

MEDIA RELEASE

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Last Night at the Proms

Special Event
Fri 27 July 8.00pm
Sun 29 July 2.00pm

PERTH CONCERT HALL

Guy Noble: conductor
Emma Matthews: soloist
WASO Chorus



A Classical Spectacular of flag-waving favourites!

Since the first series of summer Promenade Concerts was held in London's Pleasure Gardens in 1895, 'The Proms', as they are affectionately known, have grown in popularity to become hugely anticipated annual events that are now a permanent fixture on the London music calendar. And a similar trend is happening here in our own version of the pleasure gardens, the Perth Concert Hall, where *The Last Night at the Proms* returns as a Special Event in WASO's 2018 Season - and now with two concerts!

All the glorious Proms staples are included: Wood's *Fantasia on British Sea Songs* is featured as well as Elgar's *Land of Hope and Glory*. And no Proms concert would be complete without a rousing rendition of Parry's stirring *Jerusalem* and *The Thunderbirds March*!

But it's not just a night of British patriotism - *The Last Night at the Proms* is a classical music spectacular that will appeal to audience members of all persuasions. Australia's favourite 'Master of Musical Ceremonies' Guy Noble hosts this last-night 'Hurrah' which will be filled with popular classics. Guy is well-known to Western Australian audiences as a conductor and all-round musical entertainer who has a long association with WASO and Proms concerts.

Australia's most highly-awarded soprano, Emma Matthews, will join Guy on stage for *The Last Night at the Proms*. Emma is a Principal Artist with Opera Australia and recently took up the position of Senior Lecturer and Head of Opera Studies at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. However, it is her British heritage that will come to the fore as she leads the audience through patriotic anthems like *Rule Britannia!*

So button your braces, polish your tiaras and unfurl your flags, and get your best singing voice ready for a grand musical celebration.

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

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