

**Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra & Lord Mayor's Community Trust present
Songs of Sun and Sea concert fundraiser.**

The Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra is performing at Brisbane City Hall on Sunday 29 November at 2:00pm in a special concert to raise funds for the Lord Mayor's Community Trust and to celebrate Queensland's outdoor lifestyle.

In addition to donating 20% of the revenue from the concert, the BPO has already donated 100 concert tickets valued at \$2,500 to the charity to use during the year as prizes for other fundraising events.

Lisa Newman, Lady Mayoress said *"The LMCT focuses on prevention and support services for people who are homeless, suffering mental illness, disability, or those with a history of substance abuse or history of trauma."*

"We are thrilled that the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra is supporting us in this way".

The BPO is entirely run by members who volunteer their time, talent and experience to create music for others. Including rehearsals and other preparations for this concert, the BPO will have donated over 1200 hours of their time. During 2009, members of the BPO will have contributed over 8000 hours to provide community musical devotion for audiences in Brisbane, Boonah and Blackbutt.

Songs of Sun and Sea is the final concert in the Celebrate 2009 concert series. The orchestra will be one of the final performers in Brisbane City Hall before it is closed for three years in December for renovations.

The BPO will not only say farewell to Brisbane City Hall for a while, but also to Philip Davis who has been the Music Director of the BPO for eight years. Over this time, Philip has led the orchestra to a place of admirable respect in the community. Philip's tireless efforts are demonstrated in the comments of Australian actor **Barry Otto** – *"Brisbane's best community orchestra"* – and by performer and producer **Simon Gallaher** – *"Brisbane's best-kept secret"*. The selection process for a new Music Director is already underway and audience members will undoubtedly be excited to experience our next evolutionary period.

Next year audiences will **Discover 2010**. The BPO will present their tenth annual orchestral concert series featuring four concerts in Brisbane. The South East Queensland Country series of chamber music performances will be destined for numerous regional centres, and once again our community service program will have donated thousands of hours in producing musical engagement for the communities of South East Queensland and beyond.

**Songs of Sun and Sea – Lord Mayor's Community Trust Fundraiser Sunday 29 November, 2:00pm
Brisbane City Hall, Main Auditorium**

Conductor > Philip Davis
Programme > Tchaikovsky *Nutcracker suite*, Handel *Royal Fireworks Music*, Chabrier *España*,
Britten *Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes*

Tickets \$25 Adult, \$20 Concessions (further concessions may apply).

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