**JANÁČEK** Sinfonietta  
**DVOŘÁK** Cello Concerto\*  
**MUSSORGSKY orch. RAVEL** Pictures at an Exhibition

\*Does not feature in the Tea & Symphony performance.

**SIMONE YOUNG** conductor  
**KIAN SOLTANI** cello

Tea & Symphony  
Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays  
Sunday Afternoon Symphony



Rebecca Shaw

**Wednesday 22 October, 8pm**  
**Thursday 23 October, 1.30pm**  
**Friday 24 October, 8pm**  
**Saturday 25 October, 8pm**  
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## DANIEL MÜLLER-SCHOTT PERFORMS TCHAIKOVSKY

### MAGIC FROM TCHAIKOVSKY, STRAVINSKY AND DUKAS

The enchanting worlds of Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky and Dukas are full of magic and mischief, and utterly captivating to experience firsthand. This is Romantic music to fire your imagination, showcasing the full potential of the orchestra in a display of vitality, playful drama and virtuosity.

Bursting with character and charm, Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations* dances with elegant rhythm, continually transforming across nine short movements. You'll immediately hear why Daniel Müller-Schott is considered one of the world's greatest cellists as he brings Tchaikovsky's 'cello concerto' to life. The introduction of the cello after a brief interlude is hugely satisfying, and the final variation is a thrilling whirlwind of virtuoso playing.

Dukas' iconic *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* is a dramatic voyage of colour, sound and motion, as an apprentice left alone recites a magic formula to bring a broom to life. What could go wrong? The low croaks of the bassoons as the brooms are animated will set your pulse racing.

Brimming with atmosphere and vibrant colour, the music of Stravinsky's *Petrushka* will captivate you. If you like your music with a dash of make-believe, this gorgeous concert is your ticket to dream.

**DUKAS** The Sorcerer's Apprentice  
**TCHAIKOVSKY** Variations on a Rococo Theme  
**STRAVINSKY** Petrushka

**LIONEL BRINGUIER** conductor  
**DANIEL MÜLLER-SCHOTT** cello

Emirates Masters Series  
Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony

Thursday 13 November, 6pm  
Sunday 16 November, 2pm  
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# SIMONE YOUNG CONDUCTS SIEGFRIED

## THE RING CYCLE IN CONCERT

Wagner's *Ring Cycle* is one of the great achievements in Western art. And at its beating heart – packed with passion, violence, rage, betrayal and tragedy – sits the vast and sprawling legend of *Siegfried*. Starring a world-class cast of singers, including internationally acclaimed Simon O'Neill in the title role, this third instalment in the Sydney Symphony Orchestra's *Ring Cycle* in concert is a once-in-a-generation event.

Whether you're continuing the cycle or this is your first experience, *Siegfried* stands alone as a complete story that demands to be experienced live. An archetypal hero's journey, this is a true epic, with every element of the human experience heightened and transposed into art.

Chief Conductor Simone Young is one of the world's greatest interpreters of Wagner, renowned for her precision and emotional depth, and is the first Australian conductor to ever lead a *Ring Cycle* at the Bayreuth Festival. She drags every ounce of drama off the page and delivers it in vivid colour with supreme artistry and balance. It's been 25 years since the *Ring Cycle* was performed in Sydney; Siegfried's agonising and triumphant quest, with its visceral soundworld, makes this instalment unmissable.

In a pure musical experience, this epic story will be presented in concert, the full weight of the drama laid bare on stage. This grand-scale adventure is like nothing else, and will leave you transformed.

## WAGNER *Siegfried*

**SIMONE YOUNG** conductor  
**SIMON O'NEILL** Siegfried  
**ANJA KAMPE** Brünnhilde  
**GERHARD SIEGEL** Mime  
**WOLFGANG KOCH** Wanderer  
**WARWICK FYFE** Alberich  
**TEDDY TAHU RHODES** Fafner  
**SAMANTHA CLARKE** Waldvogel  
**NOA BEINART** Erda

Special Event



Wednesday 26 November, 8pm  
 Thursday 27 November, 1.30pm  
 Friday 28 November, 8pm  
 Saturday 29 November, 8pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

# BEETHOVEN'S NINTH SYMPHONY WITH SIMONE YOUNG

## AN ODE TO JOY

The 'Ode to Joy', the finale of Beethoven's irrepressible Ninth Symphony, is one of the most famous melodies ever written. It's a special moment in music that makes us feel connected to each other, and for over 200 years it has engulfed us in its boundless energy. When you hear it live, the power of so many triumphant voices is astonishing.

Chief Conductor Simone Young is world-renowned for her interpretation of the great symphonies and draws everything out of this life-affirming masterpiece, celebrating Beethoven's vision of universal harmony through the power of music with a superb, all-Australasian quartet of singers.

