

WESTERN SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

New Year's Concert
2025

CONCERT 1 2025
WSSO CONCERT NO. 6



7:30 PM. 1 January 2025

TLC Theatre
Baulkham Hills High School

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the New Year's Concert 2025!

This is the first New Year's Concert hosted by the Western Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

As part of the 2025 concert series, in this concert, we will perform short pieces that are usually performed for the New Year's concert, such as Kaiser-Waltzer, The Blue Danube by Johann Strauss II, Radetzky-Marsch by Johann Strauss I, and more.

I thank our generous sponsors, the Hills Shire Council, the SCO Foundation and Carlingford Music Centre.

I would also like to sincerely thank our musicians for their dedication, sense of responsibility, and mission as a true musician.

Special thanks to our volunteer Management Committee members, without whom this concert would not be possible.

Happy New Year!

Dr Brian Chatpo Koo

Founding Conductor, Artistic & Executive Director

Western Sydney Symphony Orchestra
The Sydney Contemporary Orchestra Inc.

PROGRAM

Swan Lake - Waltz
by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Hungarian Dance No.1
by Johannes Brahms

Kaiser-Waltzer (Emperor Waltz)
by Johann Strauss II

The Blue Danube
by Johann Strauss II

Peer Gynt Suite No. 1
by Edvard Grieg

Peer Gynt Suite No. 2
by Edvard Grieg

Radetzky-Marsch
by Johann Strauss I

Conductor
Dr Brian Chatpo Koo

Concertmaster
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Founded in 2019, the Western Sydney Symphony Orchestra (WSSO) is a community Symphony Orchestra serving the communities of Western Sydney suburb communities.

Directed by the Artistic Director Dr Brian Chatpo Koo, the WSSO hosts a series of classical music concerts, providing captivating performances that showcase incredible diversity and skill across a variety of crowd pleasing classics and new works of Australian composers. Through these events the WSSO builds a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local community for lovers of classical and symphonic music.

Based in Western Sydney, and supported by the Hills Shire Council, the Western Sydney Symphony Orchestra provides valuable and development opportunities, and encourages local participation from talented amateur and professional musicians. All professional musicians, music teachers, and classical music lovers who are over the age of 15 are welcome to join this dynamic orchestra.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Dr Brian Chatpo Koo

Founding Conductor and Artistic & Executive Director Dr. Brian Chatpo Koo is a Sydney-based musician. Having studied music at the

University of Hong Kong and the University of Sydney, Brian was the first person in Australia to receive a Ph.D. degree in music composition. Supported by the Hong Kong University Grant, Brian also studied music at the International Summer Course for New Music in Darmstadt, Germany, and obtained his Licentiate and Fellowship Diplomas from the Trinity College of Music in London.

As a conductor, Dr. Koo has conducted many symphony orchestras and music ensembles to premiere his compositions around the world.

He founded the Sydney Contemporary Orchestra in 2013. Together with about 100 of the finest Sydney professional musicians and a strong volunteer management team, Brian is dedicated to creating a platform where more new orchestral works can be written, performed, heard, recorded, published, and become a part of our music culture, as he believes music development history is written by composers' creativities. To encourage and to reach the pinnacle of this creativity and art, Brian believes that it must be through devotion, perseverance, determination, and most importantly constant performance. Since 2013 the SCO has held 19 concerts and performed 100 new works of composers from 50 countries up to 2024.

MUSICIANS

Western Sydney Symphony Orchestra

Dr Brian Chatpo Koo

Founding Conductor, Artistic & Executive Director

Violin I

Marcella Felicia (Concertmaster)

Alice Yang

Rachael Gock

Lucinda Wen

Isabella Leung

Violin II

Chaylah Chivas

Anagle Shen

Aimee Lin

Charis Song

Viola

Parvin Afandiyeva

Sally Wang

Hannah Zhou

Cello

Vanessa Chalker

Samatha Knutsen

Bridget Emily Free

Roger Gock

Ashleigh Wong

Double Bass

Vitaliy Palitsyn

Bryton Johnson

Lyra Xi

Flute

Megan Amos

Raul Guerrero

Piccolo

David Caratall

Oboe

Noeleen Neideck

Dianne Harrell

Clarinet

Talia McLennan

Brian Ee

Ashton Hsiau

Bassoon

Maurice Leung

David Pow

French Horn

Georgina Hartwell

Henry Lin

Trumpet

Tomislav Cuk

Angus Freckelton

Trombone

Tomislav Cuk

Harrison Long

Joshua Clark

Percussion

Jack Peggie

Larence Law

Piano

Jane Xing



Symphonic Training Program

Sydney Hills Junior Orchestra
Sydney Hills Youth Orchestra

Proudly supported by the Hills Shire Council, hosted by the **Sydney Contemporary Orchestra - YOUTH SYMPHONY**, the Symphonic Training Program provides the opportunity for young musicians. The training will be focused on well-known symphonies by famous composers. This training program will broaden their potential music career by building up classical orchestral music repertoires, as well as imparting to them the value of communication, teamwork, and discipline.

Directed by Dr Brian Chatpo Koo, this program has 40 scheduled rehearsals and two concerts with carefully selected programs covering a variety of cultural aspects and artistic values.

Divided into two groups, the **Sydney Hills Youth Orchestra** and the **Sydney Hills Junior Orchestra**.

Sydney Hills Junior Orchestra (under 15 years of age, AMEB grade 2 – 5 or equivalent)

Rehearsal time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Sydney Hills Youth Orchestra (under 25 years of age, AMEB grade 5 – LMus or equivalent)

Rehearsal time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Rehearsals: Friday evenings during the school terms:

For more information please contact the Orchestra Manager Rosanne North.

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OUR UP COMING CONCERTS

Concert Series 2025

29 January 2025, 7:30 P.M.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CONCERT

Pioneer Theatre
Castle Hills

19 April 2025, 7:30 P.M.

HOLIDAY CONCERT 1 2025

Pioneer Theatre
Castle Hills

12 July 2025, 7:30 P.M.

HOLIDAY CONCERT 2 2025

Pioneer Theatre
Castle Hills

30 Sep. 2025, 7:30 P.M.

ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

CONCERT 2025

Pioneer Theatre
Castle Hills



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