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James Morrison with WASO: The Great American Songbook

Pops Series
Fri 3 August 8.00pm
Sat 4 August 8.00pm

PERTH CONCERT HALL

James Morrison: trumpet
William Morrison: guitar
Harry Morrison: bass
Patrick Danao: drums
Marc Taddei: conductor (WASO debut)



James Morrison

Classic hits from Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Jerome Kern and more

The West Australian Symphony Orchestra's Pops Series for 2018 gets underway with jazz great, James Morrison, returning to WASO to perform timeless hits from his latest album, *The Great American Songbook*. The Pops Series will be the first time this album is presented live on stage in Australia.

Performing on a range of instruments (trumpet, flugelhorn, trombone, tenor sax and piano), Morrison brings his trademark virtuosity and air to classic tunes that were made famous by many of the great singers of all time.

The album was recorded at the legendary Abbey Road Studios in London with the BBC Concert Orchestra and includes staples like *My Funny Valentine*, *Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye*, *Summertime*, *A Foggy Day (in London Town)* and *It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)*.

James Morrison is a true music virtuoso. He is renowned throughout the world for his sheer brilliance as a multi-instrumentalist jazz musician and entertainer and has become a perennial favourite with Western Australian audiences through the many years of his collaborations with WASO.

This concert will be a family affair as Morrison is joined on stage by two of his sons, William on guitar and Harry on bass. Both are excellent musicians in their own right; and Dad insists they wouldn't be there unless they were deserving of their places. Completing the quartet will be young drumming protégé and family friend, Patrick Danao.

WASO is also thrilled to have secured the services of exciting young American conductor, Marc Taddei, for this concert. Marc is a graduate of the Julliard School in Manhattan and regularly conducted orchestras across Australasia during his tenure as Music Director with Orchestra Wellington but never managed to make it to Perth. He returned to the United States in 2016 to take up the position with the Vallejo Symphony Orchestra in California; and will finally make his very-welcome WASO debut.

James Morrison with WASO will have something for everyone; so don't miss the opportunity to experience one of Australia's greatest musicians exploring 'The Great American Songbook' in his own unique style,

Tickets from \$49 on sale now at WASO on 9326 0000 or waso.com.au

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