Demonstrating the continued power of Beethoven's profoundly human message, acclaimed First Nations composer William Barton has composed a new piece as a companion to this timeless symphony. Inspired by the themes in Beethoven's work, Barton's piece will provide a fresh, contemporary and uniquely Australian perspective.

With ageless exuberance and exciting new music, this is a concert experience that will leave you glowing with life. What better way to conclude an extraordinary season of unforgettable music.

**William BARTON** New commission  
**BEETHOVEN** Symphony No.9, Choral

**SIMONE YOUNG** conductor  
**SAMANTHA CLARKE** soprano  
**DEBORAH HUMBLE** mezzo-soprano  
**SIMON O'NEILL** tenor  
**SAMUEL DUNDAS** bass  
**SYDNEY PHILHARMONIA CHOIRS**

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 Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony



Daniel Boud

# SPECIAL COLLABORATIONS



Signature Choir/Penina Momoiseā

Friday 20 June, 7pm  
 Saturday 21 June, 7pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## SIGNATURE CHOIR & THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY

### MANA MOANA – SPIRIT OF THE OCEAN

Be inspired by the spirit of the ocean in this joyous, uplifting concert that combines traditional and contemporary Pacific sounds and an 80-person choir with the power of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, live at the Sydney Opera House.

Originally formed in New Zealand in 2018, Signature Choir reimagines Pasifika music by sharing the stories of their ancestors through their powerful harmonies, exciting compositions and fresh arrangements.

*Mana Moana* is a community-driven project that celebrates the people of our Pacific region, creating a mesmerising concert experience through music, storytelling and language. Energetic, unique and emotional, hear the beauty and richness of the unique languages of several Pacific nations.

The words *mana* and *moana* are shared across many Pasifika languages. *Mana* meaning sacred, spirit, prestige, power; and *moana* meaning the ocean, or a body of water. Just as the islands of the region are connected via the sea, *Mana Moana* highlights the connectedness of our Pasifika nations and celebrates the proud and rich cultures that call this corner of the world home.

**SIGNATURE CHOIR**  
**JESSICA GETHIN** conductor  
**HELEN TUPAI, JADRAH TUPAI, THOMAS GOSS** arrangers

Special Event



Kutcha Edwards/Mona and Jesse Hunniford

Tuesday 14 October, 7pm  
 Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

## KUTCHA EDWARDS & THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY

### NGARLI-WANGU (OUR SONG)

'I don't think I've seen a more soulful performance in my life...'  
 – *The Herald Sun*

Come together at the Sydney Opera House as iconic activist and multi-award winning songwriter Kutcha Edwards – 'quite possibly the finest contemporary singer of his generation' (*Rhythms Magazine*) – presents *Ngarli-Wangu*, together with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and Conductor in Residence Benjamin Northey.

Kutcha Edwards is a force of nature. Since 1991 he has combined songwriting and activism in groups like The Black Arm Band and Blackfire, and in a successful solo career fusing his 'Bidgee' blues with traditional songs of people and country. His proud Mutti heritage and his experiences as a survivor of the Stolen Generations have shaped his diverse creative output, which has seen him collaborate with artists including Paul Kelly, Archie Roach, Judith Durham, Emily Wurramara and Emma Donovan.

A highly respected Elder and Songman, Edwards has curated this special event (*Ngarli-Wangu* means 'our song' in Mutti Mutti), and will both host and perform throughout the evening alongside special guest artists. By inviting them to the stage of Australia's most famous building, they will lift up the anthems that have helped shape the Blak artistic landscape for the past 40 years, together with the power of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, in an immensely moving live experience.

**KUTCHA EDWARDS** vocals  
**BENJAMIN NORTHEY** conductor  
**FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS**

Special Event

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## Choose four or more concerts

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To get you started, we have suggested some concert combinations below – but of course you can choose the concerts that suit you!

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Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

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The Emirates Masters Series is the ultimate Sydney Symphony Orchestra experience, on the biggest nights of the year, with a later start so you can enjoy dinner ahead of an amazing night of music.

Starting with Mahler's vast Third Symphony and ending with Beethoven's triumphant Ninth and its 'Ode to Joy', both conducted by Chief Conductor Simone Young, experience towering symphonies by Brahms, Dvořák and Shostakovich and beloved concertos by Mozart, Mendelssohn and Sibelius, brought to life by the finest conductors from around the world.

Witness rising stars in their Sydney debuts, like Swedish sensation Daniel Lozakovich, and experience some of the biggest names in music, including Sir Stephen Hough, Daniel Müller-Schott and Arabella Steinbacher.



