

NSO Symphony Orchestra
Presents

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES III



FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2015

Emirates Palace Auditorium

4:30pm Matinee • 8:00pm Evening Gala



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Dear Honoured Guests Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to this evening's NSO season-opening concert, celebrating our third concert season. In keeping with NSO's desire to bridge cross cultural boundaries and unite our audiences in a musical experience, we open our season with an exciting film night, which promises to please and entertain.

As NSO continues to expand its presence here in the UAE and abroad, our 2015-16 schedule within this brochure contains a wide array of musical events which feature guest artists and composers from the UAE and abroad: our film night, a fully staged opera, a festive celebration, an Arabic music and culture-inspired concert, a major symphonic choral work and a summer pops jazz concert.

None of these events could happen without the kind support of all our sponsors and you, our concert patrons. We are particularly pleased that our 2015 – 2017 Presenting Sponsor, Universal Hospital, is partnering with us for the "Music and Healing" programme, whereby NSO musicians will perform music for the hospital's patients and their families.

With permission from HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, NSO is dedicating this evening's performance of Elgar's "Nimrod", from his Enigma variations, to the honoured UAE martyrs who recently served in Yemen and their families. There will be no applause after this piece as Conductor Andrew Berryman will lead the orchestra directly into Respighi's 'Pines of Rome' which ends with a most majestic ending befitting the sentiment NSO wishes to express, which is one of great respect for both our UAE leaders and those who serve their country.

We hope you enjoy this evening's programme and we look forward to seeing you at our future events.

With our sincere thanks,

Janet Hassouneh,

Founder-Executive Director, NSO Symphony Orchestra • NSO Music Agency

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Giacomo Rossini

Overture to William Tell

Hans Zimmerman

Gladiator

Edvard Grieg

Peer Gynt - Suite No. 1, Op. 46
1. The Death of Åse (Åses død)
2. In the Hall of the Mountain King (I Dovregubbens hall)

Karl Jenkins

Palladio (Concerto Grosso for String Orchestra)
I. Allegretto
II. Largo
III. Vivace

James Horner

Vocal Solo: 'My Heart Will Go On' from Titanic

James Griffiths
(Dedicated to NSO, the world premiere performance of the concert version of the film score suite of this award-winning sci-fi film.)

The Drift- Music from the Motion Picture

INTERVAL

Henry Mancini

Pink Panther

Camille Saint-Saëns

Danse macabre -
poème symphonique, op.40

Edward Elgar

'Nimrod' from Variations on an Original Theme for Orchestra
Op. 36, "Enigma"

Ottorino Respighi

Pines of Rome (Finale)

John Williams

Superman

John Williams

Star Wars
1. Opening Titles
2. Yoda's Theme
3. End Titles

Dr. Shabeer Nellikode

MD & CEO, Universal Hospital



Universal Hospital is pleased to partner with NSO Symphony Orchestra and proud to announce its partnership as 'Presenting Sponsor' for the upcoming events. We are extremely excited to endorse their vision of positioning UAE as a centre of excellence among the world's music and the role it can play in healthcare.

The healing effect of music and how it can improve the physiological and therapeutic responses in patients is a proven fact. We have decided to use the power of music for quick healing to complement the premium health care services we provide at the hospital.

Music can improve the mood and mobility of patients especially those with Parkinson's disease. It also does away with the need for sedatives and pain relievers during and after surgery, reduce nausea during chemotherapy, lessen anxiety and stress, lower blood pressure and ease depression. NSO musicians will be available at the hospital and patients will be given individual and group music sessions depending on their condition. In the initial stages of the programme, music therapy will be used on patients undergoing treatment at neurology, physiotherapy, paediatrics and psychiatry departments.

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Andrew was the Principal Trombone with the Ulster Orchestra from 1980-84 and the Halle Orchestra from 1984-2008. During the latter period he was also a trombone tutor at the Royal Northern College of Music, Salford University and Chethams School of Music.

As a soloist Andrew has performed with many of the UK's orchestras and ensembles including the Halle Orchestra, the Ulster Orchestra, the BBC Concert Orchestra and abroad with The Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra, as well as many countries' leading brass bands. He has also appeared as guest principal with the London Symphony Orchestra and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

During his time with the Halle Andrew was a founder member of Halle Brass and Halle Rock and was very active in the Halle education department, delivering 'outreach' programmes and concerts. He also worked as an 'animateur', introducing classical music to thousands of children and families.

Andrew has given clinics and masterclasses in most of the UK's leading institutions of higher education, and abroad at Julliard, Manhattan School of Music and The Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts. Norway has been part of Andrew's busy schedule for many years and has included recitals, conducting and adjudicating at the Norwegian Championships and Siddis Brass. Andrew has also adjudicated at the European Brass Band Championships and the prestigious BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition, a competition that in 2008 was won by one of Andrew's students, Peter Moore, aged 12.

