

THIS DIWALI
AUSTRALIAN INDIAN ORCHESTRA
PRESENTS

A.R.
RAHMAN
IN SYMPHONY

SAT 18 OCT 5PM
SUN 19 OCT 2PM

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Australian Indian Orchestra



The journey of a maestro

Welcome to the Music of A.R. Rahman in Symphony.

This concert presents an 80-piece symphony orchestra tracing A.R. Rahman's extraordinary journey — from his humble beginnings writing jingles, to his rise as a global music icon.

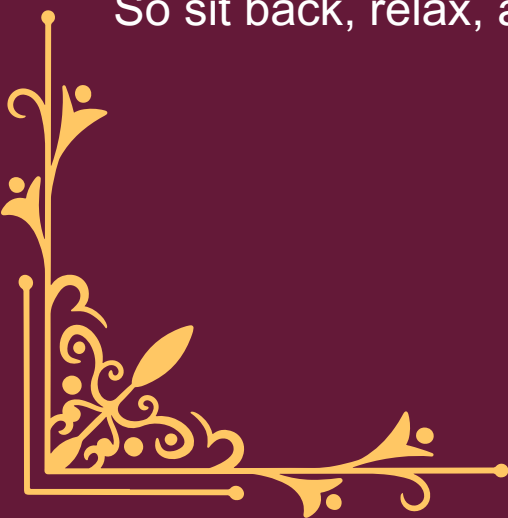
You'll hear how he fused Indian classical traditions with Western orchestral sounds to create a brand-new musical world.

Narrated by conductor Suraj Nagaraj and MC Jai Patel, gain an insight into the genius of A.R. Rahman, understanding the musical instruments and themes used in his iconic compositions.

This is a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to experience a grand symphony orchestra guide you through the inner workings of a genius composer!

So sit back, relax, and join the Australian Indian Orchestra on this musical adventure!

Happy Diwali!



Program

Maa Tujhe Salaam

Titan Watches Jingle

Airtel Jingle

Leo's Coffee Jingle

Thamizha Thamizha

Kadhal Rojave

Oruvan Oruvan

Bombay Theme

Uyire

Kannalane

Hai Rama

Dil Se | Chaiyya Chaiyya

Taal Se Taal

INTERVAL



Bombay Awakes

Lagaan...Once Upon a Time in India

Karikalan's Valour

Yeh Jo Des Hai Tera

Balleilaka

Khwaja Mere Khwaja

Jason and Cynthia Suite

Hassan Learns French Cooking

Enthiran Suite

Ramayana - The Introduction Theme

World Premiere Live Performance

Jai Ho



About the AIO

Australia and India share two loves – Cricket and Curry.
Our vision is to connect us with a third love – Music.

Founded by the brothers Sagar and Suraj Nagaraj, the Australian Indian Orchestra (AIO) melds the best Indian musicians with Australia's finest orchestra players to create a unique cultural experience.

Musicians in the AIO come from top orchestras around Australia including the Sydney Conservatorium Orchestra, Opera Australia Orchestra, and the Australian World Orchestra.

Celebrating the diversity and versatility of the cultural fabric of music in Australia, the AIO exemplifies the multicultural strength of Australia. It is a cultural gem and an inspiration for future generations of musicians in Australia and around the world.



Two Brothers



Well known in both the Australian and Indian music scenes, Suraj is a highly versatile musician known for his virtuosity and precision in performance.

A highly sought-after violinist, conductor and composer, Suraj authentically transcribes and performs Bollywood songs. He has amassed an international following on his YouTube channel “Suraj Nagaraj Violin” and his online music store “Nagaraj Music”.

Suraj has meticulously arranged all the pieces you are hearing tonight and conducted the singers’ rehearsals to be able to bring together this unique concert.



Sagar Nagaraj is an Australian-Indian violinist. He is the Artistic Director and Concertmaster of the Rosemont Chamber Orchestras and 1st Violin of the Rosemont String Quartet.

Having come through the Sydney and Australian Youth Orchestras, Sagar understands the importance of education and the profound impact of providing young musicians with opportunities.

In 2018, Sagar toured with the Australian World Orchestra across India, performing in Chennai, Mumbai, and in Kerala, sparking the idea for the Australian Indian Orchestra.

The Orchestra

Flute

Jessica Scott

Flute & Piccolo

Sabine Seeto

Oboe & Shehnai

Edmond Buzby

Oboe

Jeffrey Lu

Clarinet

Hayley Mitchell

Paris Chen

Bassoon

Lyndon Coward

Oliver French

French Horn

Christopher Peters

Alec Berg

Emily Hackney

Kit Stone

Trumpet

Matthew Hyam

Alex Butler

Trombone

Matthew Bell

Prashasti Jolly

Bass Trombone

Sylvia Nanyziri

Tuba

Campbell Egan

Violin 1

Sagar Nagaraj

Jordon He

Hana Tan

Joy Limoa

Miriam Olsen

Daniel Parkee

Clinton Lau

Ashur Varde

Claire Tan

Yunaa Tae

Max Eastwood

Amogh Ananth

James Guo

Madeleine Lui

Violin 2

Jared Atherton

Julie Tieu

Benjamin Wang

Marcus Aspinall

Tim Dickinson

Federico Codorniu

Mark Rossman

Daniel Zhou

Reni Reji

Maria Isaac

Chaylah Chivas

Noriko Yamanaka

Viola

Po Wang

Grace Chen

Cienna Irwin

Michael Monahan

Mikayla Hartigan

Zifu Zhang

Helen Wang

Kathryn Ramsay

Eunice Wong

Cello

Daniel Morris

Sophie Wolff-Wigley

Catherine Upex

Thomas Ryrie

Harrison Zhang

Vanessa Chalker

Double Bass

George Machado

Max McIlwraith

James Grandison

Harp

Kaela Phillips

Veena / Keyboard / Guitar

Ganathipan Aruneswaran

Percussion

Bryn Wood

Anita Cook

Noam Zemack

Valdas Cameron

Tenor Manns

Ghatam

Prahlad Iyer

Tabla

Abhijit Dan

Mridangam

Advaith Ilavajhala

Support Us

Due to the scale of a unique project like this, we run at a loss.

However, that does not stop us and the musicians from contributing something unique to the cultural fabric of Australia.

Without the generous support of our donors, the Australian Indian Orchestra would simply not be possible.

If you enjoyed this evening's concert and would like to see us grow, please consider donating to our mission to uniting Australia and India with music.

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