Clockwise from top: Andrew Haveron, Concertmaster; Alexandra Osborne, Associate Concertmaster; Emily Long, First Violin; Alexandra Mitchell, First Violin; Catherine Hewgill, Principal Cello

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Start your weekend with a touch of inspiration by deep diving into timeless masterpieces, including symphonies by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Sibelius, concertos by Mozart and Elgar, and a trip to Spain with Ravel and Falla. With concerts led by Chief Conductor Simone Young and Principal Guest Conductor Sir Donald Runnicles, you'll experience first-hand the incredible connection they have with the Orchestra – and how those deep bonds extract all the emotion contained within this incredible music.

Celebrate the weekend with sumptuous music at the Sydney Opera House.

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Dylan Holly, Double Bass; Catherine Hewgill, Principal Cello; Justin Williams, Assistant Principal Viola

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Clockwise from top: Emma Sholl, Associate Principal Flute; Rebecca Lagos, Principal Percussion; Alexander Morris, Principal Bass Clarinet; Shefali Pryor, Associate Principal Oboe

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<b>Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony</b> <i>Page 18</i>	DEBUSSY Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No.6, Pathétique RODERICK COX conductor	Thu 1 May, 7pm	5	3
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<b>Sounds of Australia</b> <i>Page 18</i>	Brenda GIFFORD Walimbaya (Return) Christopher SAINSBURY From the Deep Nardi SIMPSON Burruguu (Time of Creation) Aaron WYATT Cirrus MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	Fri 2 May, 6pm Sat 3 May, 6pm	6	3B
<b>Ravel &amp; Debussy</b> <i>Page 23</i>	RAVEL Introduction and Allegro DEBUSSY Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp TURINA La Oración del Torero MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	Fri 20 Jun, 6pm Sat 21 Jun, 6pm	6	3A
<b>Bruch &amp; Gatti</b> <i>Page 29</i>	GATTI Sextet BRUCH String Octet MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	Fri 25 Jul, 6pm Sat 26 Jul, 6pm	6	3B
<b>Schoenberg &amp; Williams</b> <i>Page 30</i>	Justin WILLIAMS Wind Quintet SCHOENBERG Transfigured Night MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	Fri 29 Aug, 6pm Sat 30 Aug, 6pm	6	3A
<b>Mozart &amp; Harrison</b> <i>Page 35</i>	Holly HARRISON Spitfire MOZART Clarinet Quintet MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	Fri 10 Oct, 6pm Sat 11 Oct, 6pm	6	3B

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<b>Stirring Strings in the City</b> <i>Page 20</i>	BACEWICZ Concerto for String Orchestra SUK Meditation on an Old Czech Hymn DVOŘÁK Serenade for Strings MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	<b>Thu 22 May, 7pm</b>	4
<b>Lyrical Woodwinds in the City</b> <i>Page 29</i>	R STRAUSS Wind Serenade R STRAUSS Suite for Wind Instruments DVOŘÁK Wind Serenade MUSICIANS OF THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	<b>Thu 7 Aug, 7pm</b>	4
<b>Harry Bennetts performs Beethoven's Violin Concerto</b> <i>Page 35</i>	BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto SCHUBERT Symphony No.4, Tragic UMBERTO CLERICI conductor HARRY BENNETTS violin	<b>Thu 9 Oct, 7pm</b>	4

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<b>Schubert's swan songs: Trifonov &amp; Goerne in Recital</b> <i>Page 15</i>	SCHUBERT Schwanengesang SCHUBERT Piano Sonata No.21 DANIIL TRIFONOV piano MATTHIAS GOERNE baritone	<b>Sun 30 Mar, 2pm</b>	6 5B
<b>Lise de la Salle in Recital</b> <i>Page 17</i>	CHOPIN Ballade No.1 LISZT Piano Sonata in B minor CHOPIN Ballade No.4 LISZT Cantique d'amour LISZT Rémiscences de Don Juan	<b>Mon 7 Apr, 7pm</b>	6 5A 5B 4
<b>Eva Gevorgyan in Recital</b> <i>Page 27</i>	BEETHOVEN Piano Sonata No.27 BRAHMS Four Pieces for Piano RAVEL La Valse SCHUMANN Carnival	<b>Mon 7 Jul, 7pm</b>	6 5A 5B 4
<b>Marc-André Hamelin in Recital</b> <i>Page 33</i>	BEETHOVEN Piano Sonata No.29, Hammerklavier MEDTNER Improvisation, Op.31 No.1 MEDTNER Danza Festiva, Op.38 No.3 RACHMANINOV Études-tableaux, Op.39 No.5 RACHMANINOV Piano Sonata No.2	<b>Mon 15 Sep, 7pm</b>	6 5A 5B 4
<b>Jean-Efflam Bavouzet in Recital</b> <i>Page 36</i>	RAVEL Sérénade grotesque Pavane for a Dead Princess Miroirs Valses nobles et sentimentales Le Tombeau de Couperin	<b>Mon 20 Oct, 7pm</b>	6 5A 5B 4

