# **WASO On Stage**

#### VIOLIN

Laurence Jackson Concertmaster Semra Lee-Smith A/Assoc Concertmaster Graeme Norris

A/Asst Concertmaster
Rebecca Glorie

A/Principal 1st Violin

Zak Rowntree\*
Principal 2nd Violin
Kate Sullivan
Asst Principal 2nd Violin
Sarah Blackman
Fleur Challen
Stephanie Dean

Beth Hebert Christina Katsimbardis Ellie Lawrence

Akiko Miyazawa Lucas O'Brien Melanie Pearn Louise Sandercock

Jolanta Schenk Jane Serrangeli Bao Di Tang

VIOLA Alex Brogan

A/Principal Viola **Benjamin Caddy**A/Assoc Principal Viola

Kierstan Arkleysmith

Alison Hall Rachael Kirk Allan McLean Helen Tuckey

Nik Babic

#### CELLO

Rod McGrath

Eve Silver\*

Shigeru Komatsu Oliver McAslan Nicholas Metcalfe Fotis Skordas Tim South

#### **DOUBLE BASS**

John Keene Christine Reitzenstein Andrew Tait

#### FLUTE

**Andrew Nicholson** 

Anonymous
 Mary-Anne Blades
 Anonymous

OBOE

Liz Chee A/Principal Oboe

### **COR ANGLAIS**

Leanne Glover
• Sam & Leanne Walsh

### CLARINET

Allan Meyer Lorna Cook

## BASS CLARINET

**Alexander Millier** 

### BASSOON

Jane Kircher-Lindner Adam Mikulicz

#### **CONTRABASSOON**

Chloe Turner
• Stelios Jewellers

#### **HORN**

★Section partnered by Margaret & Rod Marston

#### Dave Evans Robert Gladstones

Principal 3rd Horn
Dorée Dixon^
Francesco Lo Surdo

#### **TRUMPET**

Brent Grapes

• Anonymous

**Jenna Smith** Peter Miller

#### **TROMBONE**

Joshua Davis

 Dr Ken Evans and Dr Glenda Campbell-Evans
 Liam O'Malley

#### BASS TROMBONE Philip Holdsworth

TUBA

**Cameron Brook** 

• Peter & Jean Stokes

#### **TIMPANI**

**Alex Timcke** 

## PERCUSSION

Brian Maloney
Francois Combemorel

Assoc Principal Percussion & Timpani

Robyn Gray<sup>^</sup> Paul Tanner<sup>^</sup>

## HARP

Bronwyn Wallis<sup>^</sup>

## CELESTE

Graeme Gilling<sup>^</sup>

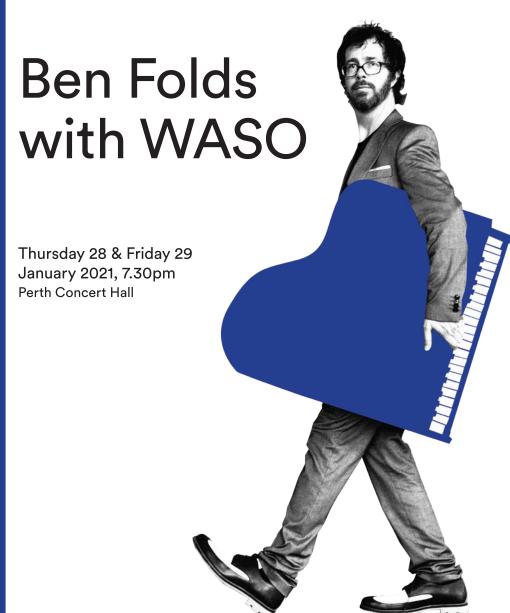
- ★ Section partnered by •Chair partnered by
- \*Instruments used by these musicians are on loan from Janet Holmes à Court AC.

Principal
Associate Principal

Assistant Principal
Contract Musician
Guest Musician^









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## **Ben Folds with WASO**

Program to be announced on the night, including:

Jesusland

**Erase Me** 

Zak and Sara

Landed

The concert will include a 25 minute interval.

