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WELCOME

I warmly welcome you to our final major program for 2020, this year which has been so strange and so difficult for many of us.

But, during the difficult times there was always music – online at first, and then performed in our gardens and then finally back on stage. We invite you to celebrate with us the joy of performing live music again – the joy of performing at full strength and freedom in our Concert Hall; the joy of playing music which is laden with inspiration and feeling, and evocative of the far away as well as the close at hand.

I feel that the Orchestra is playing as well as it ever has, despite the many months in which we could not perform together and felt isolated from both our fellow musicians, and from you, our audiences. I admire all of our musicians for their tenacity and dedication to their art in the face of a bleak few months in which we feared we may never perform again. Yet, here we are and who better to lead us again, and take us into our final concert for 2020, than our Conductor Laureate Johannes Fritzsch. Since his first appearance some fifteen years ago, he has consistently set a standard of style and excellence which has been a major building force in our playing.

In this concert, Maestro Fritzsch takes us through Beethoven's mighty Emperor Concerto and Respighi's reverent *Pines of Rome*. We hope this music moves and stirs you as much as it does us in playing it. We can't wait to see you next year.

Warwick Adeney

Concertmaster

PROGRAM

FRI 20 NOV 7.30PM SAT 21 NOV 3PM & 8PM

Beethoven Piano Concerto No.5 in E flat, Op.73 (*Emperor*)

Respighi Pines of Rome (Pini di Roma)

Relive this concert on ABC Classic on 13 December at 12pm (AEDT).

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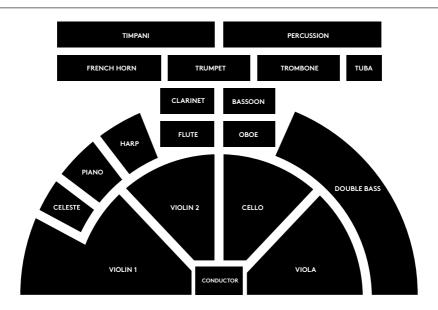
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Orchestras sit in sections based on types of instruments. There are four main sections in the symphony orchestra (strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion) and sometimes a keyboard section.

STRINGS

These instruments produce sound by bowing or plucking stretched strings.

First / Second Violin

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

Harp

WOODWIND

Wind instruments produce sound by being blown into.

Flute/Piccolo

Clarinet / E-flat Clarinet / Bass Clarinet

Oboe/Cor Anglais

Bassoon/Contrabassoon

KEYBOARD

Keyboard instruments are played by pressing keys.

Piano

Celeste

BRASS

Brass players create sound by vibrating their lips. When this vibration is pushed through large brass tubes, it can create significant noise.

French Horn

Trumpet

Trombone/Bass Trombone

Tuba

PERCUSSION

These instruments create sound by being struck or, for the harp, plucked or strummed. Some instruments just make a sound; others play particular notes.

Timpani, Bass drum, Snare drum, Cymbals, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Tam-tam, Triangle, Sleigh Bells

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Mitchell Leigh ^

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[^] Acting Principal

DEFINITION OF TERMS

The following terms appear in bold the first time they appear in the listening guide.

Octave an octave is an interval whose higher note has a sound-wave

frequency of vibration twice that of its lower note.

Cadenza an improvised or written-out passage of music played by a soloist.

Thematic in music a theme is what a composition is usually built from-

a recognisable melody or a characteristic rhythmic pattern.

Symphonic poem a piece of orchestral music that illustrates, evokes or is based on

a narrative like a story or a poem.

Librettist a person who writes the text of an opera.





