

MEDIA RELEASE

LANG LANG and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra

The worldwide piano sensation returns to Australia for a solo recital and two concerts with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the Sydney Opera House



Lang Lang in Recital: 8 June
Lang Lang Plays Grieg: 10, 11 June

Hailed by *Time Magazine* as one of the 100 most influential people in the world, 33 year-old Lang Lang returns to the Sydney Opera House this June, after a five-year absence, for three concerts presented by Credit Suisse. Lang Lang, who has played sold-out recitals and concerts in every major city in the world, made his SSO debut in 2004 and returned again to sold-out audiences in 2011.

Lang Lang began playing piano at the age of 3, and by the age of 5, he had won the Shenyang Competition and had given his first public recital. Entering Beijing's Central Music Conservatory at age 9, he won first prize at the Tchaikovsky International Young Musicians Competition. Following his debut in Chicago at age 17, he performed around the world, and after his BBC Proms debut at age 19 in 2001, *The Times* reported: "Lang Lang took a sold-out Albert Hall by storm...This could well be history in the making."

Fifteen years on, Lang Lang continues to progress from one triumphant appearance to the next. In 2009, he appeared in *Time* magazine's annual list of the 100 Most Influential People in the World and in 2011 *The Guardian* wrote: "The 'Lang Lang effect' is credited with inspiring China's 40 million classical piano students..."

The first program – **Lang Lang in Recital** – will see Lang Lang take on Tchaikovsky's kaleidoscopic Seasons, Bach's exuberant Italian Concerto and four miraculous scherzos by Chopin.

In **Lang Lang plays Grieg** the pianist will join the Sydney Symphony Orchestra as featured soloist in Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor, in a program conducted by Manuel López-Gómez that also includes *Peer Gynt: Suite No. 1* and Tchaikovsky's *Francesca do Rimini*.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

Lang Lang's name does not shorten to Lang or Mr Lang. When publishing his name, please always print Lang Lang.

LANG LANG IN RECITAL
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Wed 8 June, 8:00pm

TCHAIKOVSKY The Seasons
JS BACH Italian Concerto
CHOPIN Scherzos

Lang Lang piano

Concert tickets: \$59.00 - \$199.00

LANG LANG PLAYS GRIEG
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

Fri 10 June, 8:00pm

Sat 11 June, 8:00pm

GRIEG Peer Gynt: Suite No. 1
TCHAIKOVSKY Francesca do Rimini
GRIEG Piano Concerto in A minor

Manuel López-Gómez conductor
Lang Lang piano

Concert tickets: \$89.00 - \$199.00

TO BOOK TICKETS:

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