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Sutherland Shire Symphony celebrates spring with *The Great Masters*

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra will welcome Spring with a rousing selection of works celebrating ***The Great Masters*** of the classical repertoire next month (10 September).

Principal Conductor and Musical Director Sven Libaek will lead the Shire's only community orchestra through an exciting program of works including Rachmaninov's legendary *Piano Concerto No. 3* at Sutherland Entertainment Centre at **2.30pm on Sunday, 10 September**.

The Great Masters will take our audience on an incredible journey of some really dramatic works that are familiar to us all," Mr Libaek said.

"In addition to the Rachmaninov *Piano Concerto No. 3*, we will feature Brahms' *Academic Festival Overture* and Schubert's *Symphony No. 7 – The Great*.

"The Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra is really excited about presenting this fantastic program, and we are looking very forward to welcoming our guest soloist, pianist Bruce Pass, who is sure to thrill with his extraordinary interpretation of the famous '*Rach 3*,'" Mr Libaek said.

Bruce Pass studied at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music with Elizabeth Powell and Phillip Shovk. With assistance from the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust, Bruce continued his studies at the Hochschule für Musik "Franz Liszt" in Weimar, Germany. During his studies abroad, Bruce also actively participated in the Masterclasses of legendary pianists Lazar Berman and Paul Badura-Skoda.

Bruce has given radio broadcasts for ABC Classic FM and 2MBS-FM, and has performed as a concerto soloist and recitalist in the United Kingdom, Holland and Germany, including several recitals in Liszt's *Villa Altenburg*.

Bruce also performs regularly throughout Australia and in 2006 will feature in diverse concerts including an all-Schubert recital as a part of *St Stephen's Friday Music* and *Approaching Dawn* at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1970. Over the past 36 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.

Tickets for ***The Great Masters*** cost \$20 for adults and \$17 for concessions, with primary schoolchildren accompanied by an adult admitted FREE! Tickets are available by contacting Sutherland Entertainment Centre on 9521 8888. The Centre is located at 30 Eton Street, Sutherland.

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

The Great Masters – Full concert program

- Johannes Brahms: *Academic Festival Overture*
- Sergei Rachmaninov: *Piano Concerto No.3*, Op. 30
soloist Bruce Pass, piano
- Franz Peter Schubert: *Symphony No.7* in C Major, "*The Great*"