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THE ORCHESTRA PROJECT PERFORMS MAHLER SYMPHONY No. 9

On Easter Sunday 2018 The Orchestra Project returns to the magnificent South Melbourne Town Hall to perform Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 9.

Completed in 1909, Herbert von Karajan described this Symphony as "music coming from another world... coming from eternity." For fellow conductor Otto Klemperer, "it was not only Mahler's last but also his greatest achievement in the medium." The Orchestra Project gives Melbourne audiences an opportunity to hear this masterwork of symphonic music performed by musicians from the Melbourne Symphony, Sydney Symphony, Australian Chamber Orchestra and Orchestra Victoria who will play alongside pre-eminent students from the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) and the wider Australian music community.

The Orchestra Project was established by Fabian Russell in 2002 as a training orchestra for the development of Australia's best young musicians. This critically acclaimed ensemble provides opportunities for gifted young musicians to play large-scale orchestral works alongside the very best musicians from Australia's professional orchestras. Thousands of musicians across Australia have benefitted from previous projects over the last sixteen years.

Founding patron of The Orchestra Project, Australian composer and conductor, Richard Mills AM said, "This project offers young people the opportunity for a serious encounter with the great literature for orchestra under the expert guidance of a wonderful musician, inspired educator, and fine conductor. I am proud to be its patron."

Nick Deutsch, Artistic Director of ANAM said, "ANAM has been a longstanding supporter of The Orchestra Project since 2003. Many of our past and current musicians have played in most of The Orchestra Project seasons over the last fifteen years. We are pleased to continue supporting The Orchestra Project in 2018. These intensive projects provide our musicians with even more opportunities to perform the large-scale symphonic works alongside some of Australia's finest professional musicians."

Chair of The Orchestra Project, Professor Peter Tregear, commented: "The Orchestra Project offers young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and perform in an especially intensive and rewarding way, and also gives the wider public an opportunity to hear such works performed with exceptional commitment and intensity at an affordable price!"

"...rarely will you hear a performance which matches the energy, dedication and passion delivered by Fabian Russell and the musicians of The Orchestra Project"
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"If this is the future for Melbourne music, it's in good hands."

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Performance Details:

Where: ANAM South Melbourne Town Hall, 210 Bank Street

When: 2:30 pm, Sunday 1 April 2018

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