Pictured: Matthew Kinmont

LISTENING GUIDE

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Piano Concerto No.5 in E flat, Op.73 (Emperor)

I. Allegro

II. Adagio un poco mosso

III. Rondo: Allegro

Beethoven's five piano concertos were written over a period of 15 years, from around 1794 to 1809. This was precisely the time that Vienna-built pianos were transformed on a number of fronts: they became larger and heavier and sustained ever greater tension; levers were replaced by pedals; double stringing gave way to triple stringing, and the strings themselves became sturdier. By the time we arrive at the Piano Concerto No.5, we encounter an instrument considerably more robust and broader in compass – it has a six-octave range - than the piano Beethoven started out with. Against this background, we might better understand the virtuosic, wide-ranging flourishes at the opening of the Fifth. Think of the opening cadenza as Beethoven test-driving a Ferrari, putting this magnificent, new machine (and a piano, with its thousands of moving parts is, after all, a machine) through its paces. During the course of the Allegro we traverse the entire compass of the now enlarged keyboard (the piano was extended into the upper range in particular) and are left in no doubt as to the instrument's brilliance and versatility with full, powerful chords in both hands, double octaves, broken octaves, scales moving in contrary directions and delicate trills right at the top of the range. Not only is the instrument grand, so too is the movement's principal thematic material, which finds its perfect home in the key of E flat, Beethoven's 'heroic' key since the epic Symphony No.3, Eroica, of 1805.

But it is amazing how Beethoven can so easily cast his muscular swagger to one side and produce something as sensitive and dreamy as the slow movement, Adagio un poco mosso. Soft, muted strings set the scene and the piano (marked pianissimo, espressivo) presents a descending ornamental line of simple and tender beauty, falling droplets of tranquil abandon. Here, the listener is invited to turn inwards and contemplate the ineffable. The key, B major, is an unexpected one and requires some harmonic sidestepping to return us, without a break, to the heroic key of E flat for the Rondo finale. An ebullient mood immediately takes hold with a powerfully articulated, joyous theme pushed along by a strong, two-in-a-bar dance metre. The piano reaches stratospheric heights in places (maybe not the top of a modern piano but right at the limit of Beethoven's instrument) and indulges in playful repartee with the orchestra, eventually handing the reins over to the orchestra after a final dash up the keyboard.

Alone among Beethoven's piano concertos, the Fifth was premiered with a pianist other than the composer. Beethoven's performing career was effectively over by this stage, given his extensive hearing loss. Also alone among Beethoven's piano concertos, the Fifth was not premiered in Vienna but, rather, in Leipzig, with the Gewandhaus Orchestra and pianist Friedrich Schneider, in 1811. Finally, a word on the nickname, 'Emperor'. It was not Beethoven's doing but was cooked up by his London publisher. Essentially, it was a marketing strategy: attach the word 'Emperor' and it will be assumed to be king among concertos

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LISTENING GUIDE

Ottorino Respighi (1879-1936)

Pines of Rome (Pini di Roma)

- I. The pines of the Villa Borghese
- II. Pines near a catacomb
- III. The pines of the Janiculum
- IV. The pines of the Appian Way

Ottorino Respighi left his native Bologna in early 1913 to take up the position of professor of composition at the Santa Cecilia Conservatorium in Rome. The sheer scale of the Eternal City overwhelmed him and, although he had plenty of friends and activities to keep him occupied, Respighi struggled to settle in, enduring severe bouts of melancholy for several years.

According to Elsa Olivieri Sangiacomo, a student of Respighi's at the Conservatorium who became his wife and biographer, the symphonic poem Fountains of Rome (1916) proved cathartic. The success of that work put Respighi's career on the map in Italy and abroad. But it also marked a new chapter in the composer's life and a newfound happiness in his adopted hometown where he would live and work until his death.

Fountains also served as the template for Pines of Rome (1924) and Roman Festivals (1928), the subsequent instalments in the so-called Roman trilogy that reflect, in Elsa's words, 'how Respighi saw and felt the varied spirit of Rome'.

