Mahler Nine

QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

28 & 29 NOV 2025

CONCERT HALL, QPAC

ENTS WELCOME IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE ORCHESTRA WHO'S ON STAGE LISTENING GUIDE ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES 22 MUSICIANS & MANAGEMENT

Queensland Symphony Orchestra provides a spoken Acknowledgement of Country at the beginning of each concert to encourage awareness and to demonstrate our respect for First Nations cultures and traditions, as well as signalling our commitment to a more inclusive and equitable society. We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of Meanjin where we work, rehearse and perform; the Turrbal and Yuggera peoples, whose deep connection to this land reminds us to always protect and care for it.

Queensland Symphony Orchestra acknowledges the traditional custodians of Australia.

We acknowledge the cultural diversity of Elders, both past and present, and the significant contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples make to Queensland and Australia.

QSO FIRST NATIONS ARTWORK WHO WE ARE

The First Nations artwork that appears on QSO attire is reprinted with permission and drawn from Who We Are by Jeremy Donovan. Jeremy speaks about the work here:

"This artwork was commissioned to capture and reflect the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO). Painted in the office of the QSO, I had the unique opportunity to engage with musicians, QSO staff, and supporters. The painting was influenced by these conversations and interactions. This painting depicts the whole of the QSO. In each individual panel, the Orchestra is depicted using different colours to reflect the roles and the variety of instruments played. The central panel features the hands around the orchestra, which is symbolic of the people who come to experience the QSO and the music. Blue features across all three panels and represents the land on which the QSO is based, and pays respect to both the Turrbal and Yuggera peoples, and the custodianship of this beautiful region.

Greens are the mountains and the rainforests of Queensland. Fine detail within the greens is symbolic of our Far North Queensland Shield designs. There are three of these on the middle panel; they are our Elders and are symbolic of three individuals who were just acknowledged for their 40-year service to the orchestra. Across the top of the painting, the fine white dot work is symbolic of the Dark Sparkles (Milky Way) in the sky—a Dreaming story belonging to my family. Beyond the stars are the musical notes silhouetted in the sky, acknowledging that sound is infinite. The seven purple circles on each panel are symbolic of the dedicated teams behind the music. QSO is so much more than what people get to see, hear, and enjoy. There are tireless teams behind the magic of the music. These seven circles are also the Seven Sisters, connecting my Grandmother's Dreaming.

Having spent my career as a musician and artist, and being privileged to play alongside classical and symphony orchestra musicians, the creation of this piece was a special experience."

-Jeremy Donovan



WELCOME

Tonight, the 2025 season comes to a close, and it's only fitting that we end with Mahler's Symphony No.9. The last symphony that he completed, the piece will take you on a journey through the latter part of Mahler's life, written in his late 40s as he came to terms with the loss of his young daughter and a betrayal by his wife. Symphony No.9 encapsulates every emotion, every instrument to its fullest potential, incorporating all elements of his life.

Mahler wrote his last symphony locked away in a cabin in complete solitude. He contemplated existential questions and composed music about the richness of life before death. From its warm and pastoral beginnings, this turn-of-the-century work dances between turbulence and joy; grief and acceptance.

There is a moment in the fourth movement where there is a shift in perspective, and the music seems to be no longer composed for this world. His time in solitude granted Mahler a divine enlightenment, allowing the vitality of life to shine through in the midst of the tragedy of his personal life.

QSO's 2025 season has marked a journey through spirituality and the world beyond. Mahler's Symphony No.9 exudes spirituality in every sense of the word through all the sorrows and joys of life. We hope tonight you take that journey with us, to end what has been an amazing season of concerts.

We hope you enjoy!



Umberto Clerici QSO Chief Conductor

IN THIS CONCERT

Conductor Umberto Clerici

PROGRAM

MAHLER Symphony No.9 in D

81'

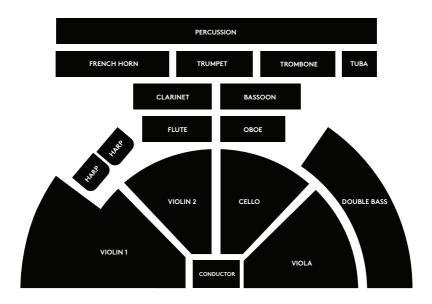
I. Andante comodo

II. Im Tempo eines gemächlichen Ländlers

III. Rondo-Burleske

IV. Adagio

IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE ORCHESTRA



WHO SITS WHERE

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 and 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

Organ

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

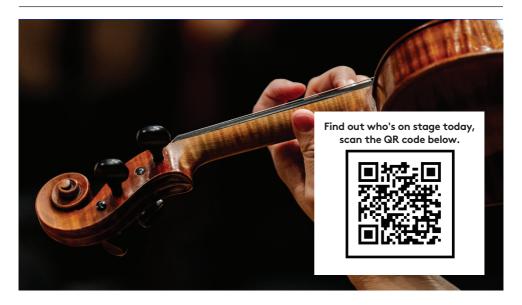
Tuba

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.

WHO'S ON STAGE TODAY



BEFORE WE BEGIN

Before the performance begins, get to know a few musical terms in the Listening Guide.

Movement A symphony is often divided up into different sections, called

> movements. Each section may be played at a different speed to the previous, but carries an overall theme of the symphony

throughout.

Dynamic A marking in the music that indicates what volume it

should be played at.

Fortissimo A passage of music marked to be performed very loudly.

LISTENING GUIDE

GUSTAV MAHLER (1860-1911)

Symphony No.9 in D

I. Andante comodo

II. Im Tempo eines gemächlichen Ländlers

III. Rondo-Burleske

IV. Adagio

Have you ever contemplated the meaning of life? For composer Gustav Mahler, the ideal location for this activity was a little wooden hut in Toblach, surrounded by the mountains that connect Italy with Austria. There, he set out to compose his Symphony No.9 and wrote most of it during the heat of the summer in 1909. Was he happy? On the one hand, he'd recently written to his wife Alma and his friends describing his renewed lust for life. On the other, he wrote letters reflecting on the gloominess of being isolated in the mountain region, without any distractions from the troubles that plagued his spirit. Mahler's ninth symphony gave him space to process and express the conflicting experiences of his life, and it is contagiously stirring. It draws us into a contemplation of our own life's journey as we listen.