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Andriy Khomyakevych
Angela Nastasa
Clare Hurrell
Dessi Vanova
Dorothy Byers
Dorrette Noltey
Faisy Kuriakose
Jenny Foster
Laura Riley
Natalie Oughourlian
Phil Noltey
Rachel McGeehan
Roger Norkie
Sarah Morris*
Simona Cmrecnjak
Sonja Stojiljkovic
Tamas Dioszegi

VIOLAS

Francesca Knowles
Becky Saxby
Caroline Quayum
Dan Turcanu
Dmytro Panchenko
Eleftheria Togia
Stephanie Duarte

BASSES

Diana Gruber
Naomi Phelan

CELLOS

Julia Sien
Ammer Kim
Anna Lashko
Clara Ausage
Elham Al Marzooqi
Lily Innis*
Rebecca Eggerichs
Sascha Dallas

FLUTES

Tarryn Mentoer
Lauren Turner

OBOES

Jerome Broun
Emily Rawlings*

CLARINET

Christopher Spencer
Dan Miles
Anthony Spencer

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Marco Zambonini

TUBA

Kevin Bird

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Ron Vint
Mishel Tawfik

TIMP

Ron Malanga

PIANO

Ganna Sorbat

HARP

Evelyna Markova

CONDUCTOR

Andrew Berryman

*NSO Professional Development
Programme - Student Intern

SOLOISTS



American Soprano, Julia Teal Kermott is known in California as a performer with a "commanding vocal and stage presence" – to quote the Santa Barbara News-Press. Ms. Kermott was a core chorister for San Diego Opera and Opera Santa Barbara for numerous seasons, while also performing comprimario roles at these operas. She has performed various roles in Italy and the U.S.A. As a concert artist, Ms. Kermott has appeared numerous times as a guest soloist with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra. She currently lives in Dubai, where she enjoys performing and teaching voice.

ABOUT NSO

NSO comprises the NSO Symphony Orchestra, the NSO Chamber Orchestra, the NSO Symphonic Pops Orchestra, the NSO Opera & Chorus and the NSO Music Agency. More than 100 musicians of some 20 nationalities, who live in six of the seven emirates, make up the various formations of NSO and are professional musicians and musical educators who have performed regularly for their own national orchestras. NSO Symphony Orchestra performs major symphonic and operatic works, as well as more popular forms, ranging from film scores to musical theatre. Every concert endeavours to feature musical contributions from the UAE, whether a composer, solo singer or musician.

NSO MUSIC AGENCY

NSO, creator of the NSO Symphony Orchestra, provides other musical ensembles and soloists for everyone's needs. They include various professional vocal and instrumental musicians who perform many classical and popular genres including pop and rock in English and Arabic. From private corporate events, weddings, public and government events as well as commercial brand launches, NSO can provide the right kind of music and musical performers for your event.

All musicians and vocalists have international performance experience and currently reside in the UAE making their fees greatly reduced as flights and visas are not required! Just drop an email to info@nsouae.org and NSO would be happy to discuss how best we can support your musical needs!



2015-16 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



OCTOBER 9 A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES III • EMIRATES PALACE AUDITORIUM

A thrilling orchestral concert conducted by Andrew Berryman and featuring everyone's favourite film scores and popular orchestral classics, including *Gladiator*, *Pink Panther*, *Titanic*, *Star Wars* and, from Disney's *Fantasia* - *Peer Gynt*, *Danse Macabre* and *Pines of Rome*. Headlining the evening is the world premiere of the concert version of James Griffith's award-winning score from the sci-fi film *The Drift*, written especially for NSO. Don't miss NSO's spectacular 2015-16 season opener!



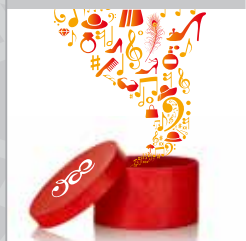
NOVEMBER 28 MINISTRY OF CULTURE • NATIONAL DAY CONCERT

For the third year running, NSO accompanies the wonderfully talented Ministry of Culture Abu Dhabi Piano Centre's Emirati piano students in a programme suitable for the whole family, in celebration of the UAE's 44th National Day.



DECEMBER 11-12 A FESTIVE CELEBRATION WITH NSO BRASS AND CHORUS EMIRATES PALACE HOTEL AUDITORIUM

A Festive Celebration begins with favourite music and carols of the season accompanied by the NSO Brass and Chorus. A UAE premiere follows with NSO chorus and musicians joining America's award-winning songwriter, Dave LeMieux and his professional band of musicians and gospel singers from Denver and Memphis performing his original soul-blues-jazz festive work, which is sure to fill your heart with the spirit of the season!



