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WASO celebrates 30 years under the sea



***The Little Mermaid* - in concert**

**Fri 26 April 7pm
Sat 27 April 2pm & 7pm
Crown Theatre**

West Australian Symphony Orchestra makes **Disney's *The Little Mermaid*** part of your world this April, in an Australian premiere event on the giant screen at Crown Perth.

In celebration of the 30 year anniversary of the release of **Disney's *The Little Mermaid*** in 1989; Alan Menken's uplifting, Academy Award winning score will be brought to life in three magical performances.

Rebellious 16-year-old mermaid Ariel (Jodi Benson) is fascinated with life on land. On one of her visits to the surface, which are forbidden by her controlling father, King Triton, she falls for a human prince. Determined to be with her new love, Ariel makes a dangerous deal with the sea witch Ursula (Pat Carroll) to become human for three days. But when plans go awry for the star-crossed lovers, the king must make the ultimate sacrifice for his daughter.

The seven songs featured in *The Little Mermaid* were written and honed over a period of eighteen months. During that time, the songwriters set up in a “music room” at the animation studio facility in California, where lyricist Harold Ashman spent at least two weeks out of every month.

Sing-along to all your favourite songs including *Under the Sea*, *Part of Your World* and *Kiss the Girl* as you re-live this classic ‘tail’ of Ariel.

The music for *The Little Mermaid* won two Golden Globes®, two Grammys®, and two Academy Awards®. Menken and Ashman picked up an Oscar® for “Under the Sea,” and Menken won an Oscar® for his infectious score to the film.

This is the perfect event for the whole family as part of your school holidays or night out with your friends reminiscing with the movie of your childhood.

Don’t miss your chance to experience this classic film as your West Australian Symphony Orchestra takes this beautiful music to a whole new level.

Be part of our world!

Pre-sale tickets on sale 10am, Monday 3 December through Ticketmaster.
Call 1300 889 278 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.au

General public tickets on sale 10am, Wednesday 5 December.

- \$89 adult/ \$69 Junior premium tickets
- \$79 adult/ \$59 Junior - A reserve tickets
- \$25 all – C reserve (restricted view)
- Family: \$250 (2 adults, 2 children – Premium and A reserve)

Music by Alan Menken Lyrics by Howard Ashman
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