

ADELAIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



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James Judd to Conduct Walton Masterpiece with the ASO

30 September 2009

Acclaimed British conductor James Judd will make a welcome return to the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra for performances of one of the greatest symphonies of all time in Walton's landmark Symphony No.1.

Judd conducts Walton will see the ASO perform in the Adelaide Town Hall on **Friday 16 October, 8pm** and **Saturday 17 October, 6.30pm** in James Judd's first Adelaide performance in three years.

By the time William Walton began working on his First Symphony, he had already established himself as the most exciting young British composer of the day. Walton's first symphony is regarded as a landmark of British composition and the symphony is considered nothing short of a masterpiece.

Volcanic sentiments simmer beneath the surface of the first symphony and the music conveys the tensions of the 1930s whilst always remaining consistently timeless in its appeal. His first symphony, which was premiered in November 1935 to the best reviews Walton had yet received, was hailed as equal to those of Elgar and Vaughan Williams, and critics further promulgated Walton's fame as the musical "white hope" of England.

James Judd is renowned internationally for his interpretations of Walton, Mahler and Sculthorpe, all three he has recorded to great acclaim in his prolific discography. The Florida Philharmonic's recordings of, an all- Walton program and Mahler's Symphony No. 1 including "Blumine," both led by James Judd, have been released on the Harmonia Mundie label to international acclaim.

Judd is well known to Adelaide audiences for his regular appearances with the ASO. His career has also seen him work with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and a groundbreaking 14 years as Music Director of the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra.

Bookings for Judd Conducts Walton can be made through BASS 131 246 www.bass.net.au

Judd Conducts Walton
James Judd, Conductor
Seung-Eun Lee, Oboe

Sculthorpe: *Earth Cry*
Mahler: *Blumine*
R Strauss: Oboe Concerto
Walton: Symphony No 1

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