Mahler's symphony begins with a pastoral movement, Andante comodo. In English, this translates to a comfortable walking pace, much like the gentle strolls Mahler might have taken around his cabin while cautiously aware of his failing health. The **dynamic** is **pianissimo**, extra soft, with sweet strings and an expressive horn line. We may imagine this as a depiction of the scenic European countryside with wildflowers in full bloom, signifying a celebration of life. Mahler places us at the fresh beginnings of his existential narrative, but the innocence of the music is soon replaced with the imposing sounds of lower strings and brass. This change in mood is the first in our epic musical tale of joy and despair, with each of these feelings expressed to the fullest. The despair may echo that which Mahler felt after his daughter's death in 1907. That year, Mahler had also been pushed out of his job directing the Vienna Court Opera, and was informed he had a heart condition that would eventually prove fatal (his 'Tragic' Symphony No.6, with its epic hammer 'blows of fate', is often considered a premonition of these dramatic events). It's impossible to shy away from the powerful themes Mahler explores in his music. And that's exactly why we're here: to think, feel, and experience such profound emotions alongside each other.

The second movement bears a playfully specific title (*Im Tempo eines gemächlichen Ländlers*) that, when translated into English, describes the leisurely tempo of a countryside waltz, which is to be presented in a rough and clumsy fashion.

LISTENING GUIDE

Despite the clumsy intentions, the rhythm falls cleanly on the beat in ¾ time (if you count 'one, two, three' while you listen, you have a waltz). It's bright and proud, exuding a charming folk-like simplicity. Composers like Mahler (and famously Sibelius, who lived in the same generation) took inspiration from folk themes, romanticising their melodies to create a sense of warmth and nostalgia in their orchestral works. In this movement, musicians respond to a fascinating array of directions from Mahler, ranging from 'ponderous' to 'fluid', as expressed through the words on his manuscript. At times, the movement will sound as simple as a summertime frolic; later, it will take on a whirling carnival-like feel. Individual instruments from across the wind section will flutter and chirp like birds as the movement reaches its bucolic conclusion.

Movement three is a fiery Rondo-Burleske with the words 'sehr trotzig' in its tempo marking, indicating the stubbornness and defiance we can hear in the aggressive string articulations, and the frighteningly assertive brass. Mahler gives one instrument a cynical statement, and then another follows it. It's a heated argument in which each section insists (or mocks, if your interpretation is more sinister) the furious phrase that came before. The disjointed nature of this music eventually gives way to a soaringly romantic and tender theme where tension turns to yearning, for a while.

The fourth and final movement brings us full circle. We began the Ninth with a celebration of life, and now it's time to say goodbye. It is a slow and reserved Adagio, with strings commencing their moving and sombre farewell. 'Esterbend', the composer notes on his page; 'fading away'. But it does not fade away without protest. Before the movement is over, the orchestra will exert all of its strength, playing fortissimo with mighty brass and crashing cymbals to declare a lasting legacy. At the end of this high-impact symphony, Mahler finally instructs his orchestra to play 'mit inniger Empfindung'; with heartfelt sincerity and emotion. These are the very qualities that connect us so intimately with his work.

Mahler's Ninth was the last symphony he ever completed; his Tenth remained unfinished. Many famous composers, from Beethoven to Schubert, died after their ninth symphonies, and Mahler too carried the 'curse of the ninth'. Although he actively tried to avoid the curse by taking a strategic approach to the naming of his orchestral compositions, he could not beat it in the end. He died of his heart condition the year before the premiere of Symphony No.9. His widow Alma initiated the first performance in 1912, and Bruno Walter directed the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra through the existential work. Walter described the quiet touch of the conclusion as clouds dissolving away into the peaceful sky.

©Stephanie Eslake

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY



Umberto Clerici Chief Conductor

After a career spanning more than 20 years as a gifted cello soloist and orchestral musician, Umberto Clerici has consolidated his diverse artistic achievements to rapid acclaim as a conductor. Umberto has been Chief Conductor of Queensland Symphony Orchestra since 2023.

Umberto began his career as a virtuoso cellist making his solo debut at the age of 17 performing Haydn's D Major Cello Concerto in Japan. After years of performing on the stages of the world's most prestigious concert halls, Umberto took up the position of Principal Cello of the Teatro Regio di Torino following which he was Principal Cello of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra from 2014 to 2021.

It was in Sydney in 2018 that Umberto made his conducting debut with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the Sydney Opera House. Following a swift trajectory of prestigious conducting engagements, Umberto is now in high demand across Australia, New Zealand and Europe.

In addition to his role as Chief Conductor of Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Umberto's recent conducting engagements include Elgar's Cello Concerto with Steven Isserlis for the Volksoper Vienna, and debuts with Orchestra del Teatro Massimo in Palermo and Orchestra Regionale Toscana. Umberto has also curated a three-week

series with the Sydney Symphony for 'Symphony Hour' and returned to the podiums of the Dunedin, Melbourne and West Australian Symphony Orchestras.

In November 2024, Queensland Symphony Orchestra announced the extension of Umberto's Chief Conductorship until the end of their Season 2027.

Highlights in 2025 included conducting Daniil Trifonov playing Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.3 with New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, a return to Teatro Massimo in Palermo and his second collaboration with Opera Queensland for which Umberto conducted Puccini's La bohème.

As a cellist, Umberto remains beloved by audiences worldwide, having performed internationally as a soloist at New York's Carnegie Hall, Vienna's Musikverein, the great Shostakovich Hall of St Petersburg, Auditorium Parco della Musica in Rome, the Salzburg Festival and is one of only two Italians to have ever won a prize for cello in the prestigious International Tchaikovsky Competition.

Umberto plays cellos by Matteo Goffriller (made in 1722, Venezia) and Carlo Antonio Testore (made in 1758, Milano).