# **West Australian Symphony Orchestra**

West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) thrives on the enthusiasm, passion and support of our entire community. We harness this energy to create events and programs across the state to stimulate learning and participation in a vibrant cultural life.

Our resident company of full-time professional musicians are the beating heart of our organisation. The Orchestra plays a central role in the vibrancy of our creative state, and they are also

supported by hundreds of visiting artists, alongside the volunteers of the WASO Chorus to create exceptional performances for hundreds of thousands of people each year.

To learn more about WASO musicians, visit waso.com.au or connect with WASO.







## **About The Artist**

### **Ben Folds**

Ben Folds is widely regarded as one of the major music influencers of our generation.

He's created an enormous body of genrebending music that includes pop albums with Ben Folds Five, multiple solo albums, and numerous collaborative records. His last album was a blend of pop songs and his Concerto for Piano and Orchestra that soared to #1 on both the Billboard classical and classical crossover charts.

For over a decade he's performed with some of the world's greatest symphony orchestras, and currently serves as the first ever Artistic Advisor to the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center.

In addition to solo rock and orchestral touring, in the Fall of 2019, Folds released his first book "A Dream About Lightning Bugs," which debuted as a New York Times Best Seller, and is described as a collection of interrelated essays, anecdotes and lessons about art, life, and music.

Folds, who was on tour in Australia when the pandemic hit in early 2020, has been holed up in Sydney, writing new music for his next album, working on a TV series, and doing live streams for his patrons on Patreon. In June, he wrote and released a critically acclaimed single entitled "2020" on the turmoil of the past few months.

Folds is also no stranger to television, having been featured for five seasons as a judge on NBC's critically-acclaimed a Capella show "The Sing Off."



Pre Covid-19, he had been appearing in cameo roles on cable and network TV shows, and composes for film and TV.

An avid photographer, Folds is a member of the prestigious Sony Artisans of Imagery, has worked as an assignment photo editor for National Geographic, and was featured in a mini-documentary by the Kennedy Center's Digital Project on his photographic work.

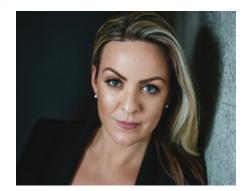
An outspoken champion for arts education and music therapy funding in United States public schools, in 2016 Ben held the distinction as the only artist to appear at both US national political conventions advocating for arts education, has served for over five years as an active member of the distinguished Artist Committee of Americans For The Arts (AFTA), and serves on the Board of AFTA's Arts Action Fund. He also served as Chairman of the Arts Action Fund's ArtsVote2020 national initiative that encouraged voter engagement in the 2020 US elections, and advocates for improving public policies for the arts and arts education.

www.facebook.com/BenFolds www.twitter.com/BenFolds www.instagram.com/ActualBenFolds www.patreon.com/BenFolds

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## Jessica Gethin Conductor

Australian conductor Jessica Gethin has gained widespread attention for her stellar musicianship and vibrant energy. reviewers citing her performances as 'conducted with goose-bump inducing artistry... refined, charismatic and exhilarating'. Gliding seamlessly between core symphonic repertoire to ballet. opera, film and contemporary, Jessica's international roster includes guest conducting engagements throughout the United States, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, with collaborations including the Dallas Opera, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra, Perth Symphony, Singapore Symphony Orchestra, West Australian Ballet, Auckland Philharmonic and Macao Orchestra. Listed in Limelight Australia's Top Twenty Australian Artists for 2017. further accolades including winning



the Brian Stacey Emerging Australian Conductor Award, Australian Financial Review's 100 Most Influential Women, a Churchill Fellowship and being named a finalist in the WA of the Year Awards. Jessica held the position of Chief Conductor of the Perth Symphony from 2011-2019, as well as Inaugural Fellow at the Hart Institute of Women Conductors with the Dallas Opera.









