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Nicholas Carter, conductor Joseph Nolan, organ (pictured)

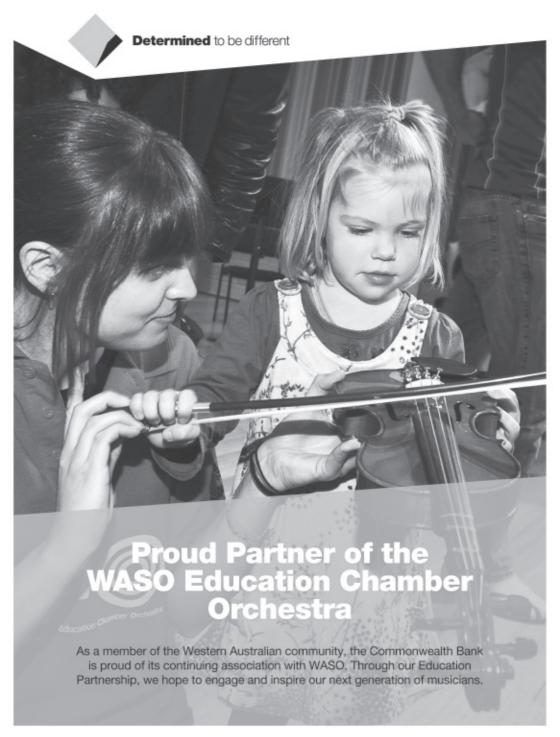
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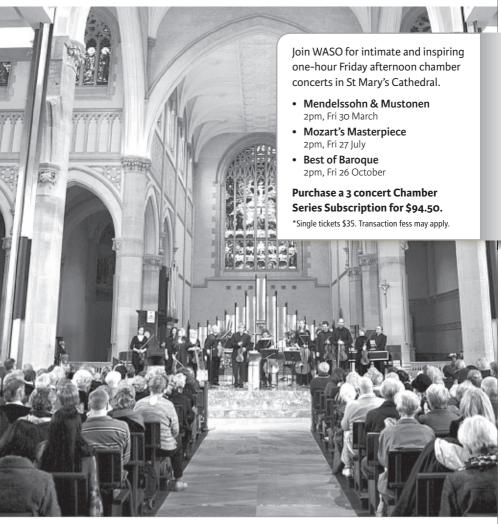
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Nicholas Carter

Conductor

Nicholas Carter is fast establishing a career as a conductor of exceptional versatility, and is currently Assistant Conductor at the Hamburg State Opera. This appointment follows a three-year association with the Sydney Symphony during which he was Assistant Conductor to Vladimir Ashkenazy, then Associate Conductor.

As a guest conductor he has performed with the West Australian, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Queensland Symphony Orchestras. Elsewhere he has conducted the Malaysian Philharmonic and New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, and for two years was Associate Conductor of the Grand Teton Music Festival in Wyoming, assisting Donald Runnicles.

As an opera conductor, he has appeared with the Hamburg State Opera (*The Barber of Seville*), Victorian Opera (*Don Giovanni, Così fan tutte*), and OzOpera (Hans Krása's *Brundibár*).

Born in Melbourne in 1985, Nicholas Carter studied violin, piano and singing. He later studied conducting with Richard Gill, and participated in the Symphony Australia Conductor Development program.

Joesph Nolan

Organ

Joseph Nolan is an internationally renowned organist who has performed in such prestigious venues as Buckingham Palace, St Sulpice (Paris), St Ouen (Rouen) and La Madeleine, where he recently recorded the ten organ symphonies of Widor. He was appointed to Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, St James's Palace in 2004 and in March 2008 took up the post of Organist and Master of the Choristers at St George's Cathedral. Perth.

He has toured extensively in Australia, New Zealand, Europe, North America and Asia, and given concerts in Notre Dame, St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and the Guards Chapel, where he performed at a memorial service for Diana, Princess of Wales.

He has conducted and accompanied some of the world's leading musicians, including the King's Singers, Crispian Steele-Perkins and Alison Balsom. Recent highlights include Pärt's *Passio* with the Hilliard Ensemble and St George's Cathedral Consort for the 2010 Perth International Arts Festival, and a tour of Germany.

This is his debut with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra.





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When did you join WASO?

My first concerts were the famous WASO Proms with David Measham in 1985. The audiences were huge; people waved banners and cheered, the music was spectacular, and the players felt like rock stars. It was fun!

'Percussion' encompasses so many different instruments – what are your favourites?

