

MEDIA RELEASE

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

DATE: TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2011

ATTENTION: Chiefs of Staff, News Directors



Exhilarating Music Making

Australia's finest young musicians will converge on Hobart from November 27 to December 11 for the Australian International Symphony Orchestra Institute (AISOI) concert program.

Now in its sixth year, AISOI is acknowledged as one of the most innovative and professionally structured orchestral training programs in the country.

The two weeks of intensive rehearsals, tutorials and concerts are carefully planned to simulate the schedule that would be followed by a professional orchestra, culminating in a feast of masterworks from the orchestral repertoire.

Artistic Director Frank Celata (Sydney Symphony Orchestra) said "AISOI offers students an important developmental stepping stone in the transition from student to professional orchestral musician."

Associate Professor Andrew Legg, Head of the UTAS Conservatorium of Music, said "the AISOI experience is amazing for both performers and audience; powerful, exhilarating, life changing".

The *Hymn to the Natural World* concerts, which will take place in December, are sure to be a wonderful experience for both the AISOI orchestra and those listening to their performances.

AISOI Concert 1

Conducted by European conducting sensation, David Danzmayr, Australia's most exciting and talented young orchestral musicians are joined by an 80-voice Chorus under the direction of June Tyzack, and special guest artist, celebrated mezzo soprano Bernadette Cullen, to present Mahler's monumental and uplifting 3rd symphony. Over 150 performers on stage.

AISOI Concert 2

"Hymn to the Natural World" will culminate with the greatest orchestral masterworks ever composed: including, works by Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky and Brahms. Conducted by, Internationally Acclaimed, Australian conductor, Alexander Briger with an orchestra of 100 musicians.

Media opportunity:

What: AISOI orchestra rehearsal

Who: Orchestra musicians, artistic director Frank Celata and conductors, Head of the UTAS Conservatorium of Music Associate Professor Andrew Legg

When: 10am-1pm, Tuesday 29 November 2011

Where: City Hall, Macquarie Street, Hobart

For details about the concerts and more information about AISOI, visit

<http://aisoi.com.au/>

Information Released by:

The Media Office, University of Tasmania

Phone: (03) 6226 7489 or 0418 510 121

Email: Media.Office@utas.edu.au