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<b>Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Simone Young</b> <i>Page 40</i>	William BARTON New commission BEETHOVEN Symphony No.9, Choral SIMONE YOUNG conductor SAMANTHA CLARKE soprano DEBORAH HUMBLE mezzo-soprano SIMON O'NEILL tenor SAMUEL DUNDAS bass SYDNEY PHILHARMONIA CHOIRS	Thu 27 Nov, 1.30pm	9	5

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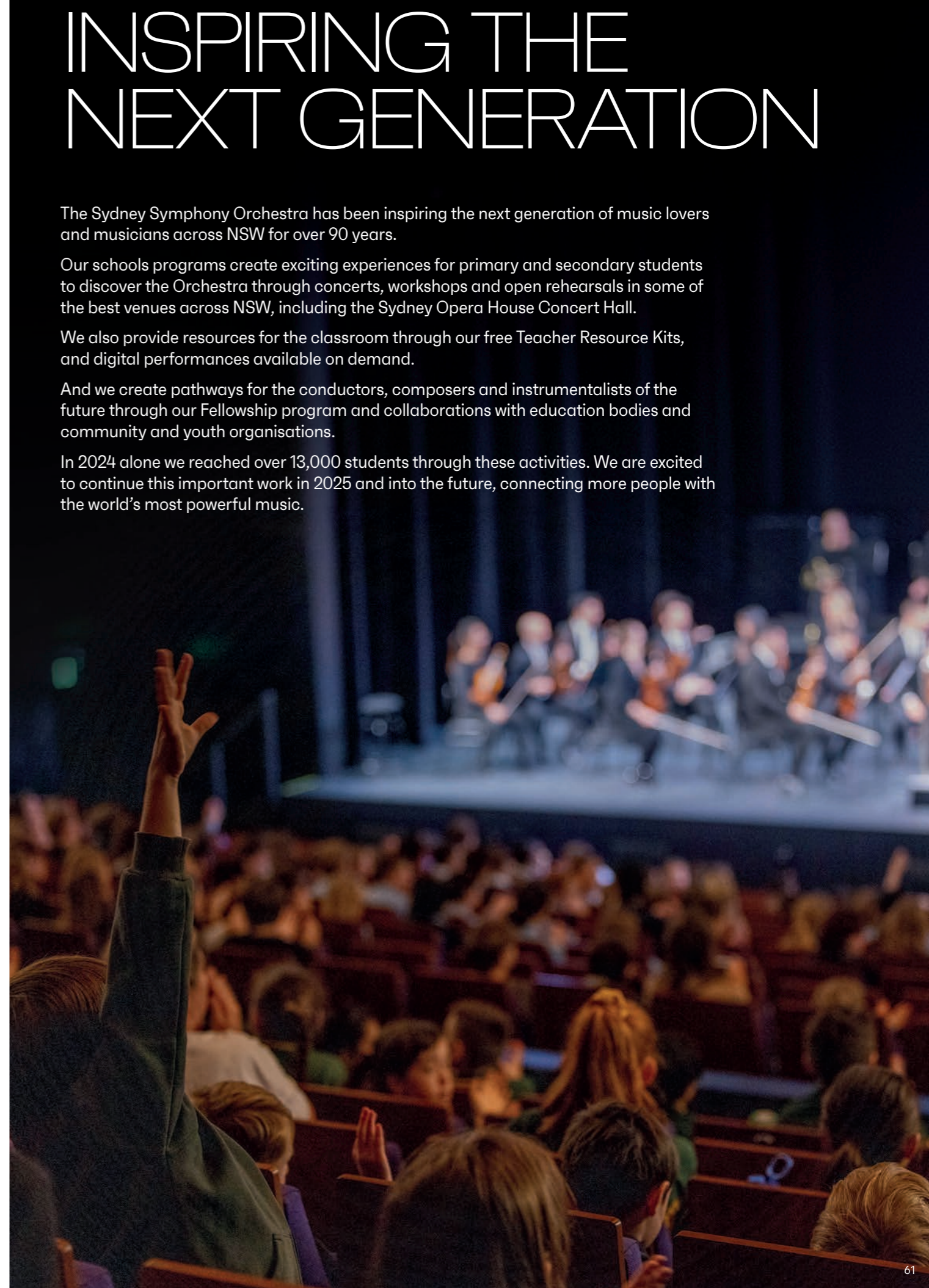
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<b>FEBRUARY</b>									
10	<b>Simone Young conducts Mahler's Third Symphony</b>	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony				19	20	21	22
11	<b>Simone Young conducts Elgar &amp; Vaughan Williams</b>	Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays					28		
<b>MARCH</b>									
11	<b>Simone Young conducts Elgar &amp; Vaughan Williams</b>	Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays Sunday Afternoon Symphony						1	2
12	<b>James Ehnes performs Brahms' Violin Concerto</b>	Symphony Hour Tea & Symphony Great Classics				6	7	8	
13	<b>Boccherini &amp; Berwald</b>	Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines					7	8	
13	<b>Glowing Brass in the City</b>	Classics in the City				20			
15	<b>Schubert's Winterreise: Trifonov &amp; Goerne in Recital</b>	International Pianists in Recital			26				
14	<b>Daniil Trifonov performs Rachmaninov</b>	UBS Special Event					28	29	
15	<b>Schubert's swan songs: Trifonov &amp; Goerne in Recital</b>	International Pianists in Recital							30
<b>APRIL</b>									
17	<b>Lise de la Salle in Recital</b>	International Pianists in Recital	7						
16	<b>Mozart &amp; Bruckner</b>	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			9	10	11	12	
17	<b>Bach, Stravinsky &amp; Spohr</b>	Tea & Symphony					11		
<b>MAY</b>									
18	<b>Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony</b>	Symphony Hour Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays Great Classics				1	2	3	
18	<b>Sounds of Australia</b>	Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines					2	3	
19	<b>Daniel Lozakovich performs Sibelius' Violin Concerto</b>	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			7	8	9	10	
20	<b>Stephen Hough performs Brahms</b>	Tea & Symphony Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays Sunday Afternoon Symphony					16	17	18
20	<b>Stirring Strings in the City</b>	Classics in the City				22			
<b>JUNE</b>									
21	<b>Stephen Hough performs Mendelssohn</b>	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			4	5	6	7	
22	<b>Donald Runnicles conducts Strauss &amp; Beethoven</b>	Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays Great Classics					13	14	
24	<b>Lang Lang and the Sydney Symphony</b>	UBS Special Event			18				
23	<b>Ravel &amp; Debussy</b>	Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines					20	21	
41	<b>Signature Choir &amp; the Sydney Symphony</b>	Special Event					20	21	
25	<b>Lang Lang in Recital</b>	Emirates Special Event							22
23	<b>Bernstein &amp; Korngold</b>	Tea & Symphony Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays					27	28	

