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Asher Fisch returns for Viennese celebration and Mahler 4



Left to right: violinist Alexandre Da Costa, Principal Conductor Asher Fisch and mezzo-soprano Stefanie Irányi

A Night in Vienna
PERTH CONCERT HALL
Fri 15 & Sat 16 June 7.30pm
Asher Fisch: conductor
Alexandre Da Costa: violin

Israeli-born conductor **Asher Fisch** is Principal Conductor of the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, and in June he will return to Perth for two weeks of concerts with WASO. In his first week, **A Night in Vienna** will celebrate Vienna at its glittering, exuberant best in a concert of luxurious, charming music from the olde worlde capital of classical music. The program will feature lilting waltzes by **Johann Strauss Jr.** including *On the Beautiful Blue Danube*, and the dazzling elegance of **Richard Strauss'** waltz-filled Suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*.

Canadian-born superstar Alexandre Da Costa will perform two works by composer and master violinist, Fritz Kreisler: *Viennese Rhapsodic Fantasietta* and *Old Viennese Dance Melodies*. Da Costa is originally from Canada, and having won the JUNO award for "Classical Album of the Year" in 2012, he has played and recorded as guest soloist with over 100 different orchestras including the Vienna, Berlin, London, Dresden, Hamburg, Prague, Madrid, Buenos Aires, Montreal and Toronto symphony orchestras.

Then the following week...

Asher Fisch conducts Mahler 4
PERTH CONCERT HALL
Thurs 21, Fri 22 & Sat 23 June 7.30pm
Asher Fisch: conductor
Stefanie Irányi: mezzo-soprano

Asher Fisch and WASO continue their journey through **Gustav Mahler's** symphonies with performances of the composer's Fourth Symphony, the best-loved and most frequently played of all. Inspired by folk poetry, this is Mahler's sunniest symphony, opening with sleighbells and birdsong, full of expressive orchestral detail and glorious melody. Praised for her innate musicality and 'vocal radiance', mezzo-soprano Stefanie Irányi joins WASO in the ethereal finale, a song that describes a child's vision of Heaven.

The concert will begin with **Schubert's** exquisite *Death and the Maiden* before traversing the world in **Berio's Folk Songs**, a delicately beautiful 11-song cycle including melodies from the Appalachians to Azerbaijan, again featuring Stefanie Irányi.

Tickets on sale now: 9326 0000 or waso.com.au

A Night in Vienna

Friday and Saturday tickets from \$33

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Morning Symphony tickets from \$30.

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