Supporter Encore



(L) Dr Ruth Gough (R) Professor Ian Gough

Professor Ian Gough AM and Dr Ruth Gough currently support the QSO Academy and Nicholas Mooney, Section Principal French Horn, through the Music Chair Program.

Why do you support QSO?

We have supported the QSO for many years and it is always a joy to hear wonderful music played so skilfully. The teamwork and camaraderie amongst the members of the orchestra is always evident and we particularly enjoy invitations to rehearsals.

An important role of the orchestra is traveling throughout the state's regions spreading education and excellence. They work with schools and now have a QSO Academy to further develop the careers of young musicians.

What would you say to those considering supporting QSO?

The Music Chair Program provides special opportunities to support particular musicians in key positions and to meet other QSO supporters. Formal government funding is not enough, and we would encourage others to keep this valuable cultural treasure thriving.

Please contact the Development team on (07) 3833 5027 or development@qso.com.au to discuss how you, too, can support QSO.



As the festive season draws near, we are reminded of the things we believe in. For some it is that jolly man in the big red suit, for others it is something divine. At Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO), we believe in Australian talent.

If you believe, too, in the value and impact of Australian talent, we would love for you to stand by our side with to continue this important work. A tax-deductible gift this Christmas will help the Orchestra to:

- Illuminate emerging Australian artists at QSO performances
- \bullet Present and commission new works by Australian composers
- \cdot Stage world-premiere performances here in Queensland, and
- \cdot Share uniquely Australian stories and perspectives through music.

Your support can help us set Queensland as the stage for some of Australia's most gifted artists. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to Queensland Symphony Orchestra today.

To donate, please visit or contact:

qso.com.au/ifyoubelieve (07) 3833 5027 or Development@qso.com.au You can also scan the QR code to donate.

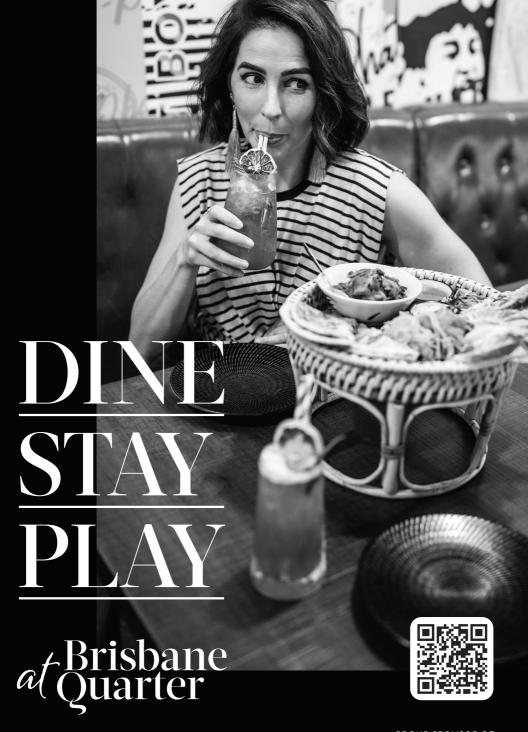


Your trusted advisors for family matters, business, and philanthropy

We've been guiding families and businesses through a range of private law services, from wealth structuring and succession planning to estate management and philanthropic ventures for decades. Our team is here to partner with you in navigating complex legal matters with precision and care – to safeguard your legacy for generations to come.

Proud supporting partner of the QSO Maestro Series





FAREWELL TO ALAN SMITH

Tonight we say farewell to one of the longest-standing members of Queensland Symphony Orchestra, violinist Alan Smith. Alan commenced his career with the QSO in 1985, and his titled positions include Concertmaster, which he held between 1995-2010, and Associate Concertmaster from 2011-2025. Current QSO Concertmaster Natsuko Yoshimoto and former Section Principal 2nd Violin Wayne Brennan share some kind words and fond memories of Alan over the years.z

When Alan returned to Brisbane in 1995 to become Concertmaster of Queensland Symphony Orchestra, he began a tenure that would set a standard and leave a lasting legacy. Both QSO and Brisbane's music community have long valued his exquisite violin playing and leadership.

I have worked closely with Alan for all those years as Principal 2nd Violin and my experiences can be summed up: "His orchestral solos are always impeccable from the very first rehearsal. He listens and doesn't make a fuss. When something needs doing—bowings, balance, and the rest—he just does it, clearly and without drama." This kind of leadership and reliability has set a standard for my career and I am certain for many others as well.

I have come to know both Alan and his wife Jane (Violin 2) as colleagues and friends throughout those years. Their friendship and guidance has been invaluable to me both personally and professionally. I have always appreciated how authentic and genuine Alan is both on and off stage and how that reflects in his leadership – he keeps things simple: his cues are clean, his advice is practical, and he always puts the music first. He is generous with his time to younger players and old hands alike. No big speeches; just small, useful conversations at the right moment.

He also keeps perspective! Side-stage before one concert, with perfect timing, he said to me: "I used to believe as a young boy that my grandmother invented the Granny Smith apple." It broke the tension and made us all smile. That's very Alan—dry, light, and human.

As Alan moves on from QSO, the main thing I want to say is simple: thank you. Thank you for the consistency, the clear example, and the good humour. You've helped raise the floor for all of us, which is the best kind of legacy in an orchestra.

Alan, thank you— for the clarity you bring, the patience you've shown, and the years of music you have poured into this orchestra and this city. As you play tonight, many of us hear ourselves a little differently because of you. Enjoy the future—more chamber music, more teaching and sharing of your knowledge and experience, and more family time.

Wayne Brennan (retired Section Principal 2nd Violin, QSO)

Alan—it has been such pleasure and honour to have been able to share the front desk with you over the last few years!

There are not enough adjectives to describe what an amazing person you are! I was already aware of this "Alan" in my previous life whilst I was the Concertmaster with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. My colleagues there had always spoken so fondly and so highly of you that I was very curious to meet and work with you. And you sure didn't disappoint, The Legend of Alan was true!

To me you are like a big beautiful tree with wealth of experience and strong professionalism at your roots, always there with your calming and grounding presence like the trunk, providing steady and reliable support and guidance to people around you with such warmth, graciousness and kindness like the canopy. It was humbling for me to sit next to you and be able to observe and learn from you!

