

MEDIA RELEASE

Young musicians from regional NSW to be mentored by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in pop-up music camp

Playerlink! Program
13-15 April



9 April, 2018 – Sixty-four students from regional New South Wales will be mentored by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra this month when the orchestra holds its annual pop-up music camp Playerlink! at the Central Coast Conservatorium from 13-15 April.

Continuing the SSO's commitment to making music accessible and inspiring the next generation of musicians, this three-day program will provide promising musicians from Years 5-12 the opportunity to work alongside 13 Sydney Symphony Orchestra musicians. During Playerlink! the students will undertake orchestra and instrument section rehearsals with the SSO musicians, receiving valuable one-on-one guidance, before coming together to form a combined orchestra of student and SSO musicians that will perform a free 'work in progress' community concert at 2pm on Sunday 15 April.

Sydney Symphony Orchestra Director of Learning and Engagement, Linda Lorenza, says that every year it's exciting to see students travel from all over New South Wales to join the Orchestra for Playerlink! and engage with the musicians. "Many of these students have limited opportunities to play in a full orchestra, while others might be the only young person learning their instrument where

they live,” Lorenza says. “The Sydney Symphony Orchestra believes that music is for everyone. Through programs like Playerlink!, young musicians have the opportunity to come together and interact with professional musicians in making music. We’re able to support young musicians, helping to nurture the talents of the next generation and encourage them to pursue their passions.”

Playerlink! has fostered musical talent in regional NSW since 1994, ensuring that young musicians have access to musical resources. The weekend-long workshop provides school-aged musicians the opportunity to participate in instrumental section tutorials, develop their technical skills in orchestral playing and interpretive abilities, and gain insight into the world of professional orchestral musicians.

Playerlink! is part of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra’s ongoing determination to make music accessible. Through its annual TunED-Up!™ program, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra trains primary school teachers enabling them to develop music programs in their schools. Last year, in collaboration with Music: Count Us In and The Arts Unit (NSW Department of Education and Communities), over 650,000 school students across Australia came together to sing with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra when a concert at the Seymour Centre, Sydney, was shared nationwide via live stream.

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Playerlink! 2018 workshop

Central Coast Conservatorium
Mann St, Gosford
Fri 13 – Sun 15 April, 2018

Playerlink! 2018 Community Concert

Gosford Anglican Church
Mann St, Gosford
Sun 15 April, 2pm

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