



Symbiosis

THE SYDNEY
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We pay our respect to Elders past and present, the original storytellers of these lands where we learn and create music today. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and honour their continuation of the oldest music practice in the world.

Always Was, Always Will Be.

WELCOME



“Symbiosis” presents two unique collaborative concerts featuring members of The Sydney Youth Orchestra. This experimental chamber music event emphasises the powerful synergy that emerges when musicians work together, highlighting how individual talents can blend to create something greater than their separate parts.

The two concerts’ theme reflects the biological concept of symbiosis, where different organisms form mutually beneficial relationships, mirroring the mentorship relationship between the professional musicians and the emerging young artists.

These young performers will take on the challenging dual role of both soloist and ensemble member. The intimate format of chamber music allows each musician to showcase their individual artistry while simultaneously demonstrating their ability to listen, respond, and blend with their fellow performers. This delicate balance between individual expression and collective harmony promises to deliver a compelling musical experience that celebrates both personal virtuosity and collaborative musicianship, strengthened by the direct mentorship of established professional musicians.

Mia Patoulios
CEO

A NOTE FROM JAMES

Today’s concerts are a one-of-a-kind chamber music showcase featuring members of The Sydney Youth Orchestra in specially formed ensembles.



Symbiosis, the heart of this concert, is the harmonious relationship between different elements to create something greater than the individual parts. Experience the pure essence of music through unconducted chamber performances where each musician is both a soloist and a collaborator, producing a breathtaking end result.

Thank you for your continued support of Sydney Youth Orchestras and these incredibly talented young musicians.

James Pensini
Head of Orchestral Training and Artistic Programming
Conductor of The Peter Seymour Orchestra

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CONCERT

STRING OCTET / NONET

Dmitri SHOSTAKOVICH

Two Pieces for String Octet Op.11

I. Prelude

MUSICIANS

Violin

Jamie Krockenberger
Naomi Nogawa-Lewy
Wansi Huang
Lucas Yang

Double Bass

Yolanda Dolenac

Viola

Haruki Muramatsu
Benjamin Munro

Cello

Emily Broomhead
James Grennan

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VIOLIN DUET

Sergei PROKOFIEV

Sonata for Two Violins in C Major, Op.56

II. Allegro



MUSICIANS

Violin

Jennifer Sung

Khang Mai

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TROMBONE QUARTET

Eugene BOZZA

Trois Pieces pour Quatuor de Trombones

I. Allegro

II. Moderato

III. Allegro vivo



MUSICIANS

Trombone

Joshua de Haan

James McNaughton

Luke Berlee

Wesley Woodhouse

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BRAHMS STRING QUINTET

Johannes BRAHMS

String Quintet No.2 in G major Op.111

I. Allegro non troppo, con brio

MUSICIANS

Violin

Bettina Minogue

Kieran Chang

Viola

Julian Lang

Lisa Bongpipat

Cello

Marcus Tyler

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STRING QUARTET

Bedrich SMETANA

String Quartet No.1 "From My Life"

II. Allegro moderato a la Polka

MUSICIANS

Violin

Sophia Juarez

Scarlett Seybold

Viola

Alexandra Arkapaw

Cello

Ellen Polsek

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DVORAK SERENADE

Antonin DVORAK

Serenade for Winds in D minor, Op.44

IV. Finale: Allegro molto

MUSICIANS

Oboe

Gahyun Lee
Orin Kim Narushima

Clarinet

Lara Ueki
Amelia Dillon

Bassoon

Lyndon Coward
Jay Lee

Contrabassoon

Rose Hart

Horn

Josephine Kilham
Kian Shanahan
Rory Hodgson

Cello


John Wu

Double Bass

Paignthor Acevedo-Martin

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CONCERT

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

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Third Construction

MUSICIANS

Percussion

Joshua Chee

Valdas Kameron

Noam Zemack

Hayden Markham-Ball

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WIND QUINTET

Malcolm ARNOLD

Three Shanties for Wind Quintet, Op.4

I. Allegro con brio

II. Allegretto semplice

III. Allegro vivace

MUSICIANS

Flute

Kara Thorpe

Horn

Rory Hodgson

Clarinet

Tessa Darby

Oboe

Gahyun Lee

Bassoon

Jay Lee

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STRING QUINTET

Jessie MONTGOMERY

Strum

MUSICIANS

Violin

Natalie Liu

Jamie Krockenberger

Viola

Spencer Oxnam

Cello

Charlotte He

Double Bass

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BRASS SEXTET

Oskar BÖHME

Sextet for Brass in E flat minor Op.30

I. Adagio ma non tanto, Allegro molto

IV. Allegro con spirito

MUSICIANS

Cornet

Toby Rands

Tuba

Ben Clarke

Trumpet

Alexander Butler

Tom Lim

Horn

Eloise Brunsdon

Tenor Trombone

Wesley Woodhouse

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STRING ORCHESTRA

Samuel COLERIDGE-TAYLOR

4 Noveletten Op.52

III. Valse

IV. Allegro molto

MUSICIANS

Violin 1

Khang Mai

Casey Chen

Elaine Huang

Annabel Krockenberger

Ashley Kim

Violin 2

Ethan Powell

Vicky Ying

Kerrie Yu

Maya Homsma

Olive Jacks

Viola

Neil Wang

Si-Yun Tan

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Cello

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Percussion

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Dvorak Serenade, Wind Quintet

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Trombone Quartet, Brass Sextet

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String Orchestra

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String Octet/Nonet, String Quintet/Quartet

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