Claudio Guastalla, **librettist** of a number of Respighi's operas, wrote the 'captions' which appear at the front of the score of Pines of Rome - but only after the work was completed:

I. The pine trees of the Villa Borghese

Children are at play in the pine groves of Villa Borghese [the traditional children's song Madama Doré]; they dance round in circles, they play at soldiers, marching and fighting, they are wrought up by their own cries like swallows at evening, they come and go in swarms. Suddenly the scene changes, and

II. Pine trees near a catacomb

we see the shade of the pine trees fringing the entrance to a catacomb. From the depth there rises the sound of mournful psalm-singing, floating through the air like a solemn hymn [the Advent plainchant Veni, veni, Emmanuel], and gradually and mysteriously dispersing.

III. The pine trees of the Janiculum

A quiver runs through the air: the pine trees of the Janiculum stand distinctly outlined in the clear light of a full moon. A nightingale is singing [this is the first instance of a prerecorded sound forming part of a musical score].

IV. The pine trees of the Appian Way

Misty dawn on the Appian Way: solitary pine trees guarding the magic landscape; the muffled, ceaseless rhythm of unending footsteps. The poet had a fantastic vision of bygone glories: trumpets sound and, in the brilliance of the newly-risen sun, a consular army bursts forth towards the Sacred Way, mounting in triumph to the Capitol.

Given Respighi's success - he is one of the best-loved, most-often recorded and widely performed of all composers of the 20th century - it now seems extraordinary that the BBC had banned his music during the Second World War for its supposedly protofascist connotations. The fourth movement of the Pines, together with the more overtly triumphal Roman Festivals, are often pointed to as evidence of Respighi's sympathy for the Fascist glorification of the Rome of Empire. However, any objective reading of the composer's letters, public statements or the accounts of those who knew him suggest such claims are fanciful.

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES



Johannes Fritzsch Conductor Laureate

Maestro Johannes Fritzsch recently held the position of Chief Conductor of the Grazer Oper and Grazer Philharmonisches Orchester, Austria. From 2008-2014, he was Chief Conductor of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra; as Conductor Laureate, he continues his relationship with the QSO. In 2017, he was appointed inaugural Principal Guest Conductor of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.

Johannes Fritzsch was born in Meissen. Germany, in 1960. He received his first musical tuition in piano and organ from his father, a Cantor and Organist. He also studied violin and trumpet. His higher education was received at the Carl Maria von Weber Music Academy in Dresden, majoring in conducting and piano.

In 1982, after completing his studies, Maestro Fritzsch was appointed 2nd Kapellmeister (Conductor) at the Volkstheater in Rostock. In 1987, Mo. Fritzsch accepted the position of Kapellmeister with the Staatsoper Dresden, Semperoper, where he conducted more than 350 opera and ballet performances within five years. In 1992/3 he worked as 1st Kapellmeister at the Staatsoper Hannover. During that time, Mo. Fritzsch was appointed Chief Conductor and Artistic Director at the Städtische Bühnen and the Philharmonisches Orchester in Freiburg. There he remained until 1999 enjoying widespread acclaim.

Mo. Fritzsch has performed with many orchestras, both within Germany and internationally. These include: Hamburger Sinfoniker, Düsseldorfer Sinfoniker, Philharmonie Essen, Nationaltheater-Orchester Mannheim, Staatskapelle Schwerin, Berliner Sinfonie Orchester, Staatskapelle Dresden, Norddeutsche Philharmonie Rostock, Staatsorchester Halle, the Swedish Radio Orchestra, the Norwegian Radio Orchestra, the Danish Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestre Philharmonique Strassbourg, the Orchestra National de Montpellier, the Orchestra National du Capitole de Toulouse, the Sydney, Melbourne, Tasmanian, Queensland and West Australian Symphony Orchestras and Orchestra Victoria.

Opera Companies with which he has worked include: Sächsische Staatsoper Dresden, Opernhaus Köln, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Komische Oper Berlin, Opera Bastille Paris, Grazer Oper, the Royal Opera Stockholm, Malmö Operan and Opera Australia in Sydney and Melbourne (including Wozzeck, Don Giovanni, Carmen, Tosca, Rigoletto, Salome, Der Rosenkavalier).