I also discovered that you have a very cheeky side and love that you always have a twinkle in your eye and enjoyed sharing many laughs together!

So here's to you, Alan— a true legend, a gentleman, a consummate professional, and the most wonderful colleague and friend. Thank you and we wish you the absolute best for your exciting next chapter!

With deep love, respect, and gratitude—huge congratulations on your most remarkable career and an even more so, a remarkable person!

Natsuko Yoshimoto (Concertmaster, QSO)



FAREWELL TO NICHOLAS TOMKIN

From the viola section:

This evening we farewell a long-term colleague from our Viola section. Nicholas (Nicky) Tomkin has been with the orchestra for over 28 years and has had a significant impact on the section. The violas are the heart of the orchestra — warm, steady, and full of character — and Nicky has embodied these qualities throughout his time with us. His musicianship, generosity, and good humour have enriched both the music and the people around him. His presence will be deeply missed, and we wish him all the very best for the next chapter.

As a tribute, some of Nicky's fellow violists share their thoughts and memories below — a glimpse into the warmth and camaraderie that make the section, and Nicky's place within it, so special.

Nicky, you were so very welcoming when I first joined the section and I will miss your positive energy and calm professionalism. I wish you all the best for the next chapter in your life and hope to still see you from time to time!

Nicky, I will miss your elegance.

Nicky, although our paths in the orchestra only briefly crossed, working with you has been a pleasure that I will not forget. Thank you for being so supportive during my trial and first year overall. Thank you as well for always bringing positivity to the section, you will be missed! Best wishes for the future

Nicky, you are one of the nicest people you could ever hope to meet, and it's been a great pleasure enjoying both your cheerful presence and playing music together all these years. I wish you all the very best for the future.

Nicky, thank you for always being so kind and positive - I always love sharing music with you!

Nicky, your bubbly personality is absolutely contagious and working with you has always been such a joy. You will be dearly missed!

Nicky, I will remember your gentle manner from early in my trial, when you queried an articulation, giving young me a moment to check myself, rather than just being corrected. Thank you for being a colleague with whom conversation is meaningful and open. Thank you for the many special chamber and community music collaborations. Thank you for the silent 'I know what you're thinking' moments! May your sense of adventure and curiosity be delighted in the coming months and years. And, may you leave your business class seat to me? Congratulations!

Nicky, all the best for the next chapter in your life. No doubt there will be a lot of continued music-making in a chamber music form.

Nicky, after a remarkable career in QSO, including many years in the Adina Quartet, I wish you, as a much-loved member of our orchestra, all the best in your future endeavours. May they be long and fulfilling.

Nicky leaves behind a legacy of warmth, artistry, and good humour. He'll be deeply missed! Thanks and all the best for the next chapter.



MUSIC CHAIR PROGRAM

Music lovers who support an individual musician's role within the Orchestra. We thank you.

CONCERTMASTER

Natsuko Yoshimoto

Professor Ian Frazer AC and Caroline Frazer Estate of Barbara Jean Hebden Dr Cathryn Mittelheuser AM John Story AO and Georgina Story