The cymbals, bass drum and triangle. They seem so simple and innocent, but it's possible to create a zillion different sound colours and effects with these instruments. Composers often use them at the emotional climax of a work – this makes them fun to play but also a little bit dangerous because if you make a mistake with a pair of cymbals, there's nowhere to hide!

Are you busy outside WASO?

I love teaching and taking music out into the community. I've been lucky to work a lot with WAAPA's 'Defying Gravity' percussion



ensemble and the Australian Youth Orchestra. But in the end, the best thing in my life is spending time with my darling wife Rachael (violist in WASO) and our two lovely kids Sally and Luke.

You have often been involved in WASO's Education and Community programs – what do you enjoy the most about them?

I love being part of WASO's education chamber orchestra EChO which tours to every corner of WA. It's so moving when you realise that some children are hearing classical music for the very first time. Seeing the kids' faces light up with wonder and happiness – that's what music is all about.

What are your plans for the future?

After 27 years as WASO's Principal Bangerand-Crasher, I'm stepping down into a tutti role, to spend more time playing the instruments I love most and help take WASO's music out into the community.

ON STAGE TONIGHT

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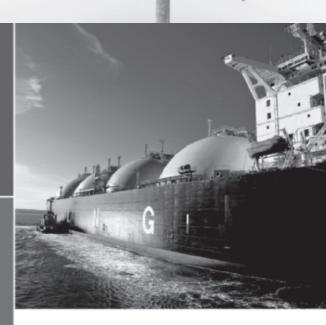
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Sergei Prokofiev

(1891-1953)

Classical Symphony (Symphony No.1 in D), Op.25
Allegro
Larghetto
Gavotte (Non troppo allegro)
Finale (Molto vivace)

A 20th-century composer writes in a style much simpler, and less obviously modern, than his other music, and calls his piece Classical Symphony, harking back to the music of Mozart and Haydn. What is going on? After Prokofiev wrote this symphony in 1917, audiences everywhere thought they knew. This time, at least, he had written music which was easy to understand and enjoy. It quickly became one of Prokofiev's best-loved works, second in popularity only to Peter and the Wolf. But the composer was really up to some harmless mischief when he gave this piece its title. He admitted later he wanted to 'tease the geese', and he laughed at the critics' complicated discussions about his 'Neo-classical' style, of which the Classical Symphony was supposed to be so striking an example.

Prokofiev chose the style of the Classical composers, but not as a tribute to their music. He later told his friends he had set himself an exercise, in the summer of 1917, between the February and October Revolutions.



He had gone to stay in a country house where there wasn't a piano. Having noticed that 'thematic material composed without the piano was often better', he wanted to see whether he could compose a whole work in his head, without using the piano as he usually did. He thought this 'difficult journey' would be easier if he deliberately adopted a simpler style and form. Prokofiev loved playing musical games (he was also a champion chess player), and the Classical is a cheerful, humorous symphony.

Haydn's music is often like this too, and Prokofiev mentioned that 18th-century symphonist as his model. He had heard and studied Haydn's symphonies in Tcherepnin's conducting classes, and it was for a 'Haydn' or Classical orchestra that he wrote – pairs of wind instruments, horns, trumpets, timpani and strings. Prokofiev knew the 'rules' of musical language which had been codified from the procedures of 'Classical' symphonists such as Haydn. But he didn't imitate Haydn slavishly: 'It seemed to me,' he wrote, 'that if Haydn had lived to our day he would have retained his own style while at the same time absorbing something of the new. This was the kind of symphony I wanted to write.

With hindsight we can see that the *Classical Symphony* has much the same characteristics as all Prokofiev's best music. He plays similar games, such as taking a conventional melody and shifting it into a harmonic frame which seems disconnected. This produces the feeling, as Prokofiev's friend Nicholas Nabokov said, that the melody has been refreshed by being harmonically mishandled.

Prokofiev did not feel bound by 18th-century harmonic conventions: for instance, at the very beginning he states his subject in the key of D, then without any pretence at modulation, in C. The writing for the strings tends to be high up in the compass of the instruments, which gives the *Classical Symphony* its elegant, witty-sounding texture: as though themes by Haydn were being played an octave higher than he would have written them.

This cheerful style was one way Prokofiev rebelled against the late-Romantic atmosphere, steamy with philosophy, literature and mysticism. This symphony composed in 1917 was part of a musical revolution. But it was also very Russian and traditional. in its somewhat mechanical concept of form as an external structure, since Russian 19th-century composers had tended to pour their music into existing formal moulds. The Gavotte, composed in 1916, before the rest of the music, is an old French dance form. Its inclusion in the symphony, in the place of the Classical minuet, shows that Prokofiev was drawn, whether consciously or not, to an older, even more formal style than is found in the symphonies of Mozart and Haydn. His departure from their formal example comes, significantly, in music based on the dance; which, as Prokofiev's own ballets show, suited his gifts so well.

