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Sydney Symphony Orchestra & Greater Sydney Parklands

The Crescent, Parramatta Park

18 January

2 hours (including 20-min interval)

CAST AND CREDITS

ARTISTS

Conductor Benjamin Northey

Oud Joseph Tawadros

Percussion James Tawadros

PROGRAM

Bernstein

Candide Overture

Tawadros

Work is Love Made Visible

Tawadros

Eye of the Beholder

Tawadros

Permission to Evaporate

Tawadros

Bluegrass Nikriz

Tawadros

Point of Departure

Tawadros

Constantinople

Tchaikovsky

Symphony No.5 in E minor

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 will showcase the charm of the oud by Egyptian-Australian virtuoso Joseph Tawadros AM performing a selection of his works alongside his brother, James Tawadros.

Leading the Orchestra is Sydney Symphony Conductor in Residence 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 greatest living composers, beloved films and collaborations with guest artists from all genres, reflecting the Orchestra's versatility and diverse appeal. [sydneyorchestra.com](https://www.sydneyorchestra.com)



WELCOME TO PARRAMATTA PARK

Parramatta Park, proudly managed by Greater Sydney Parklands, is thrilled to welcome back the Sydney Symphony Orchestra for its 19th year in The Crescent – our stunning natural amphitheatre located by the Parramatta River. We're also delighted to partner with Sydney Festival to bring these incredible concerts to both familiar and new audiences year on year.

Parramatta Park holds a unique place in Sydney's history. With evidence of Aboriginal occupation spanning 39,000 years, it is one of the oldest known sites of its kind in the region and remains part of the traditional lands of the Burramattagal people. Since 1788, it has also been a site of significance for the British colony, a legacy recognised through its World Heritage listing. Today, it continues to be a space for celebration and connection, exemplified by Sydney Symphony Under the Stars this weekend.

We hope you enjoy this captivating evening under the stars. Don't forget to share your memories on social media using #sydfest and #parrapark!

TELL US ABOUT IT TO WIN

Take a few minutes to complete Greater Sydney Parklands' **short survey** about your evening, and you'll be entered into the draw to win a \$250 voucher for MISC, a modern Mediterranean restaurant located in Parramatta Park. Complete the survey [here](#).

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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