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<b>JULY</b>									
26	<b>Arabella Steinbacher performs Prokofiev</b>	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony				2	3	4	5
27	<b>Eva Gjevorgyan in Recital</b>	International Pianists in Recital	7						
27	<b>Ravel &amp; Falla</b>	Symphony Hour Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays Great Classics Sunday Afternoon Symphony					10	11	12
29	<b>Bruch &amp; Gatti</b>	Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines					25	26	
28	<b>Javier Perianes performs Saint-Saëns</b>	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			30	31			
<b>AUGUST</b>									
28	<b>Javier Perianes performs Saint-Saëns</b>	Emirates Masters Series					1	2	
29	<b>Lyrical Woodwinds in the City</b>	Classics in the City				7			
30	<b>Stephen Layton conducts Bach, Mozart &amp; Handel</b>	Symphony Hour Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays					21	23	
30	<b>Schoenberg &amp; Williams</b>	Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines					29	30	
31	<b>Mozart &amp; Beethoven</b>	Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays Great Classics					29	30	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>									
32	<b>Simone Young conducts Richard Strauss</b>	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			3	4	5	6	
33	<b>Donald Runnicles conducts Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony</b>	Tea & Symphony Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays Sunday Afternoon Symphony					12	13	14
33	<b>Marc-André Hamelin in Recital</b>	International Pianists in Recital	15						
34	<b>Donald Runnicles conducts Sibelius &amp; Wagner</b>	Symphony Hour Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays Great Classics					18	19	20
<b>OCTOBER</b>									
35	<b>Harry Bennetts performs Beethoven's Violin Concerto</b>	Classics in the City				9			
35	<b>Mozart &amp; Harrison</b>	Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines					10	11	
41	<b>Kutcha Edwards &amp; the Sydney Symphony</b>	Special Event		14					
36	<b>Jean-Efflam Bavouzet in Recital</b>	International Pianists in Recital	20						
37	<b>Daniel Müller-Schott performs Tchaikovsky</b>	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			22	23	24	25	
36	<b>Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition</b>	Tea & Symphony					31		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>									
36	<b>Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition</b>	Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays Sunday Afternoon Symphony						1	2
38	<b>Simone Young conducts Siegfried</b>	Special Event				13			16
40	<b>Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Simone Young</b>	Emirates Masters Series Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony			26	27	28	29	

