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SA's best young musicians bring poetry, passion and power to year of orchestral masterpieces

South Australia's best and brightest young musicians will bring poetry, passion and power to the fore in Adelaide Youth Orchestras' bold new 2015 season program, officially launched today (Wednesday, February 25).

Including performances by the **Adelaide Youth Orchestra (AdYO)**, **Adelaide Youth Wind Orchestra (AdYWO)**, **Adelaide Youth Sinfonia (AdSI)** and the **Adelaide Youth Strings (AYS)**, the program continues the company's tradition of presenting unique and rarely heard works that will not only challenge and nurture its talented young musicians, but also engage audiences.

The series of 11 public concerts begins with the first of AdYO's popular **Maestro Series: Poetry** (March 21), featuring works never before performed by AdYO musicians including the Australian premiere of the Japanese *Flute Concerto* by Otaka, and Tchaikovsky's *Hamlet Overture*, not performed here in more than three decades.

The ground-breaking works continue in **Maestro Series 2: Passion** (June 28), which will see AdYO collaborate with State Opera of South Australia Young Artists and leading conductor Nicholas Braithwaite to present an evening of excerpts from Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* and, for the first time, Johann Strauss' *Die Fledermaus* and Richard Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier*. The series concludes with **Maestro Series 3: Power** (September 19) featuring the South Australian premiere of Graeme-Koehne's *Suite from 1914*.

"We are very excited about this long overdue collaboration with State Opera, which will provide AdYO students the rare and invaluable opportunity to learn how to accompany singers and to discover three technically challenging and sublime operas," said Adelaide Youth Orchestras' Artistic Director Associate Professor Keith Crellin OAM.

An exciting new addition for 2015 is an interactive toddlers concert, **Toddlers Play** (September 13), which will allow three to five year olds to discover the magical world of classical music.

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"AdYO is all about encouraging the love of orchestral music at an early age, and the interactive *Toddlers Play* concert is a great chance to engage children as early as possible," Mr Crellin said.

Thanks to sell-out suburban performances over the past two years, the 2015 season will see Adelaide Youth Orchestras continue their popular concerts outside the Adelaide CBD, with performances scheduled in Marion, Golden Grove and Brighton.

These include AdYWO and AdSI's first performance in Brighton Secondary School's newly built concert hall on March 22, and AYS' free **Community Concert** at Marion Culture Centre (March 29).

"It's an absolute priority for us to engage with new audiences and perform outside traditional city-based concert halls, as well as strengthen our relationships with local councils and the greater Adelaide community," said Adelaide Youth Orchestras' General Manager Christopher Wainwright.

Also returning in 2015 is the annual **AdYO Celebrates Gala Concert** at Elder Hall (November 29), featuring 220 musicians across all four orchestras, and the **Senior Heroes Concert Series** supported by Alfred James Funeral Directors, featuring private recitals at eight residential care facilities throughout Adelaide for those with mobility issues to enjoy a live orchestral experience.

For additional details and the full 2015 season brochure, please visit www.adyo.com.au.

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About Adelaide Youth Orchestras

Since our establishment in 2001 we have presented more than 170 concerts...over 1,600 students have been part of our programs...seven new works have been commissioned and premiered... and we are now a central part of Adelaide's youth arts scene.

Adelaide Youth Orchestra: an 80-piece orchestra comprising South Australia's most talented young musicians, conducted by AdYO's Artistic Director Keith Crellin. AdYO is the orchestra you'll hear at our **Maestro Series** concerts.

Adelaide Youth Wind Orchestra: a 40-piece wind orchestra of high-school and tertiary aged woodwind and brass musicians and percussionists, conducted by Adelaide Symphony Orchestra French Horn and AdYO alumnus Bryan Griffiths.

Adelaide Youth Sinfonia: 70 piece orchestra of high school aged, gifted young musicians many of whom for the first time are discovering orchestral masterpieces, conducted by Peter Handsworth.

Adelaide Youth Strings: a 50-piece string orchestra of enthusiastic and talented primary school aged musicians who learn ensemble and life-skills while playing classical, folk and popular works, conducted by Adelaide Symphony Orchestra violist Martin Butler, in a fun and rewarding environment.

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