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QSO SIDEBYSIDE MACKAY 2025

Queensland Symphony Orchestra's **SidebySide** program provides instrumental music students in Queensland with one-on-one mentoring from a QSO musician and the opportunity to participate in a mainstage performance alongside the full Orchestra. The program is completely free to participants.

QSO invites students from **MACKAY and surrounding areas** to audition for the opportunity to perform alongside QSO in Northern Lights, Southern Stars conducted by Sam Weller. Program participants will join the Orchestra for Suite No. 1 from Peer Gynt, Op. 46 by Edvard Grieg.

QSO presents Northern Lights & Southern Stars – MACKAY

Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre, Thu 30 Oct, 7pm

Important Dates

Application timeline

- Thu 24 Apr** Mackay SidebySide audition material released and applications open.
- Fri 29 Aug** Closing date for applications.

Workshop & Performance timeline

- Wed 29 Oct** **4pm – 5pm** Tutorials with QSO Mentors at MECC.
6pm – 8.30pm Full Orchestra rehearsal at MECC.
- Thu 30 Oct** **5.30pm – 6.30pm** Full Orchestra rehearsal at MECC.
7pm Performance with Queensland Symphony Orchestra at MECC.

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Eligibility



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Students must be **currently enrolled in a Queensland Secondary school** and should be of a standard equivalent to **AMEB Grade 6 and above**. Applicants will be assessed on their instrument technique and demonstrated commitment. Priority will be given to older students.

QSO can accommodate one student for each of the instruments listed below, with a maximum of ten positions available.

Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion.

Audition requirements

Application form	Please complete the application form, which can be found here and submit an audition recording of yourself playing the excerpt provided for your instrument.
Excerpts	Audition excerpts can be found here .
String applicants	Please prepare the provided excerpt (Violins choose 1st or 2nd part) <u>AND</u> one piece under 3 minutes of your own choosing.
Wind applicants	Please prepare the provided excerpt AND one piece under 3 minutes of your own choosing. Transposed parts available for Clarinet.
Brass applicants	Please prepare the provided excerpt AND one piece under 3 minutes of your own choosing. Transposed parts available for Trumpet and French Horn.
Percussion applicants	Please prepare the provided studies for both tuned and untuned percussions.
Recording	Auditions are to be submitted as audio recordings with the following naming convention:

Lastname_FirstName_Instrument_Piecenname_Mackay

For further enquiries, please email edcom@qso.com.au

