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Spend *An Afternoon with Amadeus* and the Sutherland Shire Symphony

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra (SSSO) will launch its 2005 concert series next month with a splendid selection of W.A. Mozart's world-famous works in *An Afternoon with Amadeus*.

An Afternoon with Amadeus will bring the magic of Mozart to life, featuring such well-loved pieces as *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* and the Overture from *Marriage of Figaro*. Talented young local pianist, Andre D'Azevedo, will perform the Piano *Concerto No. 19 in F Major* as featured soloist.

Southern Sydney's only community symphony orchestra will take to the Sutherland Entertainment Centre stage on Sunday, 17 April 2005 at 2.30pm, under the baton of Musical Director and Resident Conductor, Sven Libaek.

"Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra looks forward to welcoming our audience in 2005 with a concert that pays tribute to one of the world's most endeared, and enduring, composers," said Mr Libaek.

"We are also pleased to have Andrew D'Azevedo joining us as soloist for the first time. *An Afternoon with Amadeus* promises to be a great experience for the many admirers of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and will also be a fine introduction for people not so versed in his works to get acquainted with this legendary composer."

Andrew D'Azevedo started music lessons at the age of five, and is currently studying under the tutelage of Gerard Willems at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Andrew joined the Youth Access Program at the Conservatorium in 2003 and held a scholarship in 2004, the same year he won the Sutherland Shire and St George Youth Music Awards.

Andrew is also a talented composer. His 2004 prize-winning *Theme et Variations*, a composition for two pianos, was performed in the Oceania Junior Original Concert in Singapore. Other compositions have also been performed in international concerts in Sydney and Taiwan.

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1970. Over the past 35 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.

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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.

Several of Sven's compositions are featured on the soundtrack to Wes Anderson's latest movie, *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*, which recently opened world wide, including in Australia.

Tickets for *An Afternoon with Amadeus* are available by contacting Sutherland Entertainment Centre on 9521 8888. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$17 for concessions (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/

Afternoon with Amadeus – Full Concert Program

- W. A. Mozart: Overture to *Marriage of Figaro*
 - W. A. Mozart: *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, K.525
 - W. A. Mozart: *Piano Concerto No.19 in F Major*, K.459,
Soloist: Andrew D'Azevedo, piano
 - W. A. Mozart: *Symphony No.38 in D major*, K.504
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