ASSOCIATE CONCERTMASTER

Alan Smith

Support this musician

Glenn Christensen

Di Jameson OAM and Frank Mercurio

PRINCIPAL FIRST VIOLIN

Johnny van Gend

In Memory of Dr J F Jones

FIRST VIOLIN

Lynn Cole

Parascos Eagles Family

Ann Holtzapffel

John and Julienne McKenna

Dr Gregory Lee

Helen Sotiriadis and Lionel Poustie

Eliza Scott

Megan and Gerald Arends Rawlings Family

Rebecca Seymour David Miller

Mia Stanton

Dr Pamela Greet and Nicholas Beaton Dr Colin and Noela Kratzing

Brenda Sullivan

In Memory of Heidi and Hans Rademacher Nick Bricknell Will Glynn

Stephen Tooke

Tony and Paticia Keane

Sonia Wilson

Penny Gordon OAM and Dr Susanne Whitehead In Memory of Marjorie Gordon

SECTION PRINCIPAL SECOND VIOLIN

Dr Geoffrey Hirst AM and Dr Sally Wilde In Memory of Doc and Fritzi Hirst

SECOND VIOLIN

Katie Betts

John Story AO and Georgina Story

Jane Burroughs

Dr Graham and Kate Row

Faina Dobrenko

The Curavis Fund

Delia Kinmont

Dr Colin and Noela Kratzing

Natalie Low

Dr Ralph and Susan Cobcroft

Nicholas Penfold

Dorelle Parry Dean Penfold

Helen Travers

Elinor and Anthony Travers

Harold Wilson

Dr Michael Daubney

SECTION PRINCIPAL VIOLA

Imants Larsens

John and Bonnie Bauld

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL VIOLA

Yoko Okayasu

Dr Damien Thomson and Dr Glenise Berry

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL VIOLA

Julian Duthoit

Wain Dennis Family

VIOLA

Charlotte Burbrook de Vere

Dr Pamela Greet and Nicholas Beaton

Nicole Greentree

Shirley Leuthner

Bernard Hoey

Professor Andrew and Jan Cheetham

Kirsten Hulin-Bobart

CP Morris Anonymous

Gregory McNamara

Peterson Family

Ella Pysden

Professor Andrew and Jan Cheetham

Graham Simpson

Alan Galwey

Nicholas Tomkin

David Chew and Tony Rea

SECTION PRINCIPAL CELLO

Hyung Suk Bae

Janine Walker AM and Sam Walker

CELLO

Kathryn Close

Dr Graham and Kate Row

Andre Duthoit

Dr Margaret Soroka

Matthew Jones

John Greenaway

Matthew Kinmont

Dr Julie Beeby David Miller

Kaja Skorka

Will and Lorna Heaslop Robin Spencer Dr Siok Tan

Craig Allister Young

Di Jameson OAM

SECTION PRINCIPAL DOUBLE BASS

Phoebe Russell

Dr Phillip Aitken and Dr Susan Urquhart Alan Symons

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL DOUBLE BASS

Dušan Walkowicz

John Story AO and Georgina Story

DOUBLE BASS

Anne Buchanan

In Memory of Doc and Fritzi Hirst from Geof and Lawrie

Justin Bullock

Michael Kenny

Paul O'Brien

The Curavis Fund

Ken Poggioli

Anne Shipton

SECTION PRINCIPAL FLUTE Alison Mitchell

Alan Symons

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL FLUTE Hayley Radke

Lena Tisdall

PRINCIPAL PICCOLO

Kate Lawson

Dr James R Conner

SECTION PRINCIPAL OBOE

Huw Jones

Support this musician

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL OBOE

Sarah Meagher

Sarah and Mark Combe

OBOE

Alexa Murray

Guy and Kathleen Knopke In Memory of Les Masel

PRINCIPAL COR ANGLAIS

Vivienne Brooke

CP Morris

SECTION PRINCIPAL CLARINET

Irit Silver

Marion Pender, Ewan and Renee Key

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL CLARINET

Brian Catchlove

The K&D/S&R Anketell Foundation

CLARINET

Kate Travers

Dr Julie Beeby

PRINCIPAL BASS CLARINET

Nicholas Harmsen

John Story AO and Georgina Story

SECTION PRINCIPAL BASSOON

Nicole Tait

In Memory of Margaret Mittelheuser AM

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL BASSOON

David Mitchell

John and Helen Keep

BASSOON Evan Lewis

CP Morris

PRINCIPAL CONTRABASSOON Claire Ramuscak

CP Morris

SECTION PRINCIPAL FRENCH HORN

Nicholas Mooney

Ian Gough AM and Ruth Gough

PRINCIPAL FRENCH HORN Ian O'Brien

Ruth H-H

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL FRENCH HORN

Timothy Allen-Ankins

John Story AO and Georgina Story

FRENCH HORN

Vivienne Collier-Vickers

John and Bonnie Bauld

Lauren Manuel

Margaret Pelton

SECTION PRINCIPAL TRUMPET Rainer Saville

Ayn Jay

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL TRUMPET

Richard Madden

Elinor and Anthony Travers

TRUMPET

Alfie Carslake

Will and Lorna Heaslop In Memory of Jean Kratzing Frederick Henderson

SECTION PRINCIPAL TROMBONE

Jason Redman

Frances and Stephen Maitland OAM RFD

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL TROMBONE

Ashley Carter

The K&D/S&R Anketell Foundation In Memory of Nigel Johnston Peterson Family

PRINCIPAL BASS TROMBONE

Nicolas Thomson

Dr Margaret Hammer and Dr Richard Clegg

PRINCIPAL TUBA

Thomas Allely

Louise Goodchild and Jennifer Franklin

PRINCIPAL HARP Emily Granger

Ashby Utting

PRINCIPAL TIMPANI

Tim Corkeron

Dr Philip Aitken and Dr Susan Urquhart Peggy Allen Hayes

SECTION PRINCIPAL PERCUSSION

David Montgomery

Dr Graham and Kate Row

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL PERCUSSION

Josh DeMarchi

Dr Graham and Kate Row

JOIN THE PROGRAM

07 3833 5027

development@qso.com.au qso.com.au/support-us

ANNUAL GIVING

Music lovers who have supported your Orchestra over the last 12 months. We thank you.

ALLEGRO (\$100,000 - \$249,999)

Tim Fairfax AC and Gina Fairfax AC Tim Fairfax Family Foundation Prof. Ian Frazer AC and Caroline Frazer Dr Cathryn Mittelheuser AM Marion Pender, Ewan and Renee Key

CON BRIO (\$50,000 - \$99,999)

Dr Philip Bacon AO In Memory of Heather Grebert Malcolm and Andrea Hall-Brown

INTERMEZZO (\$20,000 - \$49,999)

Birtles Family Foundation In Memory of Mr and Mrs J.C. Overell Dr Graham and Kate Row John B Reid AO and Lynn Rainbow-Reid AM Trevor and Judith St Baker Family Foundation John Story AO and Georgina Story Anonymous (1)

GRAZIOSO (\$10,000 - \$19,999)

(\$10,000 - \$19,999)
Dr Philip Aitken and
Dr Susan Urquhart
The K&D/S&R Anketell
Foundation
John and Bonnie Bauld
Tanya Denning
Eastern Star Foundation
Peggy Allen Hayes
Frederick Henderson
B and D Moore
Morgans Foundation
CP Morris
Parascos Eagles Family

Margaret Pelton
The Honourable
Anthe Philippides
Dr Graham and Kate Row
The Shepherd Family
Foundation
Alan Symons and In
Memory of Bruce Short,
Kevin Woodhouse and
Graham Webster
Siu Family Fund
Lena Tisdall
Tramanco Pty Ltd
Anonymous (4)

VIVACE (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Associate Professor John Allan and Dr Janet Allan David and Judith Beal Dr Julie Beeby Flene Carides Professor Andrew and Jan Cheetham Dr Ralph and Susan Cobcroft Sarah and Mark Combe Dr James R Conner Professor Paul and Ann Crook Dr Frank and In Memory of Dr Ailbhe Cunningham The Curavis Fund Robert Dagworthy AM and Christine Dagworthy Louise Goodchild and Jennifer Franklin Ian Gough AM and Ruth Gough Dr Margaret Hammer and Dr Richard Clega Will and Lorna Heaslop Herbert Heimgartner Frederick Henderson Valmay Hill and Russell Mitchell Dr Geoffrey Hirst AM and

Dr Sally Wilde

Di Jameson OAM Dr Colin and Noela Kratzing Michael and Christine Leah Shirley Leuthner Frances and Stephen Maitland OAM RFD John and Julienne McKenna Rosslyn Walker and David Miller B and D Moore Peterson Family Pukeko Foundation In Memory of Heidi and Hans Rademacher Elinor and Anthony Travers Ashby Utting Anonymous (7)

