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*Divine solos, a whip-cracking cinematic classic, international masterpieces, musical fusion and more...
Fantastic February marks the beginning of QSO's extraordinary year of music.*

This February, three flagship music events with the QSO herald the beginning of Season 2016 – it begins with the cinematic classic, ***Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark***, with QSO performing John Williams' epic, Academy Award-nominated score live to the film on February 6; followed by the cross-cultural *Chinese New Year* musical celebration ***The Year of the Monkey*** on February 11; and as the February finale, and to officially open the magnificent Maestro Series, newly appointed Music Director designate the acclaimed **Alondra de la Parra** will conduct **QSO Plays Mahler 2** on February 27.

***Raiders of the Lost Ark* – February 6**

Live in concert with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra

The hat, the whip and the wit are back, and make for a cracking start to QSO's Season 2016! To mark the 35th anniversary of the original great adventure - *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark* – QSO will perform John Williams' epic score live to the screening of the film at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. It's the adventure of a lifetime - an orchestral film event that travels from Nepal to Cairo, and promises death defying acts of heroism, fantastical mythology and just the right amount of romance amidst a series of perilous events.

Date: Saturday 6 February, 2016, 7:30pm

Location: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Merivale St & Glenelg Street, South Brisbane

Tickets: Starting from \$59*

Info: qso.com.au/raiders

*Venue partner: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. *Price based on Adult C Reserve tickets. A Ticketek service/delivery fee from \$6.20 per transaction applies.*

QSO presents WorldBeat 2016 - *The Year of the Monkey* concert – February 11

It's a musical adventure that will take audiences to China for a *Chinese New Year* celebration like no other. Part of the WorldBeat Series, *The Year of the Monkey* on Thursday 11 February at Brisbane City Hall promises a joyous program featuring a fusion of traditional Chinese music, great western masterworks and the contemporary genius of **Qigang Chen's** dazzling *Reflet d'un temps disparu (Reflection of a vanished time)* for cello and orchestra. Led by conductor **Darrell Ang**, the concert will also feature **Li-Wei Qin** on cello, **Ma Xiaohui** on one of China's most significant instruments, the erhu, **Yingdi Sun** on piano and mezzo soprano **Aoyun Gerile**.

Date: Thursday 11 February, 2016, 7:30pm

Location: Brisbane City Hall, 64 Adelaide St, Brisbane

Tickets: Starting from \$72*

Info: qso.com.au

Patron: His Excellency Mr Ma Zhaoxu, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Australia.

The WorldBeat series is proudly supported by Brisbane City Council and Lexus of Brisbane.

**Price based on Concession tickets. A \$6.20 fee applies per transaction.*

QSO Plays Mahler 2, conducted by Alondra de la Parra

The stunning February performance marks the official opening of the acclaimed Maestro Series and will see the QSO's recently appointed Music Director designate, the extraordinarily talented **Alondra de la Parra** lead the Orchestra in Mahler's Symphony No.2 on Saturday February 27. This performance features renowned mezzo

soprano **Jennifer Johnston** along with soprano **Dominique Fegan** and **The Australian Voices**, in their first performance as QSO's 2016 Ensemble-in-Residence.

Mahler's *Resurrection* Symphony is hailed as one of the most profound musical statements ever composed, with the first movement in particular, celebrated for its incredible climax and subsequent devastating effect. Regarded by many as the pinnacle of all symphonies, this concert is the ultimate orchestral experience, featuring divine solos, a duet for mezzo and soprano, a chorus and a huge orchestra of more than 100 musicians.

For those wanting to immerse themselves even deeper into the musical masterpiece that is Mahler's Symphony No.2, a pre-concert talk will take place at 6:30pm prior to the concert.

Saturday 27 February, 2016, 7:30pm

Location: Concert Hall, QPAC, Corner Melbourne St and Grey St, South Brisbane

Tickets: Starting from \$83*

Info: qso.com.au

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