

MEDIA RELEASE



1 FEBRUARY, 2012

QSO SHOWCASING THE FUTURE HEROES OF MUSIC

Queensland Symphony Orchestra presents

EDUCATION – SECONDARY SHOWCASE – SYMPHONIC SPECTACULAR

Featuring conductor Luke Dollman and the Young Instrumentalist Competition Winner

11am, Wednesday 7 March QPAC Concert Hall Years 10-12, Duration 75 minutes Tickets qtx 136 246

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO) will soon be introduced to a young musical hero with a performance showcasing the winner of the Young Instrumentalist Competition (YIC).

The YIC winner will be announced on Monday 20 February and will perform in the Orchestra's Symphonic Spectacular concert proudly co-produced by QPAC in the Concert Hall on Wednesday 7 March at 11am.

The Symphonic Spectacular will follow the theme of musical heroes with the Orchestra performing repertoire from famous superhero soundtracks including *Superman* and *Lord of the Rings*.

"We aimed to have this year's theme represent the power and ambition that we see in the aspiring musicians who enter this competition," the QSO's Education Liaison Officer Samantha Cockerill said.

Each year the QSO holds the YIC competition for Queensland secondary students performing on an orchestral instrument. This year there has been an increase in the number of entrants with 22 students playing over a range of instruments including flute, clarinet, oboe, alto saxophone, french horn, trombone, cello and violin.

These entrants will audition on Monday 6 February in front of a judging panel involving the QSO's Artistic Director Richard Wenn, members of the Orchestra and prominent musicians and educators including university professors.

From the 22 entrants, five or six students will go through to the second round recital at 6:30pm on Monday 20 February in the QSO Ferry Road Studio. Tickets to this recital are free, however seating is limited and it is essential to RSVP to sam.cockerill@qso.com.au. The recital will conclude with the 2012 YIC Winner announcement.

Thanks to the Anthony Camden Foundation and the National Instrument Bank, selected students throughout the YIC will be loaned a number of fine instruments including a French violin from the mid-nineteenth century.

The 2011 YIC competition was filmed and produced by local company QPIX through funding from the Australia Council for the Arts – Digital Arts funding grant. This film was created into a documentary titled *Prelude* and was screened at the Brisbane International Film Festival last year. To view the *Prelude* preview visit www.youtube.com/user/QSOchestra.

Symphonic Spectacular repertoire includes excerpts from:

R. STRAUSS *Also sprach Zarathustra*

KODALY *Háry János*-Suite

GRIEG *Peer Gynt*-Suite No.1

PROKOFIEV *Lieutenant Kije*-Suite

COPLAND *Fanfare for the Common Man*

WILLIAMS *Superman*, March

HINDSON *Homage to Metallica*

SHORE *Lord of the Rings* – Symphonic Suite

WAGNER *Die Walküre*, Ride of the Valkyries

SYMPHONIC SPECTACULAR, 7 March - BOOKINGS: qtix 136 246 or visit www.qtix.com.au

Tickets from \$10 plus booking fees.

Second Round Recital, 20 February – RSVP to sam.cockerill@qso.com.au

Visit www.qso.com.au for a full list of concert events and booking information.

-Ends-

For more information, images and interview opportunities please contact:

Kendal Alderman

Marketing and Media Relations Officer

Queensland Symphony Orchestra
T: (07) 3833 5046
E: kendal.alderman@qso.com.au



2011 YIC Winner – Catherina Lee