

Partnership brings classical music to western Sydney students

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The Sydney Symphony will take classical music to around 3,000 students from western Sydney this week under a partnership with Sydney Olympic Park Authority.

Sydney Olympic Park Authority CEO Alan Marsh said the Sydney Symphony's mentoring orchestra, the Sinfonia, would perform six concerts at Sydney Olympic Park for students from western Sydney.

'The Sydney Symphony will perform for students from 32 western Sydney schools at Sydney Olympic Park including Toongabbie Public School, Girraween High School, Punchbowl Public School and Canley Vale High School,' Mr Marsh said.

'This is an important initiative that will give around 3,000 students the opportunity to experience classical music and hopefully ignite in them a life-long interest in the music,' Mr Marsh said.

This is the sixth year that Sydney Olympic Park Authority and the Sydney Symphony have come together to bring educational concerts to students from western Sydney, said Sydney Symphony Managing Director Rory Jeffes.

'The concerts will take place on Tuesday 23 June and Wednesday 24 June at the State Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, and have been developed to be consistent with the New South Wales music syllabus,' Mr Jeffes said.

The program includes:

Ravel	Mother Goose: Tom Thumb (Petit Poucet)
Handel	Music for the Royal Fireworks: La Réjouissance
Shostakovich	Symphony No.5: 1 st Movement
Dyrd arr. Howarth	Earl of Oxford March (for brass)
Kats-Chernin	Russian Rag
Britten	The Young Persons Guide to the Orchestra (excerpts)

'The exciting program supports the NSW music syllabus and will help bring the music the children are studying in the classroom to life,' Mr Jeffes said.

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