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WASO last performed this work on 1 & 2 October 1999, conducted by Marco Zuccarini.

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Francis Poulenc

(1899-1963)

Concerto in G minor for organ, strings and timpani

Andante – Allegro giocoso – subito Andante moderato – Allegro (Molto agitato) – Très calme (Lent) – Tempo de l'Allegro initial – Tempo Introduction (Largo)

'Forget Handel...' This was Poulenc's advice to organist E. Power Biggs, on interpreting his Concerto for Organ. Poulenc might easily have added 'Forget Poulenc,' for in many ways the concerto undermined the popular perception of the French composer – the 'charming Monsieur Poulenc'.

Poulenc's other concertos exemplify the ease, facility and bright charm of his music. The Concerto in G minor for organ, strings and timpani stands apart. Poulenc said: 'If one wishes to have an exact idea of the serious side of my music, one must look here, as well as in my religious works.'

Poulenc was a complex individual: a man of deep emotions and faith, but also fashionable, engaging and sociable. His privileged background gave him access to influential private salons and vital commissions, and one of the 'princesses useful to my career', as Poulenc described his patron-friends, was Winnaretta Singer, heiress to the sewing machine fortune and, through marriage, the Princesse Edmond de Polignac.

Poulenc's first commission from the Princesse resulted in the Concerto for two pianos (1932). Two years later he proposed a work for organ, and a second commission was offered: a concerto to feature the Cavaillé Coll organ installed in her Paris residence.

The concerto was 'almost completed' in April 1936, when Poulenc confessed to the Princesse's niece, 'It is not the amusing Poulenc of the Concerto for two pianos but more like a Poulenc en route for the cloister...' The description was prophetic: in a few months the violent death of a friend in a car accident led him to contemplate the 'frailty of the human condition' and he was 'once again attracted to the spiritual life'. The Litanies à la Vierge Noire (Litanies to the Black Virgin) stemmed directly from the experience, and the emotional depth and austere simplicity of this music surely spilled over into the concerto-in-progress. Until its completion in 1938, the concerto cost Poulenc 'a great many tears'. He writes of constructing the music from 'new materials', of retrieving 'botched' sections, and finally: 'Never...have I had so much trouble finding my means of expression, but nevertheless hope that it now flows freely without giving the impression of too much effort.' Even at his most serious, Poulenc sought to mask the effort and discipline that underpinned his music.

The opening bars of the Concerto resemble Bach's Fantasia in G minor (BWV542) — which Poulenc had wanted played at his own funeral — although the punctuating dissonance* of the added-note chords is entirely 1930s Poulenc. Moving still further back in the lineage of great organists, Buxtehude is evoked in the structure of the music. Departing from his customary shortwinded forms, Poulenc embarks on a fantasia or toccata — a single movement divided into seven contrasting but organically connected sections.

But despite the references to the past the concerto is very much of its time, from the inadvertent reference to the harmonies of Fauré, which follows almost immediately the 'Bach' opening, to Poulenc's dissonances – not the playful 'wrong notes' of his lighter music, but powerful and pensive. And Poulenc was not blind to the capabilities of the modern French instrument, with its massive sonorities, sensual lyricism and unprecedented flexibility.

Poulenc's final words of advice draw attention to the contrasts of this concerto — the 'extreme violence' of the big chords, the rhythmic and 'sprightly' character of the *Allegro* sections, the 'serene and poetic conclusion'. These clear shifts in tempo and mood are the listener's landmarks in navigating the concerto's compelling architecture.

At the heart of the music is the Andante Moderato, with its extended dialogue between organ and strings, supported by an incessant timpani pulse and concluding with an ominous march in the basses that hints at the final, harrowing scene of Dialogues of the Carmelites.

And as the concerto draws to a close, Poulenc reveals his reflective side, suspending a chantlike melody in gossamer orchestral textures over oscillating harmonies and sustained pedal notes* from the organ. Fittingly, this instrumental prayer is framed by Poulenc's opening gesture to Bach, that most devout of composers.

As more than one writer has observed, the Concerto for organ presents Poulenc at his most complex – not a religious work, yet tinged with devotion and austerity, not the amusing Monsieur Poulenc, yet suffused with elegance and sentiment. 'The sacred and the secular interact here,' wrote one critic, 'forming an alliance that corresponds to Poulenc's innermost nature.'

