

# ADELAIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



## SEASON 2009

### Piano Royalty to Return to the ASO

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist Piers Lane is making a welcome return to Adelaide on **Friday 17 July, 8pm** and **Saturday 18 July, 6.30pm** following sold out performances with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra in 2007.

Lane, who has a flourishing international career, which has taken him to over forty countries will perform Grieg's uplifting Piano Concerto with the ASO.

Piers Lane has an extensive discography and is internationally well-known voice on BBC Radio 3, having written and presented over 100 programs, including a 54-part series called "The Piano" which drew acclaim.

In 1994 he was made an Honorary Member of the Royal Academy of Music, where he has been a professor of piano since 1989. In 2007 he received an Honorary Doctorate from Griffith University, Brisbane.

Piers Lane is the Artistic Director of the Myra Hess Day held annually at the National Gallery in London, which this year will be on 25 November, and of the Bloch Festival which took place at Wigmore Hall, London, at the end of April 2009 with another performance on July 15 2009.

Piers' recording of Ernest Bloch Piano Quintets Nos 1 & 2 with the Goldner Quartet (Hyperion) was nominated for BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE AWARDS this year.

The ASO will also perform the timeless story of Romeo and Juliet which inspired Prokofiev to create one of the most magnificent ballet scores of all time. Its music is richly evocative, encompassing the splendour of Shakespeare's Verona and the heart-rending tenderness of the 'star-cross'd lovers'.

The colourful, folkloric *Dances of Galanta* by Zoltan Kodaly will also round out a truly sensational, passion filled program.

Bookings for Piers Lane and the ASO can be made through BASS 131 246 or [www.bass.net.au](http://www.bass.net.au)

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