PRESTO (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Megan and Gerald Arends Hon Martin Daubney AM KC Dr Michael Daubnev Wain Dennis Family Susan Ellis Alan Galwev Dr Edgar Gold and Dr Judith Gold Glen Gole AM and Kaye Gole Penny Gordon OAM and Dr Susanne Whitehead In Memory of Marjorie Gordon John and Lois Griffin Andreas Obermair and Monika Janda Tony and Patricia Keane John and Helen Keep Michael Kenny Diana C S Khursandi Guy and Kathleen Knopke Deborah Terry and Ottmar Lipp Prof Andrew and Kate Lister Dr Les and Pam Masel In Memory of Jolanta Metter Prof G R Nimmo RFD

In Memory of Dr ED Johnston

Dorelle Parry Dean Penfold Rawlings Family

David Chew and Tony Rea

G and B Robins Anne Shipton Dr Margaret Soroka Helen Sotiriadis Dr Siok Tan

Dr Damien Thomson and

Dr Glenise Berry Prof. Hans Westerman and In Memory of Frederika Westerman Margaret White

Dr Beres Woodhead AM

Anonymous (6)

STRETTO (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Julieanne Alroe Russell Anstey Roger Bagley **Emeritus Professor** Cora V. Baldock

Peter and Tricia Callaghan Drew and Christine Castley Greg and Jacinta Chalmers

Ian and Penny Charlton Robert Cleland

T.C. and M.R. Coonev Dr Peter Hopson and

Julie Crozier Margaret Cryan E Dann and P McNicol Terry and Jane Daubney

Dr C. Davison Robyn Elliot

Margaret Eva Russell Fortescue

Merrilyn and Kevin Goos

Hans Gottlieb

Lea and John Greenaway Dr Pamela Greet and

Nicholas Beaton Jo-Ann Groenenberg Gail Ann Harrison

Debra Hoepner Loretta Hyne

Professor Helen Johnson

Ainslie Just Earl Larmar David and Erica Lee Rachel Leuna Lisa Meyers Lesley Lluka Gay Lohse

Elizabeth Macintosh

Helen Mair

Susan Mabin

Greg and Jan Marsh

Bill McCarthy

Annalisa and Tony Meikle Peter and Jill Millroy Desmond B Misso Esa.

Howard and Katherine Munro Gail Newton In Memory of the

late Hamilton Newton Dene Olding AM Ian Paterson

Clare and Michael Ryan

Judith Snevd Helen Sotiriadis Michael Sterzinger John and Jenny Stoll R and N Teakle

Katherine Trent and In Memory

of Paul Reed Sandie Tuckett IS and H Wilkey The William Angliss Charitable Fund

Margaret and In Memory of Robert Williams

Tony and Linda Young Lyn Parsons

Anonymous (23)

TUTTI (\$500-\$999)

Cameron Alexander Dr Matthew Ball Joachim Erpf Jen Gallery D J Gardiner

Professor Mary Garson

Wendy Green

John Hornibrook Household

Lynette Hunter

Lynne and Francoise Lip

Jim and Maxine Macmillan Robert Matthews

Timothy Matthies and Chris Bonnily

Erin McKenna

The Hon. Margaret McMurdo AC

Meg Moller Diana Osbaldiston Catherine Pearse Josephine Secis

Henry Smerdon AM

Dan Styles Terry Sinton The RGoL

Ewen and Tina Thompson

Suzanne Turrisi Bruce Wallis Associate Professor Michele Walsh Rika Williamson Alan Wilson

Robert and Patricia Wilson

Anonymous (26)

LIFETIME GIVING

Visionary supporters whose regular, lifetime giving exceeds \$10,000. We thank you.

PLATINUM (\$500,000+)

Dr Philip Bacon AO

Tim Fairfax AC and Gina Fairfax AC

Tim Fairfax Family Foundation

Prof. Ian Frazer AC and Caroline Frazer

In Memory of Harold Mitchell AC

Dr Cathryn Mittelheuser AM

Trevor and Judith St Baker Family Foundation

Arthur Waring

DIAMOND (\$250,000 - \$499,999)

The Pidgeon Family

John B Reid AO and Lynn-Rainbow Reid AM

Dr Peter Sherwood

John Story AO and Georgina Story

PATRON (\$100,000 - \$249,999)

Dr Philip Aitken and Dr Susan Urguhart

Birtles Family Foundation

Estate of Susan Mary Blake

In Memory of Dr John H. Casey

Dora English

Malcolm and Andrea Hall-Brown

Peggy Allen Hayes

Estate of Barbara Jean Hebden

GB and MK llett

Di Jameson OAM

Jellinbah Group

CP Morris

In Memory of Mr and Mrs J.C. Overell

Marion Pender, Ewan and Renee Key

The Honourable Anthe Philippides

Dr Graham and Kate Row

Beverley June Smith

Greg and Jan Wanchap

Anonymous (3)

MAESTRO (\$50,000 - \$99,999)

Dr Philip Aitken and Dr Susan Urquhart

Associate Professor John Allan and

Dr Janet Allan

The K&D/S&R Anketell Foundation

David and Judith Beal

Dr Julie Beeby

Joseph Butta and In Memory of Veronika Butta

In Memory of Constantine Carides

Dr Ralph and Susan Cobcroft

Eastern Star Foundation

Ian and Cass George

Ian Gough AM and Ruth Gough

In Memory of Heather Grebert

Peggy Allen Hayes

GB and MK llett

The John Villiers Trust

Andrea Kriewaldt

Frances and Stephen Maitland OAM RFD

Desmond B Misso Esq.