JANUARY 15-22 GRETCHEN'S HATBOX ON TOUR • TBA

Watch Gretchen pull a host of characters out of her hatbox, with each one telling a fun-filled musical story! Join American soprano Gretchen Hewitt and guest jazz pianist from Las Vegas, Dehner Franks, as they take you on a musical journey, from the classics to Broadway and jazz. Fun for the whole family!



TBA CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES and continued EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMMES coincide with main season concerts.



FEBRUARY 5 "IT STARTED IN THE EAST" • NATIONAL THEATRE - ABU DHABI

East meets West in this fascinating concert featuring Arab-influenced Western music. The programme includes the iconic *Scheherazade*, *Sabre Dance*, *Polovstian Dances* and Fairouz's 'Ya Ana Ya Ana' (based on Mozart's *Symphony No. 40*), performed by Gulf singing sensation Balqeas. The concert concludes with the UAE premiere of award-winning Irish film composer Ciarán Hope's Arabic music and instrument-inspired 'The Hope Concerto' for solo violin and orchestra. Commissioned by Irish violin soloist, Cora Venus Lunny, she will perform the work as guest soloist - an honour for NSO and a special event for our NSO audience.



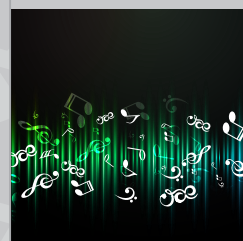
FEBRUARY 26 RED DRESS GALA • RITZ-CARLTON ABU DHABI, GRAND CANAL

The NSO Big Band performs its toe-tapping music for NSO's annual dinner-dance gala evening in support of women's heart disease awareness.



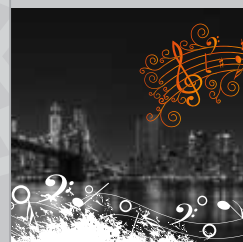
MARCH 11 NSO OPERA: HANSEL AND GRETEL • NATIONAL THEATRE

NSO Opera presents Humperdinck's immortal, fully staged fairytale opera, with principal cast flown in from New York City and a UAE-based supporting cast, children's chorus and ballet. NSO welcomes special guest conductor of the Metropolitan Opera, Steven Crawford. This is a 'Working With Children for Children' production in support of the worldwide children's charity, UNICEF. Don't forget to look out for the Cookie Witch!



APRIL 22 A NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY • NATIONAL THEATRE - ABU DHABI

This is the symphony concert you've been waiting for, with great symphonic masterpieces, from Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No.4* to Bernstein's *West Side Story Symphonic Dances*. Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* features the NSO Chorus, guest vocal soloists and concert pianist. You'll not want to miss NSO's 2015 - 16 season's tour de force.



MAY 20 SUMMER POPS SERIES • ZAYED UNIVERSITY - KHALIFA CITY

Chill out to the cool sounds of Gershwin with the NSO Pops Orchestra and NSO Big Band. International Concert Pianist Martin Hersel will perform Gershwin's jazz classic for piano and jazz orchestra, 'Rhapsody in Blue'. Guest New York singer Martin Corrado is joined by West End vocalist Cara Jane Roberts and the award-winning Blue Fever Vocal Jazz Ensemble, all performing Gershwin's popular Broadway and movie melodies, along with a few surprises!



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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

PRE-CONCERT TALKS

Before the evening concert commences, members of the audience have a chance to learn the stories behind the notes and attend an evening NSO performance. Audience and students will also meet an NSO player, who will play excerpts from the music and talk to you about life in the orchestra.

SEMINAR DAYS

Incorporating pieces from the GCSE & A Level Music syllabus, NSO will run a half day seminar for invited students to the open rehearsal.

Set works from the GCSE & A Level Music syllabus will be studied including Elgar – Symphony No 1, Shostakovich – Symphony No 5, Berlioz 'Harold in Italy' as well as other selected pieces in the NSO concert repertoire for added enrichment for the music students.

NSO OPERA NOW!

An educational & creative opera camp for kids.

Professional American songwriter and performer Gretchen Hewitt takes primary age students on a musical journey discovering the joys of creating and performing their own opera. From WRITING their own opera story/plot, COMPOSING music, DESIGNING their own costumes/sets and PERFORMING their new opera in front of a live audience, OPERA NOW! inspires a new creative and performing arts educational process that will be shared for generations to come.

MY FIRST CONCERT SERIES

Meet an NSO musician in My First Concert Series. Musicians will perform short pieces and invite questions from curious little ones. Children will learn basic concert going etiquette, including how to be musical explorers through their ears. After the concert, children will try out the featured instrument.





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