

MEDIA RELEASE

Sydney Symphony Orchestra to perform concerts for over 4,800 school students in Western Sydney



The Sydney Symphony Orchestra (SSO) will travel to Western Sydney this week to perform eight interactive concerts for more than 4,800 school students as part of its world-class education program.

The concerts, held at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre on the 7, 8, 9 and 10 March, will be attended by Kindergarten to Year 10 students from 35 schools across Greater Sydney, including Campsie Public School, Toongabbie Public School and Canley Vale High School.

SSO Managing Director Rory Jeffes said: “The Sydney Symphony Orchestra recognises the importance of Western Sydney as one of Australia’s fastest growing and most diverse regions. As the state orchestra for New South Wales, we are committed to providing young audiences from this important area the opportunity to experience a professional orchestra with the aim of inspiring them to pursue their own artistic talents.”

As well as watching the SSO perform, students will have the opportunity to engage with the orchestra in an interactive workshop-style setting through being invited to ask questions, move along to the music and even conduct the musicians.

Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the interactive concert series offers almost 5,000 students a first-hand experience of the state symphony orchestra in one of Western Sydney’s prime cultural venues.

“Western Sydney offers a vibrant and highly developed range of contemporary music events and now some of our youngest residents will experience the unique synergy of music and sport,” Mr Ayres said.

“I encourage residents across Western Sydney to attend one of the many SSO events held in the region each year, including the free annual concert in Parramatta Park and concerts and workshops

for students and teachers.”

The concerts are arranged around the theme “Olympian Orchestra” and will showcase music that has accompanied some of the world’s most memorable sporting moments, including the theme from *Rocky*, *Fanfare for the Common Man* and *Olympic Fanfare*.

The SSO is grateful for the support of Sydney Airport, the proud presenting partner of its Schools concerts.

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Students from the following schools will be attending the concerts:

Campsie Public School	Clancy Catholic College
Masada College	Miller Technology High School
Redeemer Baptist School	Parramatta Marist High School
Rouse Hill Anglican College	Ryde Secondary College
Toongabbie Christian School	Broughton Anglican College
Toongabbie Public School	Magdalene Catholic High School
Northmead Public School	Mount St Benedict College
Pennant Hills Public School	Our Lady Of Mercy College
Willoughby Public School Band	Redeemer Baptist School
Northmead Public School	Belmont Christian College
Pittwater House School	Canley Vale High School
The King's School	Girraween High School
Abbotsleigh Junior School	St Joseph's Catholic College
Inaburra School	St Joseph's College
Penrith Anglican College	The Hills Grammar School
Sydney Grammar School - Edgecliff Preparatory	Westfields Sports High School
York Public School	Wycliffe Christian School
Captivate Catholic Education Office	

Concert details

Program for all concerts: WALDTEUFEL The Skaters' Waltz COPLAND Fanfare for the Common Man MILLS Countdown Fanfare RAVEL Bolero DVOŘÁK New World Symphony: Largo HOLST The Planets: Jupiter R STRAUSS Thus Spake Zarathustra: Introduction CONTI Rocky: Fanfare and Theme (Gonna Fly Now) WILLIAMS Olympic Fanfare	Concert Dates Tue 7 Mar: 10.30am & 12pm Wed 8 Mar: 10.30am & 12pm Thu 9 Mar: 10.30am & 12pm Fri 10 Mar: 10.30am & 12pm Venue Parramatta Riverside Theatre Corner Church and Market Streets, Parramatta Conductor Toby Thatcher
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