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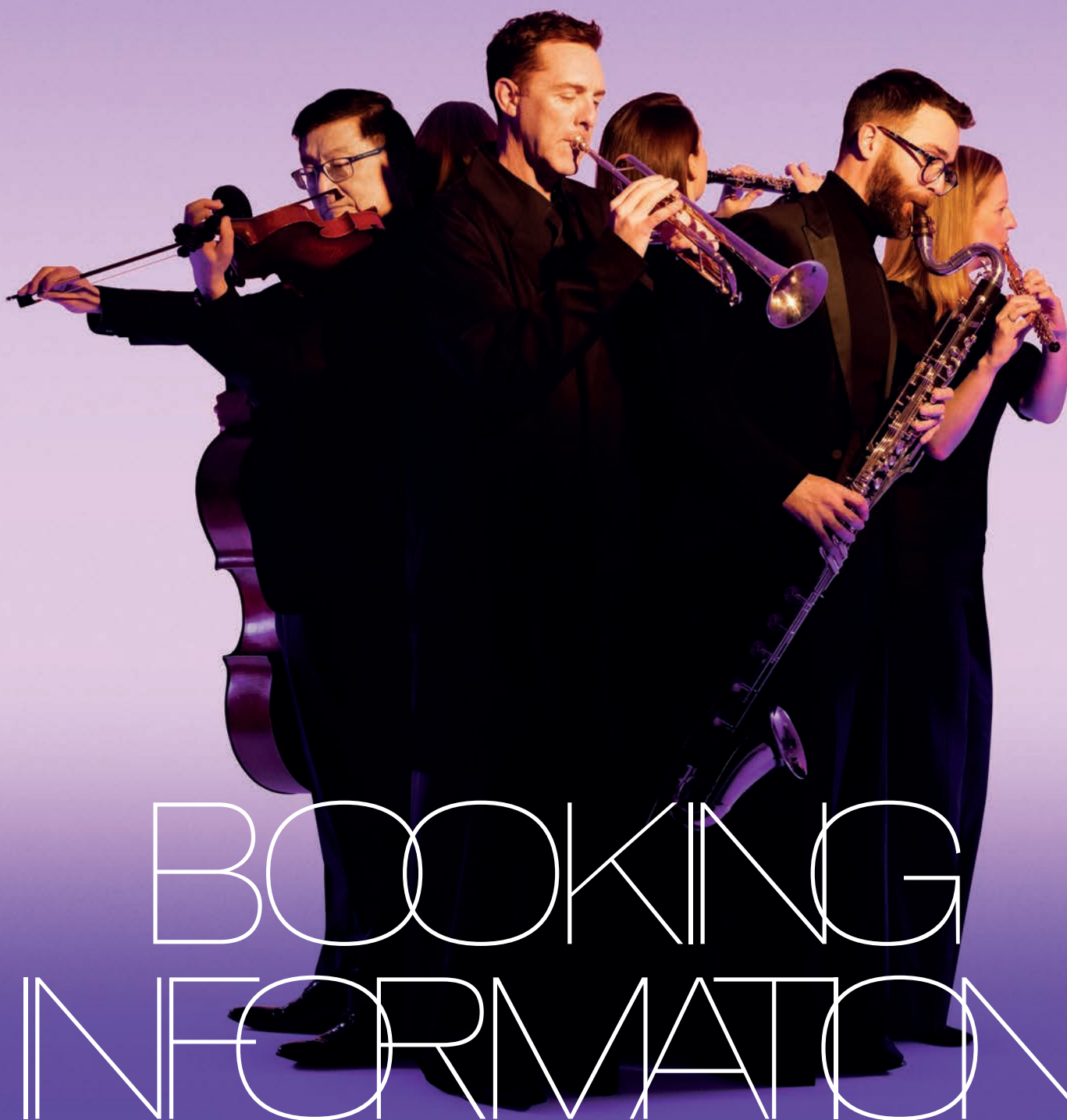
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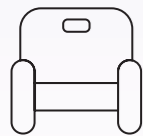
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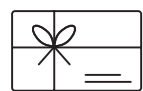
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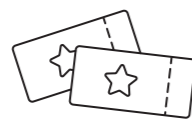
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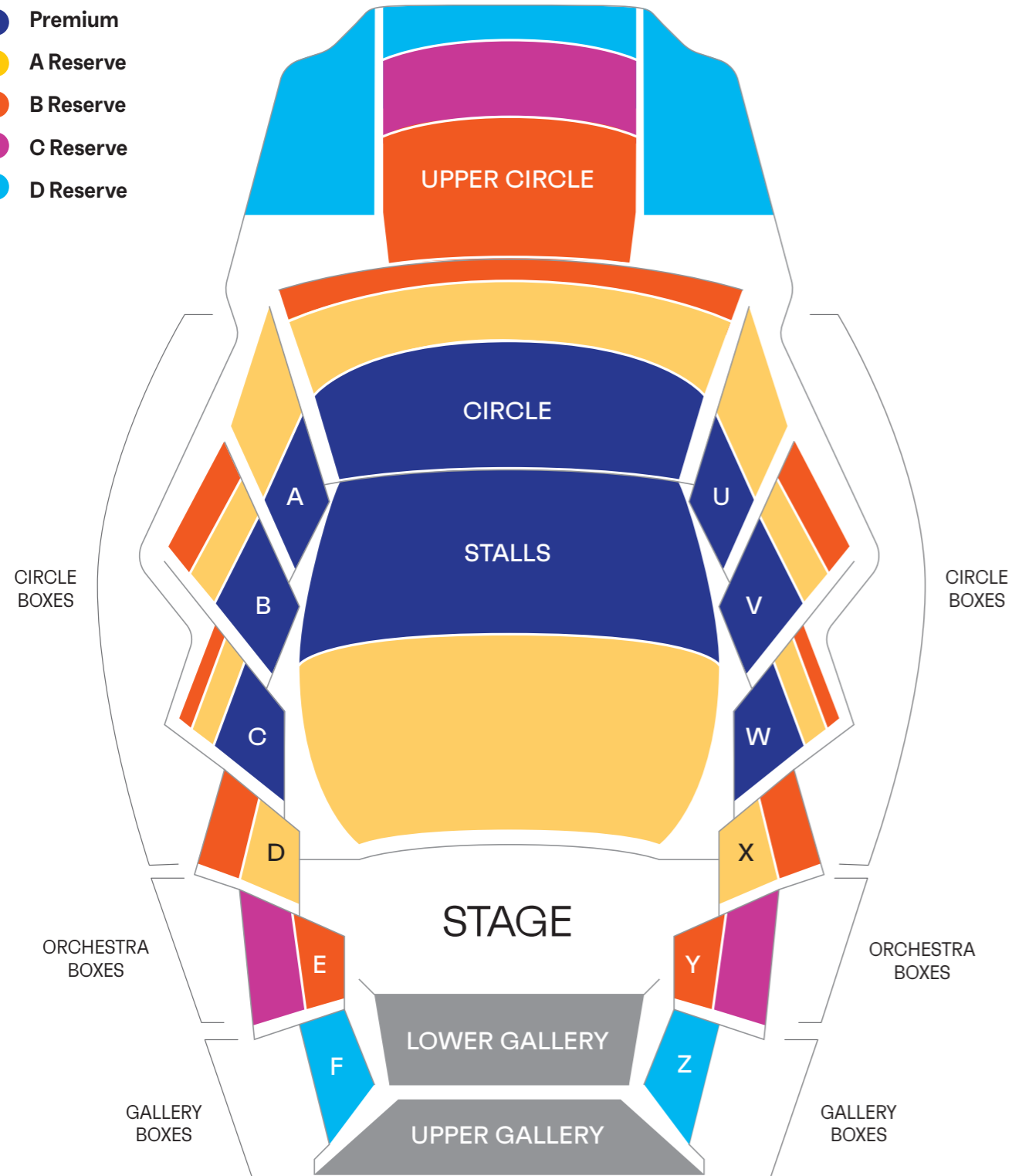
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		PREMIUM	A	B	C	D	PREMIUM	A	B		C	D
<b>EVENING SERIES AT SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE CONCERT HALL</b>												
<b>Emirates Masters Series</b> <i>Page 44*</i>	9	1,229	1,087	756	567	396	1,107	979	681	511	357	495
	6	845	744	536	410	270	761	670	483	369	243	330
	4A & 4B	584	525	378	294	184	526	473	341	265	166	220
<b>Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays</b> <i>Page 46*</i>	6	666	473	366			600	426	330			330
	3A & 3B	354	268	202			319	242	182			165
<b>Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays</b> <i>Page 47*</i>	6	666	473	366			600	426	330			330
	3A & 3B	354	268	202			319	242	182			165
<b>Symphony Hour</b> <i>Page 48*</i>	5		365	225								275
	3		225	138								165