In 2018, Johannes Fritzsch conducted The Flying Dutchman for Staatsoper Hamburg, The Cunning Little Vixen for West Australian Opera, Don Giovanni for Opera Queensland and made major appearances with Xi'an Symphony Orchestra, Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, Orchestra Victoria and the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra. He returned to Opera Australia in 2019 to conduct Salome and Adelaide to conduct Vixen.

Mo. Fritzsch lives with his wife, Australian violinist Susan Collins, and their three daughters in Hobart where he works as adjunct Professor for the University of Tasmania, Conservatorium of Music and as course leader of the newly-created Australian Conducting Academy in collaboration with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.



Pictured: Conductor Laureate Johannes Fritzsch

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Daniel de Borah Piano

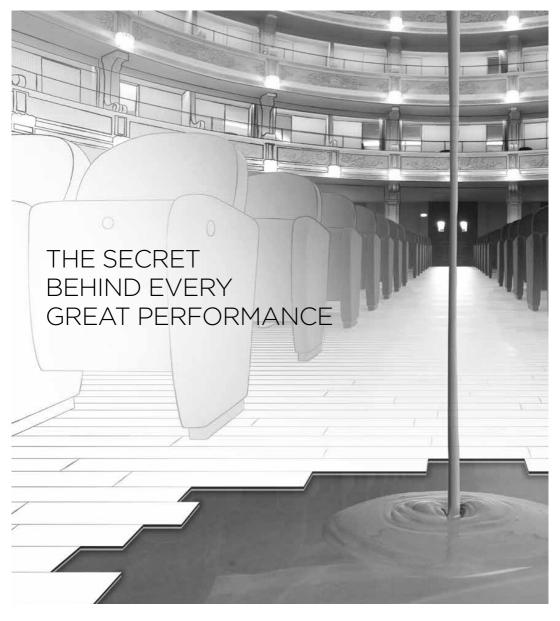
Daniel de Borah is recognised as one of Australia's foremost musicians. consistently praised for the grace, finesse and imaginative intelligence of his performances. His busy performance schedule finds him equally at home as concerto soloist, recitalist and chamber musician.

Since his prize-winning appearances at the 2004 Sydney International Piano Competition, Daniel has given recitals on four continents and toured extensively throughout the United Kingdom and Australia. As a concerto soloist, he has appeared with the English Chamber Orchestra, London Mozart Players, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Australian Chamber Orchestra and the Sydney. Melbourne, Adelaide and Auckland Symphony Orchestras.

An avid chamber musician, Daniel has enjoyed fruitful collaborations with many leading soloists including Vadim Gluzman, Andrew Haveron, Baiba Skride, Li-Wei Qin, Nicolas Altstaedt, Umberto Clerici, Roderick Williams, Steve Davislim and Andrew Goodwin. His festival appearances have included the Musica Viva Festival, Adelaide Festival, Huntington Estate Music Festival and the Australian Festival of Chamber Music. Daniel is a founding member of Ensemble Q, ensemble-in-residence at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University since 2017.

During his studies Daniel won numerous awards including 3rd Prizes at the 2004 Sydney International Piano Competition, the 2001 Tbilisi International Piano Competition and the 2000 Arthur Rubinstein in Memoriam Competition in Poland. In 2005, he was selected for representation by the Young Classical Artists Trust, London. Daniel is also a past winner of the Australian National Piano Award and the Royal Overseas League Piano Award in London.

Born in Melbourne in 1981, Daniel studied at the Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest, the St. Petersburg State Conservatory and the Royal Academy of Music, London. His teachers have included Zsuzsa Esztó, Mira Jevtic, Nina Seryogina, Tatyana Sarkissova and Alexander Satz. Daniel now lives in Brisbane where he serves as Head of Chamber Music at the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University.



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