

# ADELAIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

IT'S ALL ABOUT  
THE MUSIC



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Perfect Symphony in the Adelaide Hills

What more could one ask for on a warm evening in February? Some of the most popular music performed by the ASO, good food, company and all this in the picturesque setting of the Mt. Lofty Botanic Gardens.

On **Saturday 23 February at 6.30pm** music lovers can enjoy some of the most popular classics of all time in a delightful picnic – style **ASO Alfresco** concert in **Mt. Lofty Botanic Gardens**.

The ever popular Mt. Lofty concert offers a feast of popular classics. This alfresco program offers light hearted and familiar tunes that are sure to bring smiles and get toes tapping.

Opening and closing the program are two landmark comic opera overtures from the *Marriage of Figaro* and the *Barber of Seville*. Written just 30 years after Mozart's *Figaro*, Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* was also based on the same trilogy of plays by Beaumarchais. Plenty of lively dances will keep audiences on the move – the *Chinese Dance* from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*, a touch of Scotland by Malcolm Arnold, and the *Emperor Waltz* and *Voices of Spring* from the 'Waltz King', Johann Strauss Jnr.

The ASO will also perform a new fanfare by young Australian composer **Jamie Messenger** *Announcing the Barbarians at the Gate*, and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of light music icon Leroy Anderson in the cheery *Syncopated Clock*.

For some Hungarian fire the ASO will perform **Bartók's Rumanian Dances**, and a real highlight is sure to be *The Carmen Fantasie Brillante* – a dazzling violin showpiece based on Bizet's opera, written by virtuoso Hungarian violinist Jenö Hubay. Beginning with Carmen's fate, it includes the famous *Habanera* and the *Toreador's Song* and is performed tonight by the ASO's outstanding Associate Concertmaster Graeme Norris.

With its own secluded natural amphitheatre, leafy surrounds and green lawns, the Mt Lofty Alfresco is the idyllic way to experience a superb symphony with your supper.

#### **ASO Alfresco**

**Saturday 23 February at 6.30pm**

**Mt Lofty Botanic Garden – lower entrance, gates open from 4.30pm**

**Tickets - \$33 Adult / \$28 Conc / Children 14 & under FREE**

SEASON 08

aso@aso.com.au  
www.aso.com.au

T 61 8 8233 6233  
F 61 8 8233 6222

GPO Box 2121 Adelaide  
South Australia 5001

91 Hindley Street Adelaide  
South Australia 5000

Adelaide Symphony Orchestra Pty Ltd  
ABN 49 079 016 738

**BOOK AT BASS 131 246 or online at [www.bass.net.au](http://www.bass.net.au)**

**ENDSFor further information:**

**Jeff Smith, Ph 8233 6205 Mobile 0402 677389**