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WASO last performed this work on 27 & 28 June 2003 with soloist Calvin Bowman and conductor Sachio Fujioka.

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Camille Saint-Saëns

(1835-1921)

Symphony No.3 in C minor, Op.78 Organ Adagio – Allegro moderato – Poco adagio Allegro moderato – Presto – Maestoso – Allegro

Saint-Saëns was something of an Anglophile. So it was a happy coincidence that when he was making plans for another symphony, the Royal Philharmonic Society invited him to perform as both conductor and pianist at one of its London concerts. As the non-profit Society could not afford the requested fee of £40, they suggested £30, plus a formal commission to write the Third Symphony under the Society's auspices.

Saint-Saëns agreed and immediately began work on the symphony, saying to the Society: 'It will be terrifying, I warn you.' And he wasn't wrong. Considering the Society's financial state at the time, the prospect of an outsize orchestra complete with organ and multiple pianists must have struck fear into the heart of at least the Treasurer.

And as the blood pressure of Society members rose, so too did the key of the symphony. 'This imp of a symphony has gone up a half-tone; it didn't want to stay in B minor and is now in C minor,' Saint-Saëns advised the long-suffering Society members as he worked on the ever-expanding piece.

In the end, Saint-Saëns came up with a symphony in two parts, but still more or less using the traditional four movements. The first part consists of an Allegro and Adagio, corresponding to conventional first and second movements, and the second part is a scherzo* and finale merged into one. The use of the organ was inspired by Liszt's employment of it in his symphonic poem* Hunnenschlacht (Battle of the Huns) and the published version of the Organ Symphony is dedicated 'to the memory of Franz Liszt', who had died shortly after the premiere.

That premiere occurred on 19 May 1886 in St James's Hall, London, with the composer conducting, as well as appearing as soloist in his own Fourth Piano Concerto. On the whole, the reception was excellent, despite the best efforts of a few Wagnerians in the audience. Afterwards, the great admirer of British royalty was introduced to the Prince of Wales (the future King Edward VII). A Paris premiere, the following year, was a great success and prompted Charles Gounod to proclaim, 'There goes the French Beethoven.' Saint-Saëns summarised the symphony by saying, 'I have given all that I had to give...What I have done I shall never do again.' And he was as good as his word. The Organ Symphony was to remain his supreme achievement in music and it is still one of his most frequently performed works.



In recent years it has actually achieved a certain popular success, following its quotation in the soundtracks for the movies *Babe* and *Babe*: *Pig in the City*.

Saint-Saëns was a virtuoso by nature. Indeed, the ongoing criticism of his music has been that his prodigious technical facility and ability to dazzle sometimes distract from the greater impact of the music itself. Certainly in the *Organ Symphony* Saint-Saëns gives literal meaning to the cliché 'pulling out all stops'. While much of the organ writing is subtle, even understated, climaxes are marked by thunderous passages for the organ, and deliberately grandiose scoring.

The 'first movement' develops through a kind of Lisztian transformation of themes. whereby the thematic material appears in a series of varying guises rather than being developed in a strictly Classical sense. After the 'first movement' has led without pause into the 'second', the organ enters, surprisingly discreetly, as an accompaniment to the mystical main theme, marked Poco adagio. The scherzo* ('third movement') begins the second half of the piece, and much of its thematic material derives albeit vastly transformed - from the preceding Adagio. From here Saint-Saëns introduces all the fireworks he can. The tempo increases to *Presto*, the orchestration becomes more vibrant and new themes are superimposed over the existing ones, before the organ almost lunges into the finale.

This concluding section is a good example of the differing value-judgements which Saint-Saëns' music invites. The climax builds through fanfares, four-hand piano figures, loud organ chords and extensive fugal* writing, carrying the work through to its triumphant conclusion. Depending on one's viewpoint, Saint-Saëns either demonstrates his unrivalled compositional virtuosity, or simply goes over the top.

However, no one can doubt that the *Organ Symphony* has demonstrated its enduring appeal.

Martin Buzacott.

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WASO last performed this work on 5 & 6 June 2009, conducted by Vladimir Verbitsky.

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Dissonance

A combination of notes which sounds harsh or unpleasant.

Pedal note

A low-pitched note played for a long time while the harmonies change above it.

Scherzo

Literally, a joke; the term generally refers to a movement in a fast, light triple time, which may involve whimsical, startling or playful elements.

Symphonic Poem

A programmatic work for orchestra, ususally in a single movement.

