

# **MEDIA RELEASE**



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## **Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra features in Southern Tablelands Festival of Australian Music**

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra (SSSO) will head to Goulburn next week to feature in a concert highlighting several Australian composers as part of the *Southern Tablelands Festival of Australian Music and Arts*.

The 7 November concert at the magnificent St Saviour's Cathedral will feature several pieces by acclaimed Australian composers, including the second ever orchestral performance of SSSO Principal Conductor and Musical Director Sven Libaek's *Concerto for Harmonica*.

Sven Libaek will conduct the First Movement of the concerto, which will feature soloist Robert Gillett. In addition to several Australian works, the orchestra will also present a preview of its forthcoming 19 December concert at Sutherland Entertainment Centre, *A Beethoven Christmas*, featuring the great composer's rousing *Symphony No. 5*.

"Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra is very pleased to be participating for the first time in the *Southern Tablelands Festival of Australian Music and Arts*," Mr Libaek said.

"As a composer, I find it pleasing to be involved in a program that so eloquently showcases many fine works – several of which will be played in the presence of, or conducted by, the talented artists that wrote them."

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1970 and is southern Sydney's only community orchestra. Over the past 34 years, it has developed to become one of Australia's most prestigious community orchestras and a major training orchestra for young musicians.

The concert at Goulburn will begin at 2.30pm. Tickets costs \$20 and can be purchased by contacting Festival Director, Paul Paviour, on 4821 2450. Mr Paviour will also be conducting one of his works, *The Singing Continent*, as part of the concert.

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra is generously supported by Sutherland Shire Council and the Australian Performing Rights Association (APRA). For more information about the orchestra, visit [www.sssso.org/](http://www.sssso.org/).

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