

The Queensland Orchestra

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HOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW

Stephen Hough & *Scheherazade* | Saturday, June 27

Critically-acclaimed, super-virtuoso Stephen Hough will perform with The Queensland Orchestra at the QPAC Concert Hall at 8pm, Saturday, June 27 in 'Stephen Hough & *Scheherazade*'.

The English-born classical pianist, composer and writer has a reputation for championing technically difficult works and will perform Tchaikovsky's Concert Fantasy for piano and orchestra.

Often referred to as an musical alchemist, Hough was awarded a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship in 2001, joining prominent scientists, writers and others who have made unique contributions to contemporary life.

Director of Artistic Planning/Administration for The Queensland Orchestra, Richard Wenn, describes Stephen Hough as one of the most exciting and gifted virtuoso pianists in the world today.

"His numerous award winning recordings and his championship of long neglected masterpieces sets him apart from his contemporaries," said Mr Wenn.

"He has a phenomenal technique and beautiful tonal palette that will perfectly match the demands of Tchaikovsky's glittering Concert Fantasy," said Mr Wenn.

The performance will be led by dynamic Maestro Marko Letonja, and will also feature Prelude to Khovanshchina by Mussorgsky and the famous *Scheherazade* by Rimsky-Korsakov.

"*Scheherazade* is one of the all time favourites of every orchestra and audiences alike, who adore the great Russian repertory from Mussorgsky, Tchaikovsky and Rimsky Korsakov," said Mr Wenn.

'These three composers represent the cornerstones of Russian music and programmed together will create an unforgettable evening in the concert hall,' said Mr Wenn.

Tickets for the fifth Maestro Series concert, Stephen Hough & *Scheherazade*, are on sale now through Qtix.com.au or by calling 136 246.

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As part of the Maestro Series, My Taste In Music offers special dining deals for Maestro patrons. For Maestro 5, present your ticket at *Bistro Allure*, The Sebel & Citigate King George Square Brisbane, Cnr Ann & Roma Street, to receive a free glass of wine with any main meal purchased.

Concert Details

MAESTRO 5

Stephen Hough & *Scheherazade*

8pm, Saturday, June 27

QPAC Concert Hall

Conductor Marko Letonja
Piano Stephen Hough

Mussorgsky Prelude to Khovanshchina
Tchaikovsky Concert Fantasy Op.56
Rimsky-Korsakov *Scheherazade* –
Symphonic Suite after 1001 Nights, Op.35

Stephen Hough and Richard Wenn are both available for interviews

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