



BECK

WITH THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

7-9 MAY 2026
Sydney Opera House

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2026 CONCERT SEASON

Thursday 7 May, 7pm

Friday 8 May, 7pm

Saturday 9 May, 7pm

Concert Hall,
Sydney Opera House

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SYDNEY SYMPHONY PRESENTS

BECK HANSEN vocals, guitar, harmonica

JASON FALKNER guitar, bass, vocals

ROGER JOSEPH MANNING keyboards, vocals

JAMES McALISTER drums

Estimated duration

This concert will run for approximately 1 hour and 50 minutes, with no interval.

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ABOUT THE ARTISTS

NICHOLAS BUC conductor

Nicholas Buc is an award-winning composer, conductor, and arranger with a distinguished career in both film and concert music. He studied composition under Brenton Broadstock and Dr. Stuart Greenbaum at the University of Melbourne, earning the inaugural Fellowship of Australian Composers Award. Nicholas furthered his education with a Master's degree in Scoring for Film and Multimedia from New York University, where he was honoured with the Elmer Bernstein Award for Film Scoring.

Nicholas has collaborated with renowned artists and ensembles, including Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Nick Cave and Warren Ellis, Chris Botti, Amanda Palmer, Ben Folds, and The Cat Empire. He has served as conductor and arranger for Tina Arena on six Australian tours and has created arrangements for Birds of Tokyo, Lake Street Dive, Missy Higgins, The Avalanches, Eskimo Joe, The Whitlams, and Vera Blue. His television work includes *Junior MasterChef* (2020), five seasons of *The Voice Australia* and the 2021 AFL Grand Final.

Highly sought after for live film concerts, Nicholas has conducted the world premieres of major films, including *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Shrek 2*, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*, and *Field of Dreams*.



SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

PATRON Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC

Founded in 1932 by the Australian Broadcasting Commission, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra has evolved into one of the world's finest orchestras as Sydney has become one of the world's great cities. Resident at the iconic Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra also performs in venues throughout Sydney and regional New South Wales, and international tours to Europe, Asia and the USA have earned the Orchestra worldwide recognition for artistic excellence.

The Sydney Symphony Orchestra's concerts encompass masterpieces from the classical repertoire, music by some of the finest living composers, and collaborations with guest artists from all genres, reflecting the Orchestra's versatility and diverse appeal. Its award-winning education program is central to its commitment to the future of live symphonic music, and the Orchestra promotes the work of Australian composers through performances, recordings and its commissioning program.

The Orchestra's first chief conductor was Sir Eugene Goossens, appointed in 1947; he was followed by Nicolai Malko, Dean Dixon, Moshe Atzmon, Willem van Otterloo, Louis Frémaux, Sir Charles Mackerras, Zdeněk Mácal, Stuart Challender, Edo de Waart and Gianluigi Gelmetti. Vladimir Ashkenazy was Principal Conductor from 2009 to 2013, followed by David Robertson as Chief Conductor from 2014 to 2019. Australian-born Simone Young commenced her role as Chief Conductor in 2022, a year in which the Orchestra made its return to a renewed Sydney Opera House Concert Hall.

PERFORMING IN THIS CONCERT

FIRST VIOLINS

Fiona Ziegler
Assistant Concertmaster
Jennifer Booth
Sercan Danis
Georges Lentz
Alex Mitchell
Alexander Norton
Leone Ziegler
Liam Pilgrim
Benjamin Tjoa
Lydia Sawires[†]
Brian Hong[°]
Marrienne Liu*

SECOND VIOLINS

Kirsty Hilton
Principal
Emma Jezek
Assistant Principal
Alice Bartsch
Victoria Bihun
Emma Hayes
Shuti Huang
Monique Irik
Benjamin Li
Robert Smith
Riikka Sintonen[°]

VIOLAS

Sandro Costantino
Rosemary Curtin
Stuart Johnson
Justine Marsden
Felicity Tsai
Leonid Volovelsky
Sebastian Coyne[†]
Andrew Jezek[°]
Stephen Wright[°]

CELLOS

Leah Lynn
Assistant Principal
Kristy Conrau
Adrian Wallis
Noah Lawrence[†]
Rebecca Herman*
Rowena Macneish*

DOUBLE BASSES

David Campbell
Dylan Holly
Steven Larson
Richard Lynn
Harry Young[°]

FLUTES

David Silva*
Guest Principal
Carolyn Harris
Katlijn Sergeant
Principal Piccolo

OBOES

Eve Osborn[°]
Miriam Cooney*
Amy Clough[†]

CLARINETS

Christopher Tingay
Justin Wang[†]
Alexei Dupressoir*
Guest Principal Bass Clarinet

BASSOONS

Hayden Burge*
Guest Principal
Fiona McNamara
Bailey Ireland*
Guest Principal Contrabassoon

HORNS

Rachel Silver
Emily Miers[°]
Jude Austen Kaupe*
Julian Zheng*

TRUMPETS

Brent Grapes
Associate Principal
Cécile Glémot
Anthony Heinrichs

TROMBONES

Nick Byrne
Jeremy Mazurek[°]
Christopher Harris
Principal Bass Trombone

TUBA

Aidan Purdy*
Guest Principal

TIMPANI

Mark Robinson
*Associate Principal /
Section Percussion*

PERCUSSION

Timothy Constable
Acting Principal
Joshua Hill[°]
Alison Pratt*

HARPS

Louisic Dulbecco
Principal
Kate Moloney*

Bold Principal

* Guest Musician

[°] Contract Musician

[†] Sydney Symphony Fellow