



2011 ABC Symphony Australia Young Performers Awards

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West Australian Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Verbitsky

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Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Arvo Volmer

STRINGS FINAL

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Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Verbitsky



2010 ABC Symphony Australia Young Performers Awards Finalists
Oliver She (Winner), Richard Pollett, Ashley William Smith



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MEDIA RELEASE

The countdown has begun for the prestigious 2011 ABC Symphony Australia Young Performers Awards. The Stage III Finals held in June will feature 12 brilliant young performers competing across three musical categories for a highly coveted place in the Grand Final and a \$5000 cash prize.

Since its inception in 1944, the **ABC Symphony Australia Young Performers Awards** has supported Australia's most promising young talent with a **valuable career jumpstart, high levels of professional exposure** and an **enviable opportunity to perform a concerto with one of the major Australian symphony orchestras.**

With the September Grand Final rapidly approaching, the young contestants are preparing to showcase their outstanding musical talent in the Stage III Finals held in Perth (9 June), Adelaide (24 June) and Hobart (30 June).

Following an extensive audition process, 12 contestants have been selected to perform with Australia's major symphony orchestras in one of three categories: **Strings, Keyboard** and **Other Instruments**. The aspiring musicians' performances will be broadcast live on ABC's Classic FM with repeats shortly before the Grand Final in September.

"The Stage III Finals feature a range of outstanding young performers from all over Australia who all possess remarkable musical capabilities," says Kate Lidbetter, CEO of Symphony Australia. "I am always encouraged by the great talent that exists in this country among young instrumentalists, this year including two performers still in high school."

"We are proud to present a competition that is an important catalyst to the career of so many promising young musicians, and to witness the level of dedication and talent among the contestants. Many of Australia's musical household names were 'Young Performers of the Year' in their youth."

The overall winner will be declared the ABC Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year and receives a \$20,000 cash prize, multiple CD recordings of their winning performance and opportunities for future concert performances with major Australian symphony orchestras.

KEYBOARDS FINAL. West Australian Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Verbitsky

Thursday 9 June, 6 pm

Perth Concert Hall, 5 St Georges Terrace, Perth

(Broadcast live on ABC Classic FM and repeated on Wednesday 31 August)

Tickets: \$25 Bookings: www.waso.com.au, 08 9326 0000 or 445 Hay St Perth, M-F 9-5pm

Nicholas Young, 20 yrs, NSW

Alex Raineri, 18 yrs, QLD

York Yu, 13 yrs, NSW

Desmond Tan, 20 yrs, NSW

Bartok Piano Concerto No. 2

Schumann Piano Concerto (2nd and 3rd movements)

Grieg Piano Concerto (1st and 3rd movements)

Rawsthorne Piano Concerto No. 1

OTHER INSTRUMENTS FINAL. Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Arvo Volmer

Friday 24 June, 7.30 pm

Adelaide Town Hall, Elder Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide

(Broadcast live on ABC Classic FM and repeated on Friday 2 September)

Tickets: \$5, available for collection during office hours at the ASO Box Office, 91 Hindley Street.

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Matthew Hinchliffe, 20yrs, VIC

Tomasi Concerto for alto saxophone

Andrew Wiering, 28 yrs, SA

Ifukube *Lauda concertata* for Marimba

Nicholas Russoniello, 26 yrs, NSW

Yoshimatsu Saxophone Concerto "*Cyber-bird*"

David Rowden, 28 yrs, NSW

Copland Clarinet Concerto

STRINGS FINAL. Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Verbitsky

Thursday 30 June, 7.30 pm

Federation Concert Hall, Hotel Grand Chancellor 1 Davey Street, Hobart

(Broadcast live on ABC Classic FM and repeated on Thursday 1 September)

Tickets: \$21 Bookings: www.tso.com.au or 1800001190

Rebecca Chan, 29yrs, VIC

Brahms Violin Concerto (1st movement)

Anna Da Silva Chen, 14yrs, NSW

Saint-Saens Violin Concerto No. 3

Lillian So, 20yrs, NSW

Stravinsky Violin Concerto

Emily Sun, 19yrs, NSW

Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto (1st movement)

The Grand Final will be held Saturday 3 September 2011 with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Edvard Tchivzhel at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

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