<b>EVENING SERIES AT SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE UTZON ROOM</b>											
<b>Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines</b> <i>Page 49*</i>	6	540				486				330	
	3A & 3B	276				249				165	

<b>EVENING SERIES AT CITY RECITAL HALL</b>												
<b>Classics in the City</b> <i>Page 50*</i>	4	356	280	208	172		321	252	188	155		220
<b>International Pianists in Recital</b> <i>Page 51*</i>	6	513	404	300	248		462	364	270	224		330
	5A & 5B	437	343	255	211		394	309	230	190		275
	4	356	280	208	172		321	252	188	155		220

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		PREMIUM	A	B	C	D	PREMIUM	A	B		C	D
<b>MATINEE SERIES AT SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE CONCERT HALL</b>												
<b>Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony</b> <i>Page 52*</i>	9	1,134	1,040	662	426	369	1,021	936	596	384	333	495
	5	678	604	378	247	221	611	544	341	223	199	275
	4	559	504	315	210	185	504	454	284	189	167	220
<b>Great Classics</b> <i>Page 54*</i>	6	769	693	441	315	277	693	624	397	284	249	330
	4	542	492	304	227	185	492	447	274	208	171	220
<b>Tea &amp; Symphony</b> <i>Page 56*</i>	6	504	441	378	284						330	
	3A & 3B	262	231	199	148						165	
<b>Sunday Afternoon Symphony</b> <i>Page 57*</i>	5	575	410	310			518	369	279			275
	3	354	268	202			319	242	182			165

