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Adelaide Youth Orchestra Daniel Milton, 7, and Kelsey Robinson, 23. Picture: Tom Huntley

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THE quality of the annual Adelaide Youth Orchestra gala increases from year and the 2014 spectacular, Youth Revolution, certainly set the bar a little higher.

The gala also featured the debut performances of AdYO's newest ensemble, the Adelaide Youth Wind Orchestra conducted by the up-and-coming Bryan Griffiths. A recent graduate of the Elder Conservatorium, Griffiths proposed the establishment of the new group and navigated the tricky waters of Bernstein's candid overture with aplomb. And Vaughan-Williams' *English Folk Song Suite* was an inspired bit of programming, with its delicious tunes. The trombones in the marches were wonderful!

The Youth Strings under Martin Butler squeaked their way through a selection of popular bon bons – I loved the *Theme from Shaft* – though Peter Handsworth's Youth Sinfonia managed only an approximate performance of Copland's *An Outdoor Overture* and found the intonation a bridge too far in Bizet's *L'Arlésienne* suite.

The full orchestra under Keith Crellin were on solid ground, however, in two movements from Dvořák's *New World* symphony. A special shout out to Austin Zilm, superb on the cor anglais in the Largo. A few problems with the horns in the finale – tricky at the best of times – more or less merged into the gorgeous wash of sound, and the transformation from minor to major in the closing bars was a thrilling as you could hope for.

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