

## 11 days of music education shows breadth of programs



The West Australian Symphony Orchestra (left) and Paul Rissmann (right)

### **WASO Education Week+** 30 May to 10 June

The West Australian Symphony Orchestra will turn its focus to education and community performances at Perth Concert Hall and various schools in Perth for the annual *Education Week+*. From 30 May to 10 June, WASO's Education Week+ will present a selection of programs for students and music appreciators of all ages across nine days, including free performances for the general public. Last year these programs reached 6355 audience members across 15 performances in 7 different locations.

In 2018, Education Week+ welcomes back award-winning British composer and music educator **Paul Rissmann** as Artist in Residence supported by McCusker Charitable Foundation. The line-up of programs will also feature composer **James Ledger**, conductors **Benjamin Northey** and **Peter Moore**, vocalist **Ali Bodycoat**, plus a brand new collaboration between WASO and **Spare Parts Puppet Theatre**.

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### **Programs**

#### **EChO Kids' Cushion Concerts**

These performances feature WASO's Education Chamber Orchestra (EChO), a mini orchestra led by guest presenter Paul Rissmann and featuring vocalist Ali Bodycoat. Performances include the opportunity to meet the WASO musicians and try student-sized instruments at the end.

- May 30 & 31: Schools concerts, 9.45am & 11.15am
- June 1 & 2: Public concerts, 9.45am & 11.15am
- Venue: John Inverarity Music and Drama Centre, Hale School
- Cost: \$12 per person for schools, \$18 per person for public

#### **Composition Project Final Showing, 10 Year Anniversary**

Mentored by celebrated Australian composer James Ledger, four emerging composers will premiere new works composed for a 14-piece chamber ensemble of WASO musicians.

- 6 June, 6.30pm, John Inverarity Music & Drama Centre, Hale School
- FREE event, for all ages

## Harmony Music

A quartet of WASO musicians share music with students with disabilities in the comfort of their school environment. The musicians will perform informal classroom presentations, share stories about life working in an orchestra and introduce students to the instruments of the orchestra through interactive have-a-go sessions and performances of popular repertoire.

- June 7, Leeming Senior High School
- For Leeming SHS students only

## Carnival of the Animals

Through collaboration with Spare Parts Puppet Theatre (SPPT), WASO will present a new theatrical production where lions, elephants, tortoises and more will come alive when Perth Concert Hall is transformed into a zoo. Let your imagination run wild with Saint-Saëns delightful classic that introduces the instruments of the orchestra. Conducted by Benjamin Northey and featuring poetry by Nick Enright, this performance will delight student and family audiences with a blend of music, puppets and stop motion animation projected onto a large screen.

- June 8, Schools concerts (SOLD OUT)
- June 10, public concerts, 1pm & 3pm Perth Concert Hall
- Suitable for 5 - 12 year olds.

## The Rusty Orchestra

A huge orchestra of community musicians sitting side by side WASO musicians will perform a free concert featuring well-known favourites, including Khachaturian's *Onedin Line* theme, and movements from Dvorak's symphony *From the New World*, conducted by Peter Moore.

- 9 June, 7.30pm, Perth Concert Hall
- FREE event for all ages.

In addition to these programs, WASO will deliver 24 classes in its *Crescendo* Program in Kwinana and musicians will sit side-by-side students in rehearsal as part of a new program called *Big Day In!*

"Education Week+ highlights the breadth of Community Engagement programs WASO presents throughout the year and caters to audiences of all ages and musical tastes", said Cassandra Lake, WASO's Executive Manager of Community Engagement.

"We are incredibly proud to reach so many individuals across the course of Education Week+ and can't wait to share our music with audiences again this year!"

Watch an overview of WASO's [2016 Education Week](#).

## Bookings:

For more information about WASO's Education Week+ and to reserve seats visit [waso.com.au](http://waso.com.au) or phone 9326 0000.

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