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East Meets West Orchestral Concert heading to Brisbane and Adelaide in September 2021

featuring Chinese classics *Butterfly Lovers* and the *Yellow River*

Brisbane and Adelaide audiences can look forward to **East Meets West Orchestral Concert** in late September. The stunning one night only event, which combines contemporary music from the East and the West, is a stellar opportunity for audiences to hear some of Australia's finest musicians perform two hugely popular Chinese classics, rarely performed live on Australian stages, **Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto** and **Yellow River Piano Concerto**.

The Brisbane performance will be held in collaboration with **Queensland Symphony Orchestra** at QPAC Concert Hall on **Monday, September 27** led by revered music maestro **Guy Noble**. **Adelaide Symphony Orchestra** will feature at the **Adelaide Town Hall on Tuesday, September 28**.

Guest artists include Australia's top pianists **Tony Lee**, winner of the 2016 Sydney International Piano Competition, accomplished violinist **Sun Yi**, (Associate Concertmaster of the Sydney Symphony) leading Sydney-based Guzheng musician **Angie Liu**, Brisbane-born mezzo soprano **Victoria Lambourn** and soprano **Sharon Zhai**.

"**Queensland Symphony Orchestra** is delighted to be involved in this important concert that celebrates China's rich cultural and musical heritage, and some of the great artists of Chinese heritage that now call Australia home," said Queensland Symphony Orchestra Chief Executive Craig Whitehead. "We are also excited to welcome back esteemed conductor, Guy Noble, a much-admired part of the QSO family, it is always a pleasure to have him return to conduct the Orchestra."

"**Adelaide Symphony Orchestra** continues to play a significant role in the cultural life of South Australia, we recognise and celebrate diversity and encourage cultural awareness through our concerts. East Meets West Orchestral will be a wonderful musical representation and coming together of Australian and Chinese cultures." Said ASO Managing Director Vincent Ciccarello. **Adelaide Symphony Orchestra** is a leader in cultural exchange with a rich history of collaboration since its inception in 1936

Brisbane-born Mezzo soprano **Victoria Lambourn** will sing the Habanera from *Carmen* and soprano **Sharon Zhai** will perform *Pamir - My Beautiful Hometown*. **Tony Lee** will play the celebrated and technically advanced **Yellow River Piano Sonata**, a joyful exuberant piece which has truly crossed the continental borders and become hugely popular in the West, it

was performed centre stage at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. It was written by Yin Chengzong and Chu Wanghua and based on the Xian Xinghai's **Yellow River Cantata**.

"This is the first time I will perform the **Yellow River Piano Sonata** in Australia" says **Tony Lee**. "It's an incredible honour to perform the work, which is treasured not just in China, but also by the wider world. I'm delighted to share the grace and beauty of this work with new audiences."

Sun Yi will take to the stage for the second highlight in the program the heartbreaking love story, China's Romeo and Juliet, **Butterly Lovers Violin Concerto**, written by Chinese composers **He Zhanhao** and **Chen Gang** in 1959. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to perform the much-loved classical Chinese masterpiece **Butterfly Lovers**. It has always been my ambition to play it in Australia. I am tremendously excited to be able to do so," says Sun Yi.

The concerts are an **Image China** cultural & arts event organised by **China Arts and Entertainment Group Ltd (CAEG)**, presented by **Ausfeng**. They aim to introduce traditional and contemporary Chinese performing arts to audiences around the world. Since its inception in 2009 it has presented numerous inspirational works at venues across the globe.

Don't miss your chance for the rare opportunity to experience an exquisite Australian tribute to eastern musical heritage

East Meets West Orchestral Concert's touring cities, venues and dates

Canberra - Llewellyn Hall 7:30pm Saturday 25 September
Brisbane – QPAC Concert Hall 7:30pm Monday 27 September
Adelaide - Town Hall 7:30PM Tuesday 28 September
Sydney - Town Hall 7:30pm Friday 1 October

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