

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra Inc.

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Tune into orchestral favourites with Sutherland Shire Symphony

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra (SSSO) is serving up a feast of favourites to start its 2004 concert season next month, with Borodin, Bizet and more on the menu.

Southern Sydney's only community symphony orchestra will take to the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on Sunday, 21 March 2004 at 2.30pm with **SSSO Favourites**, under the baton of Musical Director and Resident Conductor, Sven Libaek.

Highlights of the **SSSO Favourites** program will include Bizet's rousing *Carmen Suite*, the prelude to Wagner's *Tristan and Isolde* and Moussorgsky's *Night on Bare Mountain*. In addition to the full-bodied pieces, some lighter works will also feature including Leroy Anderson's *Chicken Reel*. The concert will climax with Coates's famous *Dam Busters* march.

"**SSSO Favourites** is a fantastic program to start the Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra's concert series for 2004," said Mr Libaek. "With such a variety of works in this program, there is sure to be something to please everyone.

"The orchestra has been working very hard over summer to bring **SSSO Favourites** together. We hope our audience will enjoy this selection as much as we are enjoying preparing the concert, which we look forward to presenting on March 21."

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1970. 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 orchestra performs a series of four concerts each year in Sutherland and regularly tours to other centres around NSW as well.

Sven Libaek first conducted the Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra in 1975, and took over as resident conductor in 1996. A graduate of the famous Julliard School in New York, Mr Libaek is an internationally renowned composer of film and television scores. He was a leading composer for the animation company, Hanna-Barbera, and has worked with many artists including Neil Diamond and Lionel Ritchie.

Tickets for **SSSO Favourites** are available by contacting Sutherland Entertainment Centre on 9521 8888 and cost \$18 for adults and \$15 for concessions plus booking fee (primary school children accompanied by an adult are admitted free). Sutherland Entertainment Centre is located in Eton Street, Sutherland.

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra is generously supported by Sutherland Shire Council. For more information about the orchestra, visit www.sssso.org/

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Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra
SSSO Favourites – Full Concert Program
21 March 2004 – 2.30pm

Aram Khachaturian, **Adagio** from *Spartacus*

Eric Coates, *Knightsbridge March*

Leroy Anderson, *The Waltzing Cat*

Georges Bizet, **Suite** from *Carmen*

Alexander Borodin, **Polovtsian Dances** from *Prince Igor*

Modest Moussorgsky, *Night on Bald Mountain*

Richard Wagner, *Tristan and Isolde* (Prelude from Act 1)

Leroy Anderson, *Chicken Reel*

Jules Massenet, **Meditation** from *Thais*

Eric Coates, *The Dam Busters March*