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SYMPHONY ON THE HOUR

Arvo Volmer Champions Express Concert Series

Adelaide Symphony Orchestra Chief Conductor and Music Director Arvo Volmer is responding to the demands of modern society with the introduction of the orchestra's new *Classic Hour* series in April.

Classic Hour's , a two concert series in the ASO's 2009 season will open with Classic Hour in Autumn on **Wednesday 1 April** in **Elder Hall** at **1.00pm** and 6.00pm. The performance will also see Adelaide's Sophie Rowell share the stage with new ASO Concertmaster Natsuko Yoshimoto.

The concert will pay tribute to Haydn commemorating the 200th anniversary of his death. "Haydn is perfect for that, with his sense of humour and easy gracefulness. And in his anniversary year, he is a composer who absolutely deserves to be celebrated. Around the core of some of Haydn's most appealing works, I've also included some of my favourite works in a lighter vein, I hope leave concert goers feeling good about the world", Arvo Volmer said.

Classic Hour is designed for music lovers to enjoy the adrenalin rush and brilliance of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra all within the space of an hour with a selection of classic pieces for chamber orchestra during your lunch break or on your way home.

Arvo Volmer says, "I am a great believer that concert-going should be a part of everyday life, and so I think orchestras should present themselves in diverse settings and formats that fit into an audience member's day in many different ways. It is especially a good opportunity for people to introduce themselves to concert-going: a short "taste" of the experience that slots into the busy schedule of professional people and city workers".

The second and final Classic Hour for 2009 will take place on Wednesday 25 November at Elder Hall.

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