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ASO's Santos Symphony under the Stars celebrates 40 years of clean energy in South Australia

The Adelaide Symphony Orchestra's annual **Santos Symphony under the Stars** concert will take place in November this year to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Santos providing natural gas to South Australians.

The concert will be held on **Saturday, November 28** in **Elder Park** at **7.30pm**. In November 1969, the Moomba-to-Adelaide pipeline was opened and gas supplies from the Cooper Basin commenced.

The 40th anniversary of clean, affordable and reliable natural gas supply is not the only milestone Santos Symphony under the Stars will celebrate this year. The ABAF award-winning event will also mark its tenth anniversary.

Next month's event – which is free to the public – will have a 1969 theme in acknowledgement of the Santos milestone.

The Australian charts in 1969 were dominated by three albums. The Beatles' Abbey Road and White albums, and the Soundtrack of Hair were the only records to hold the No.1 spot on the charts. These musical highpoints from these albums will be celebrated in a spectacular concert event.

Santos Chief Executive Officer **David Knox** said Santos was pleased to be able to celebrate an important corporate milestone with the ASO – its partner of ten years - and the South Australian public.

"Much of the economic and industrial progress that South Australia has made over the last 40 years has been underlined by the clean, affordable and reliable energy that natural gas from Moomba has provided."

The November event will see the ASO perform popular favourites including a Beatles meets Hair extravaganza with one of Australia's leading performers of the era, **Doug Parkinson**. Parkinson, a star of the late 1960s popular music scene, has been invited by Santos and the ASO to perform at the Santos Symphony under the Stars concert.

"Doug Parkinson epitomises the era we are celebrating in the 2009 event. For Australians his voice captures the changes that took place in that time. Many would remember Doug for his interpretation of The Beatles iconic hit, 'Dear Prudence'. His voice is a treasure and after 50 years in the industry, has become legendary", said ASO Chief Executive **Rainer Jozeps**.

Santos Symphony under the Stars is Santos' gift to South Australia and an opportunity to showcase young talent on a grand scale. The event is secured for the next three years thanks to Santos' generosity and recent \$1 million commitment to the ASO.

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