

MEDIA RELEASE
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WASO's Favourites

Fri 9 February 7.30pm
Sat 10 February 2pm

PERTH CONCERT HALL

Christopher Dragon: conductor
Sara Macliver: soprano
Fiona Campbell: mezzo-soprano
Laurence Jackson: violin
Joseph Nolan: Organ
WASO Chorus



Left to right: Christopher Dragon, Laurence Jackson, Sara Macliver, Fiona Campbell & Joseph Nolan

All-star cast perform classical hits with WASO

To celebrate 90 years of music-making the West Australian Symphony Orchestra will start their 2018 season with two special concerts, **WASO's Favourites**, Friday 9 and Saturday 10 February at Perth Concert Hall. The concerts will feature the Orchestra's favourite West Australian artists plus the **WASO Chorus**, performing a varied program of classical hits. Soloists will include soprano **Sara Macliver**, mezzo soprano **Fiona Campbell**, organist **Joseph Nolan** and WASO Concertmaster **Laurence Jackson**. Led by former WASO Assistant Conductor **Christopher Dragon**, the Orchestra will perform crowd-pleasers by **Handel, Bizet, Gershwin, Orff** and more, culminating in **Beethoven's** triumphant Fifth Symphony.

Christopher Dragon, Conductor

Christopher is the Associate Conductor of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. He was appointed from over 200 candidates and was immediately extended in the position. For three years Christopher previously held the position of Assistant Conductor with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, which provided him with the mentorship by Principal Conductor Asher Fisch.

Laurence Jackson, Violin

Laurence was Concertmaster of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO) from 2006, before taking up the same position with WASO in 2016. Previously Laurence was a member of the Maggini Quartet in 1993 with whom he toured all over the world and made numerous recordings, winning the 2001 Gramophone Award for Chamber Music, 2002 Cannes Classical Awards as well as two Grammy Award nominations.

Sara Macliver, Soprano

Sara is one of Australia's most popular and versatile artists, and is regarded as one of the leading exponents of Baroque repertoire. She is a regular performer with all the Australian symphony orchestras, and has been awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Western Australia. Sara records for ABC Classics with more than 35 CDs and many awards to her credit.

Fiona Campbell, Mezzo Soprano

Fiona Campbell is one of Australia's most versatile and beloved classical singers - a producer and guest ABC presenter, accomplished international performer, recitalist and recording artist. She was the winner of the national Limelight Award for Best Solo Performance 2011, vocal winner of the ABC Young Performer of the Year Award and the ASC Opera Awards.

Joseph Nolan, Organ

British-Australian organist Joseph Nolan has been hailed by ABC Classic FM as 'an extraordinary musician', and by Limelight Magazine as a 'remarkable musician'. Appointed to Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, St James's Palace in 2004, Joseph performed on numerous occasions at Buckingham Palace, and was awarded the medal of Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres in 2016 by the French Government for services to French music.

WASO's Favourites – Concert Program:

HANDEL *Zadok the Priest*
HANDEL *Samson: Let the Bright Seraphim*
DELIBES *Lakmé: Flower Duet*
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS *The Lark Ascending*
BIZET *Carmen: Habañera*
GERSHWIN *Porgy and Bess: Summertime*
WIDOR *Organ Symphony No.6: Allegro*
ORFF *Carmina Burana: O Fortuna*
BEETHOVEN *Symphony No.5*

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

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