# SYDNEY SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS

Sydney Festiva 2024

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Sydney Symphony Orchestra & Greater Sydney Parklands

The Crescent, Parramatta Park 20 January 2 hrs (including 20-min interval)

### CAST AND CREDITS

Benjamin Northey conductor Anoushka Shankar sitar Tom Farmer rhythm bass Pirashanna Thevarajah percussion William Barton didgeridoo, guitar, voice Véronique Serret violin, voice Aunty Delmae Barton song woman and lyricist

### PROGRAM

Anoushka Shankar arr. Buckley Between Us... (selections)

William Barton & Véronique Serret, arr. Griswold Bush(fire) Requiem

**Neil Murray & George Burarrwanga, arr. Amy** My Island Home

INTERVAL

John Williams E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial - Adventures on Earth

Ella Macens Release

**James Horner** Apollo 13 - Main Title

Johann Strauss II The Blue Danube

**Modest Mussorgsky** Pictures at an Exhibition Movement 9 - Baba Yaga Movement 10 - The Great Gate of Kiev

# ABOUT THE SHOW

Symphony Under the Stars is a beloved Sydney tradition, an open and welcoming event for everyone to share the joy and excitement of the world's greatest orchestral music in a beautiful outdoor setting.

The Sydney Symphony has a long and rich history of collaborating with Australia's finest musicians and composers, and this year our concert, titled *Pictures in the Sky*, will showcase the didgeridoo magic of William Barton, joined by Aunty Delmae Barton and Véronique Serret. We are also excited to be performing with Anoushka Shankar, and to hear her transportive sitar playing.

Leading the Orchestra in this is guest conductor Benjamin Northey, who will bring it home with traditional classics and a big sparkly bang.

We hope you enjoy the performance – and don't forget to tag us in all your beautiful photos!

# SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Founded in 1932 by the Australian Broadcasting Commission, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra has evolved into one of the world's finest orchestras as Sydney has become one of the world's great cities. Resident at the iconic Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra also performs in venues throughout Sydney and regional New South Wales, and on international tours to Europe, Asia and the USA.

The Sydney Symphony Orchestra's concerts encompass masterpieces from the classical repertoire, music by some of the finest living composers, and collaborations with guest artists from all genres, reflecting the Orchestra's versatility and diverse appeal. In 2024, in addition to its award-winning classical concerts, the Orchestra will perform alongside contemporary artists including Meg Washington and perform *How to Train Your Dragon, Home Alone* and *Singin' in the Rain* live to film, with more to be announced.

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# WELCOME TO PARRAMATTA PARK

Parramatta Park is delighted to welcome back the Sydney Symphony Orchestra for the 18th year in The Crescent our beautiful natural amphitheatre alongside the Parramatta River. We're equally pleased to be partnering again with Sydney Festival, bringing these wonderful concerts to audiences both regular and new. Parramatta Park is a special place. With evidence of occupation going back 39,000 years, it is one of the oldest sites of ancient Aboriginal people in Sydney. It was, and remains, part of the traditional lands of the Burramattagal people. From 1788, it was a place of importance for the British colony, recognised through our World Heritage listing. And we have long been a place of celebrations and festivals - something we continue with Sydney Symphony Under the Stars this weekend. We hope you have a wonderful evening, and don't forget to share your photos on social media using #sydfest and #parrapark.

### TELL US ABOUT IT TO WIN

Completing Parramatta Park's short survey about your evening will only take a few minutes, and you'll go into the draw to win a \$200 voucher for Misc, a modern Mediterranean restaurant in Parramatta Park. Complete the survey <u>here</u>

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to acknowledge the Burramattagal people of the Dharug nation, the traditional custodians of this land and water. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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