

One of the finest musicians of his generation, concert pianist Simon Tedeschi brings Russian masterworks to Dubbo

11-12 November 2016



"Pure brilliance" - Sydney Morning Herald

He has played for the likes of the Dalai Lama and Nelson Mandela. Now, Dubbo residents have the unique opportunity to see renowned pianist **Simon Tedeschi** live in a program of Russian masterpieces centred on **Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition'**. Presented by the **Macquarie Conservatorium** in association with **Musica Viva Australia**, Tedeschi will perform in **concert on 11 November** and hold a **masterclass** for local piano students **on 12 November 2016**.

Renowned for his technical brilliance and dazzling showmanship, Tedeschi won a string of prizes from an early age, including the **Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year** award and, most recently, the **Centenary of Federation Medal** from the **Prime Minister of Australia**. He spends most of his time touring the world. "People deserve to be transfigured by great music, regardless of location," he explains. "It's especially important in Australia - where rural and regional isolation can be a real problem."

The program on 11 November features one of the best loved piano works of all: **Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition'**. Tedeschi brings his own magic to this iconic Russian masterwork, which he recently recorded to great acclaim on the ABC Classics label. For him, Mussorgsky's 'Pictures' is "so much more than just 40 minutes of music - it's a treatise on art, nature and man's relentless search for meaning in chaos."

The Russian theme continues with virtuosic and romantic works by **Prokofiev and Rachmaninov**. "Prokofiev is a master of texture, of visuality in sound and pushing boundaries," adds Tedeschi. "And of course Rachmaninoff is possibly the greatest pianist of the 20th century. His music reflects that." Shaped by the striking changes of late 19th and early 20th century Russia, this program promises a "full range of colours, sonorities and moods," brought to life by one of Australia's greatest musicians.

CONCERT: Friday, 11 November 2016, 7:30pm

Tickets: \$29 adult, \$25 concession, \$58 family of 4, \$7 school student

MASTERCLASS: Saturday, 12 November 2016, 11am

Tickets: \$7 all participants and audience

Macquarie Conservatorium, Cnr. Darling & Bultje St, Dubbo

Tickets and further details: <http://www.macqcon.org.au/>

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