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CONCERT NAME	PREMIUM	A	B	C
<b>Daniil Trifonov performs Rachmaninov</b> <i>Page 14*</i>	142	121	91	63
<b>Schubert's Winterreise: Trifonov &amp; Goerne in Recital</b> <i>Page 15*</i>	105	84	63	51
<b>Schubert's swan songs: Trifonov &amp; Goerne in Recital</b> <i>Page 15*</i>	105	84	63	51
<b>Lang Lang and the Sydney Symphony</b> <i>Page 24*</i>	192	170	149	115
<b>Lang Lang in Recital</b> <i>Page 25*</i>	192	170	149	115
<b>Simone Young conducts Siegfried</b> <i>Page 38*</i>	149	132	93	73
<b>Signature Choir &amp; the Sydney Symphony</b> <i>Page 41*</i>	59	51	42	
<b>Kutcha Edwards &amp; the Sydney Symphony</b> <i>Page 41*</i>	59	51	42	

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PACK / CONCERT NAME	PLATINUM	PREMIUM	A	B	C
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Emirates Masters Series <i>Page 44*</i>		152	132	96	75
Royal Caribbean Symphonic Fridays <i>Page 46*</i>		125	99	72	
Royal Caribbean Symphonic Saturdays <i>Page 47*</i>		125	99	72	
Symphony Hour <i>Page 48*</i>			77	47	
Cocktail Hour with Handpicked Wines <i>Page 49*</i>			95		
Classics in the City <i>Page 50*</i>		95	75	55	
International Pianists in Recital <i>Page 51*</i>		95	75	55	
Emirates Thursday Afternoon Symphony <i>Page 52*</i>		147	127	80	54
Great Classics <i>Page 54*</i>		137	124	78	58
Tea & Symphony <i>Page 56*</i>		88	78	67	50
Sunday Afternoon Symphony <i>Page 57*</i>		125	99	72	
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>					
Daniil Trifonov performs Rachmaninov <i>Page 14*</i>		151	128	97	67
Schubert's Winterreise: Trifonov & Goerne in Recital <i>Page 15*</i>		109	87	65	54
Schubert's swan songs: Trifonov & Goerne in Recital <i>Page 15*</i>		109	87	65	54
Lang Lang and the Sydney Symphony <i>Page 24*</i>	240	203	180	158	122
Lang Lang in Recital <i>Page 25*</i>	240	203	180	158	122
Simone Young conducts Siegfried <i>Page 38*</i>		160	140	99	75
Signature Choir & the Sydney Symphony <i>Page 41*</i>		63	54	45	
Kutchka Edwards & the Sydney Symphony <i>Page 41*</i>		63	54	45	

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 Day \_\_\_\_\_ Pkg. \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve \_\_\_\_\_  
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YOUR DETAILS		CO-SUBSCRIBER DETAILS (IF APPLICABLE)	
Please provide full details of each subscriber to assist with important communication about your concerts.			
<b>Title</b>		<b>Title</b>	
<b>First name</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>First name</b>	<b>Initial</b>
<b>Last name</b>		<b>Last name</b>	
<b>Street address</b>		<b>Street address</b>	
<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Postcode</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Postcode</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Please call me</b> to discuss my 2025 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 6-9**.

Series name	Pack size	Day	Reserve <small>(Premium/A/B/C/D)</small>	No. of seats	Price
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>\$</b>

**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 12**.

Reserve (Premium/A/B/C)	No. of seats			
Concert name	Dates	Times	Total \$	
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
			<b>Subtotal</b>	\$

Add another page to include more concerts.

**STEP 3. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CONCERTS**

To see Additional Concerts visit [sydneyphilharmonicsymphony.com.au/additional-concerts](https://sydneyphilharmonicsymphony.com.au/additional-concerts)

Concert name	Date	Time	Reserve (Premium/A/B/C/D)	No. of seats	Total \$
1.					
2.					
3.					
				<b>Subtotal</b>	\$

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I would like to make a tax-deductible gift to the Sydney Symphony Orchestra of \$

Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

			<b>Subtotal</b>	\$
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**STEP 5. TOTAL AMOUNT**

Add amounts from steps 1-4 to calculate the total amount.

			<b>Total amount</b>	\$
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**STEP 6. SELECT A PAYMENT OPTION**

I am paying the Total amount due now.

I am paying by instalments:

\$0 Now Equal Monthly Payments Later     20% Now 80% Later    OR     50% Now 50% Later

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