

ADELAIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MUSIC



ASO Fashion Coup for Santos Symphony under the Stars

While the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra's 2008 Season is billed as being 'all about the music' the focus will soon turn to the orchestra's female players performance attire. In an exciting move for ASO a new range of performance attire for the female musicians will be launched at the orchestra's forthcoming **Santos Symphony under the Stars** concert on **Saturday, 2 February 2008** in **Elder Park**.

In a major coup for the ASO one of South Australia's top designers **Liza Emanuele** has been contracted by the orchestra to design an exclusive ASO range of stylish concert dress attire. The innovative collaboration has seen Emanuele team with the ASO female musicians to develop clothing suitable for all performance situations.

While the formality of the tuxedo and traditional black and white has been Liza's starting point, she has brought new edgy influences to the concept of a uniform. 'I am so excited to be taking on this challenge', said Liza. 'I love the diversity of what the orchestra is doing, and by talking to the musicians, I learned that these outfits had to satisfy many different needs'.

The design challenge involved not only coming up with a range of styles and lines for different sizes and shapes, but also the requirements of each instrument group. Violinists require a lot of flexibility in the sleeve and torso, and clean necklines can be a factor for some. Cellists of course have another set of needs.

The ASO range extends across all the dress codes, from the formal through to the smart casual. The new designs will be seen in all performances throughout the forthcoming season with the grand reveal taking place at Santos Symphony under the Stars before an expected audience of 25,000.

The ever popular Santos Symphony under the Stars is a South Australian cultural institution made possible by ASO Principal Sponsor Santos's commitment to the arts the ASO and bringing music to the wider community. The 2008 event will showcase the diversity of the modern orchestra, encompassing new music that harnesses the energy of dance and hip-hop (Boom-Box by the dynamic young Australian composer, Matthew Hindson), film and TV music (Goldfinger and Dinner music for a Pack of Hungry cannibals), Latin music (Moncayo's Huapango) and popular classics (Tchaikovsky's richly melodic and joyous Capriccio Italien and Smetana's Dances from the Bartered Bride). Whyalla born piano sensation **Leigh Harrold** will perform Franck's colourful Symphonic Variations as the 2008 soloist.

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In keeping with the tradition of Santos Smyphony under the Stars, the 2008 program pays homage to two composers celebrating significant anniversaries this year: Australian composer Sven Libaek is an icon of lounge music, and we celebrate his 70th birthday year by performing the theme music he wrote for the iconic ABC TV show of the sixties and seventies, The Big Country. 2008 is the 100th anniversary of the American bandleader and composer Raymond Scott, whose music is familiar to many generations from the famous Bugs Bunny Cartoons of the 1950s. Moncayo is a mexican composer whose piece Huapango is one of the favourites of Latin orcehstral music, an infectious riot of rhythm and colour.

WHAT: Santos Symphony under the Stars

WHEN: Saturday 2 February 2008

WHERE: Elder Park

TIME: 8.00PM

ADMISSION: FREE

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