Fugal

In the style of a fugue - a form of counterpoint based on a short melody, the subject, which is first sounded by one voice or instrument alone, then taken up by other voices or instruments one after the other.

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The Viola

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The viola came into being in northern Italy around the early 16th century, and since then has undergone many changes. Historically, it was an 'instrument of the middle', and was used to cover both the alto and tenor registers. Because of this, violas historically and today, vary greatly in size.

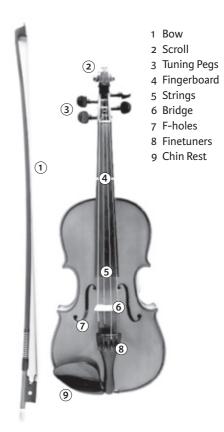
The viola has a similar range to the human voice and acoustically blends well with other instruments.

Before 1740 the viola was seldom treated as a soloist, however this started to change during the lifetime of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, and greater equality in partwriting and increased technical demands can be observed in the chamber music written during this period. By the 20th century, the presence of such outstanding players as Lionel Tertis and William Primrose, and composer/players including Paul Hindemith and Brett Dean, broadened the viola repertoire, realising the instrument's potential of tone and technique.

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Pitches of the four open strings on a viola:







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WASO in Rehearsal dates for 2012:

- · Friday 15 June
- · Friday 10 August
- · Friday 9 November

All income raised from our events for Patrons & Friends supports the Friends of WASO Scholarship (see opposite).

To book call the WASO Box Office on 9326 0000. To learn more about events for Patrons & Friends go to waso.com.au

To help support this wonderful program and be a part of these events, join the Friends of WASO today by calling Sarah on 9326 0075.

The Friends of WASO Scholarship

Our warmest congratulations go to our 2011 Friends of WASO Scholarship recipient: Associate Concertmaster Margaret Blades who receives a \$5000 contribution to a professional development program.

Margaret is planning a three to four week tour across Europe and the United Kingdom working with different teachers, attending classes and observing their methods of teaching. She hopes to undertake this study during the first half of 2012 and says she is "excited about the opportunity of visiting distinguished pedagogues and institutions to have some lessons, attend master classes, and refine new techniques in the art of violin teaching and playing."

We wish Margaret well with her plans and look forward to hearing about her adventures soon.

Applications for the 2012 Friends of WASO Scholarship have just closed. The recipients will be announced shortly.



Welcome to our 2012 Season from Private Giving

It is a season that celebrates musical stories. Our 2012 brochure reveals some of our musician's unique memories – stories that ignited their lifelong passion for music making. We are enormously proud of our gifted group of musicians and feel honoured to share some of these personal stories with you.

Other stories share some of WASO's history that we are celebrating together in 2012. Vladimir Verbitsky, our beloved Conductor Laureate, has returned to conduct our Orchestra every year for 25 years. He became an Australian citizen in June 2009 in this Hall whilst we watched, proud of our history and connection with this fine music maker. This year we celebrate together his 25 years with WASO.

We want to ensure these memories and stories continue being made for young West Australians. Our newly created Reach Out Philanthropic Program aims to focus attention and donations on WASO's crucial education and community programs. These programs bring the joy and thrill of live symphonic music to those who don't often have the opportunity to visit the Concert Hall.

WASO's Patrons are many things; generous, connected, passionate. But primarily our Patrons are music lovers at heart. The support of this special community is essential in ensuring that incredible music experiences are grown, shared and experienced by all West Australians. We all have our own stories of how music has deeply impacted our lives. We look forward to seeing many of you this year and perhaps hearing the story behind your love of music.

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Dr. Karl Paulnack, Director of the Music Division of Boston Conservatory.

For the whole article and other philanthropy resources please go to: www.waso.com.au/support/philanthropy/about giving



(L-R) Amy Stokes, Alecia Benzie & Sarah Gallinagh Private Giving

PRIVATE GIVING PROGRAM

Your attendance tonight helps sustain the Orchestra and we thank you for your commitment. We are also very grateful to our corporate supporters who make a significant contribution to WASO, and of course for government funding which is critical. However, these three sources of income are simply not enough to cover the ongoing costs of the Orchestra and increasingly it is our Patrons that enable us to continue to achieve our vision ...to touch souls and enrich lives through music.

There are many ways you can be involved and your support is deeply appreciated.

Endowment Fund for the Orchestra

The Endowment Fund includes major donations from individuals and bequests. The income earned is used for the benefit of the Orchestra.

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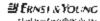
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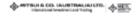


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