Morgans Foundation

In Memory of Heidi and Hans Rademacher

Alan Symons and In Memory of Bruce Short,

Kevin Woodhouse and Graham Webster

Stack Family Foundation

Dr Damien Thomson and Dr Glenise Berry

Elinor and Anthony Travers

Prof. Hans Westerman and In Memory of

Frederika Westerman

R. M. Wylie

SYMPHONY

(\$20,000 - \$49,999) John and Bonnie Bauld

Kay Bryan

Dr Betty Byrne Henderson AM

Elene Carides

Roslyn Carter

Clem Jones Foundation

Sarah and Mark Combe

Dr James R Conner

Professor Paul and Ann Crook

Hon Martin Daubney AM KC

I. L. Dean

Alan Galwey

Dr Edgar Gold and Dr Judith Gold

Dr Pamela Greet and Nicholas Beaton

Will and Lorna Heaslop

Leonie Henry

Valmay Hill and Russell Mitchell

Marie Isackson

Tony and Patricia Keane

John and Helen Keep

Michael Kenny

Dr Colin and Noela Kratzing

Shirley Leuthner

Prof. Andrew and Kate Lister

Dr Les and Pam Masel

Page and Marichu Maxson

In Memory of Jolanta Metter

Simon Mills

In Memory of Margaret Mittelheuser AM

Parascos Eagles Family

B and D Moore

Parascos Eagles Family

Ian Paterson

Peterson Family

In Memory of Lynette Powell

Graeme Rosewarne and Jim O'Neill

The Shepherd Family Foundation

Anne Shipton

Siu Family Fund

Sidney Irene Thomas (In Memory)

Dr Geoffrey Trim

The Curavis Fund

Anonymous (8)

CONCERTO (\$10,000 - \$19,999)

ADFAS Brisbane

Aitken Whyte Lawyers

Julieanne Alroe

Emeritus Professor Cora V. Baldock

Dr Geoffrey Barnes and In Memory of

Elizabeth Barnes

Prof. Margaret Barrett

M.J. Bellotti

Trudy Bennett

Dr John and Jan Blackford

Greg and Jacinta Chalmers

Professor Andrew and Jan Cheetham

Robert Cleland

T.C. and M.R. Cooney

Ruth Cox

Dr Peter Hopson and Julie Crozier

Dr Michael Daubney

Tony Denholder and Scott Gibson

Tanya Denning

Roger and Sarah Derrington

Susan Ellis

Elva Emmerson

Rebekah Ferris and Greg Hall

Chris and Sue Freeman

Sophie Galaise

Emeritus Professors Catherin Bull AM and

Dennis Gibson AO

Dr Edward C. Gray

Lea and John Greenaway

Doug Hall Foundation

Frederick Henderson

Gwenda Heginbothom

Dr Alison M Holloway

In Memory of Barbara Crowley

Trevor and Wendy Jackson

The Helene Jones Charity Trust

Ainslie Just

In Memory of Dr Vicki Knopke

Guy and Kathleen Knopke

Lynne and Franciose Lip

Susan Mabin

M. Lejeune

Greg and Jan Marsh

John and Julienne McKenna

Annalisa and Tony Meikle

David Miller and Rosslyn Walker

Howard and Katherine Munro

Naomi Milgrom Foundation

Rene Nicolaides OAM and the late

Dr Nicholas Nicolaides AM

Ron and Marise Nilsson

Prof G.R. Nimmo RFD

Andreas Obermair and Monika Janda

Jordan and Pat Pearl

Margaret Pelton

David Chew and Tony Rea

In Memory of Pat Riches

G & B Robins

Neil W Root and Trevor J Rowsell

Judith and Roger Sack

lain G Saul

Bruce and Sue Shepherd

Siganto Foundation

Dr Margaret Soroka

Helen Sotiriadis

Robin Spencer

John and Jenny Stoll

Valerie Tam and Andrew Gray

Dr Siok Tan

Dr Peter Taylor

Lena Tisdall

Tramanco Pty Ltd

Ashby Utting

Gwen Warhurst

Margaret and In Memory of Robert Williams

Anonymous (18)



Queensland Symphony Orchestra is proud to acknowledge the generosity of our valued supporters. Gifts of all sizes make a difference. Please scan the QR code to find out how you can support QSO.

(Supporter lists as at 31 October 2025)



CHIEF CONDUCTOR

Umberto Clerici

CONDUCTOR LAUREATE

Johannes Fritzsch

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Kristian Winther

CONCERTMASTER

Natsuko Yoshimoto

ASSOCIATE CONCERTMASTER

Alan Smith Glenn Christensen

JOINT PATRONS

Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD

VIOLIN 1

Johnny van Gend * Lvnn Cole Ann Holtzapffel Gregory Lee Eliza Scott Rebecca Sevmour Mia Stanton Brenda Sullivan Sonia Wilson

VIOLIN 2

Katie Betts Jane Burrouahs Jordan Hall Faina Dobrenko Delia Kinmont Natalie Low Nicholas Penfold Helen Travers Harold Wilson

VIOLA

Imants Larsens ~ Yoko Okavasu >> Julian Duthoit + Charlotte Burbrook de Vere Nicole Greentree Bernard Hoey Kirsten Hulin-Bobart Gregory McNamara Ella Pysden Graham Simpson Nicholas Tomkin

CELLO

Hyung Suk Bae ~ Isaac Davis >> Matthew Kinmont Kathryn Close Andre Duthoit Matthew Jones Kaja Skorka Craig Allister Young

DOUBLE BASS

Phoebe Russell ~ Dušan Walkowicz >> Anne Buchanan Justin Bullock Paul O'Brien Ken Poggioli

FLUTE

Alison Mitchell ~ Hayley Radke >>

PICCOLO.

Kate Lawson *

OBOE

Huw Jones ~ Sarah Meaaher >> Alexa Murray

COR ANGLAIS

Vivienne Brooke *

CLARINET

Irit Silver ~ Brian Catchlove >> Kate Travers

BASS CLARINET

Nicholas Harmsen *

BASSOON

Nicole Tait ~ David Mitchell >> Evan Lewis

CONTRABASSOON

Claire Ramuscak *

FRENCH HORN

Nicholas Mooney ~ Timothy Allen-Ankins >> Ian O'Brien * Vivienne Collier-Vickers Lauren Manuel

TRUMPET

Rainer Saville ~ Richard Madden >> Alfred Carslake

TROMBONE

Jason Redman ~ Ashley Carter >>

BASS TROMBONE

Nicolas Thomson *

TUBA

Thomas Allelv *

TIMPANI

Tim Corkeron *

PERCUSSION

David Montgomery ~ Josh DeMarchi >>

HARP

Emily Granger*

[~] Section Principal

>> Associate Principal

^{*} Principal

⁺ Assistant Principal

[^] Acting







BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rod Pilbeam Chair

Tanya Denning Valmay Hill Anna Marsden Bernadette Norrie Dene Olding AM Anna Palmer Michele Walsh Tony Young

MANAGEMENT

Michael Sterzinger Chief Executive Officer
Megan Dale Executive Assistant to the CEO
Rodolphe Deus Chief Financial Officer &

Deputy CEO
Phoebe Ko Finance Manager
Mari Clarke Acting Finance Manager
Marie Ma Finance Coordinator

Louise Smith Payroll Officer

Lisa Meyers Director - People and Culture
Madeline Gibbs Coordinator - HR and WHS
Matthew Wood Director - Artistic Planning
Tim Walker CBE AM 2025 Artistic Season Curator

Patrick Brearley Concert Manager
Elaine Seeto Producer - Artistic Planning
Ella Pimm Associate Producer - Artistic

Planning

Jen Pittock Coordinator - Artistic Planning
Persia Littlewood Producer - QSO Connect
Gabrielle Waters Director - Operations
James Foster Head of Orchestra
Zachary Miezio Deputy Orchestra Manager

Fiona Butler Orchestra Coordinator Anika Vilée Schedule Coordinator Jessica Wardrop Production Manager Rhiannon Tate Production Coordinator Nadia Myers Orchestra Library Manager Lavinia Hardcastle Library Coordinator Simon Buchanan Director - Development Stephanie Bau Manager - Philanthropy

Alix Crank

Supporter Engagement Specialist

Mitchell Brodie

Manager - Business Development

AJ Vaschina Events Coordinator

Ben Oldham

Jacquiline Fraser

Jess Avery

Phoebe Walsh

Matthew Croker

Director - Sales & Marketing

Marketing Campaigns Manager

Brand and Content Manager

Coordinator/Graphic Designer

Geordie McGrath
Paul Sweeney
Janita Billingham
Connor Perkins
Swaran Roopra
Matilda Monaghan
Matthew Semple

Social Media Specialist
Inside Salesperson
Ticketing Services Manager
Ticketing Services Officer
Matthew Semple

Social Media Specialist
Inside Salesperson
Ticketing Services Officer
Ticketing Services Officer

Ticketing Services Officer

QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

PO Box 3567, South Bank, Queensland 4101 T: (07) 3840 7444 W: gpac.com.au

CHAIR

Professor Peter Coaldrake AO

DEPUTY CHAIR

Leigh Tabrett PSM

TRUST MEMBERS

Julian Myers Georgina Richters Susan Rix AM Murray Saylor

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Rachel Healy Chief Executive

Zoë Connolly Executive Director - Philanthropy

and Partnerships

Gemma Davidson Executive Director - People and

Butler Culture

Roxanne Hopkins Executive Director - Marketing and

licketing

Bill Jessop Executive Director - Venue Infrastructure

and Production Services

Ellen Kavanagh Joint Acting Executive Director –

Katrina Torenbeek Curatorial
Scott Pugh General Counsel

Kurt Schulte- Director - First Nations Strategy and

Schrepping Emergency Management
Brett Walker- Chief Financial Officer

Davies

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Queensland Performing Arts Trust is a statutory body of the State of Queensland and is partially funded by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP Minister for Education and the Arts.

Sharon Schimming Acting Director-General, Department of Education.

QPAC rests on the lands of the Jagera and Turrbal peoples. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this country and recognise their rich cultural heritage and enduring connection to the land, waters and skies. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are this country's original storytellers, and it is our privilege to continue to share stories and be a place of gathering on this land that has been a meeting place for millennia.

PARTNERS

Government Partners











Premier Partners



















Health and Community Partners

Education Partners











Young Instrumentalist Prize

Health and Wellbeing Partner



Local Government Partners











Media Partner



Venue Partners













Regional Touring Partners













Industry Collaborators



















COMING UP







Home Alone In Concert

FRI 5 DEC 7.30PM SAT 6 DEC 1.30PM, 6.30PM

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

Conductor Nicholas Buc **Chorus** Voices of Birralee

A true holiday favourite, this beloved comedy classic features renowned composer John Williams' charming and entertaining score performed live to film by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

QSO Favourites

SAT 7 FEB 7.30PM SUN 8 FEB 11.30AM

Concert Hall, QPAC

Conductor Douglas Boyd
Soloist Patrick Phillips, cello
Host Ed Le Brocg (Sun only)

Coates The Dam Busters March

Wells Uplift

Beethoven Symphony No.6, *Pastoral*, 1st movement

Elgar Cello Concerto, 4th movement
Tchaikovsky Waltz of the Flowers (Sat only)

Elgar Enigma Variations

QSO Portraits: Alison Mitchell

FRI 13 FFB 6PM

Queensland Conservatorium Theatre, Griffith University

Conductor Umberto Clerici **Soloist** Alison Mitchell, flute

Reinecke Flute Concerto

DvořákSymphony No.5 (1st movement)SchumannSymphony No.2 (2nd movement)MendelssohnScottish Symphony (3rd movement)SibeliusSymphony No.7 (4th movement)

WANT MORE?



ON THE RADIO

Our performances are regularly recorded for broadcast.
Tune in for more great music.

abc.net.au/classic



ON SPOTIFY

Listen to our concert playlists anywhere, anytime.

spotify.com



READ

Visit our website for interesting articles, musical insights, interviews and more.

qso.com.au/blog



WATCH

Enjoy behind-the-scenes footage, interviews with musicians, instrument workshops and more.



PROGRAMS ONLINE

Download our concert programs one week prior to each concert.



ENEWS

Sign up for our eNews to receive weekly concert information and on-sale announcements.

qso.com.au



HAVE YOUR SAY

We love to hear from our audience. What did you think of the concert? What was your favourite piece? Who do you want to hear more of? Let us know!

info@qso.com.au #QSOrchestra



FOLLOW US

▶ Q

Queensland Symphony Orchestra

Ť

Queensland Symphony Orchestra

O

@QSOrchestra



@qldsymphonyorchestra



GOVERNMENT PARTNERS









PRINCIPAL PARTNER

MAESTRO PARTNERS

Major Partner

Supporting Partners



