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## BE SEDUCED BY EXOTIC WONDERS - A MUSICAL FEAST

**Music infused with the spirit of flamenco, echoes of Arabian Nights, the cool elegance of France and haunting melodies of Brazil ... this is the promise of *EXOTIC WONDERS*, a once-only performance by the Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra, on Sunday 2 November.**

Popular works by Rodrigo, Rimsky-Korsakov, Fauré and Villa-Lobos make up a sumptuous program of music and songs, including some of the best loved and most recognisable pieces in the classical repertoire.

The program features solo classical guitarist, Rodrigo Santibanez, lyric soprano, Anita Kyle and guest concert master Rebecca Irwin.

Guest conductor Carlos Alvarado said: "*Exotic Wonders* is a very enticing program offering a feast of beautiful music for both the classical music buff and the keen new comer.

"With crowd favourites like *Scheherazade* and Rodrigo's *Aranjuez Concerto*, arguably the most famous guitar concerto of all time, this performance will be a unique experience.

"It is a special treat for the audience as they get to sit close to the musicians, so the music is happening all around you, which you don't get in the bigger concert halls."

Carlos Alvarado is passionate about making classical music accessible to as wide an audience as possible. "Community orchestras are a hot bed of talent and the Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra is no exception. The musicians are brimming with flair and vibrancy, with professional musicians and younger players giving their all to the music and the audience."

### Exotic Wonders Program

**Rodrigo's CONCIERTO DE ARANJUEZ**, (aka 'orange juice' concerto), is the holy grail of the guitar repertoire. It is classical music infused with the spirit of flamenco which may, in some way, explain its popularity with both musicians and listeners alike. An endless source of inspiration overflowing with beauty, colour and rhythm, its ravishing slow movement (*Adagio*) has been interpreted by musicians of all genres, from Miles Davis to Frank Sinatra and Jose Carreras.

The orchestra is delighted to welcome guest artist, guitarist Rodrigo Santibanez, in this presentation of Rodrigo's 23-minute masterpiece, *Concierto de Aranjuez*.

Rodrigo on Rodrigo: "*This is a very special piece. It's very demanding to play live in front of an audience. It's different every time – that's the challenge of live classical music.*"

### Rimsky-Korsakov's SCHEHERAZADE

As far as stories go, it's hard to top Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, a magical orchestral poem about one of history's greatest storytellers, a legendary Persian queen named Scheherazade,

and how the beguiling stories she tells her husband the Sultan for 'One Thousand and One Nights' ultimately save her life.

Solo violinist Rebecca Irwin weaves tenderness and sensual melody into the many appearances of Scheherazade, creating the magic of far-away lands. *"Scheherazade is a wonderful piece. I try to bring a more feminine sensitivity to my interpretation while demonstrating the excitement of the virtuosity it offers."*

#### **Fauré's PAVANE**

This miniature masterpiece, by French composer Gabriele Fauré, ebbs and flows in a series of harmonic and melodic climaxes. Its rhythm comes from the slow Spanish court dance of the same name. With its cool elegance and rich lyricism, Pavane conjures up the beauty of the Belle Époque.

#### **Villa-Lobos BACHIANAS BRASILEIRAS No. 5**

In this subtle merging of Baroque and Brazilian folk music, Villa-Lobos, Brazil's most famous and prolific composer, created a work of mysterious and haunting beauty. He uses the voice of the soprano like one of the instruments of the orchestra.

Guest artist, lyric soprano, Anita Kyle is delighted to be invited to perform with the cellos of the orchestra: *"I'm really looking forward to singing this piece. It's so atmospheric and it's sung in Portuguese, which is a first for me!"*

#### **EXOTIC WONDERS Sunday, 2 November 2014, at 3.30pm.**

**Ryde Civic Hall, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde.**

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#### **What's On:**

##### **EXOTIC WONDERS Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra**

Rodrigo's famous 'orange juice' guitar concerto (*Concierto de Aranjuez*) is the highlight of a sumptuous musical feast, inspired by the spirit of flamenco, sultry Arabian Nights and the haunting melodies of Brazil. *Scheherazade/Rimsky-Korsakov, Pavane/Fauré, Bachianas Brasileiras No 5/Villa-Lobos.*

**Sunday 2 November, 3.30pm, Ryde Civic Hall. \$15-\$35. [info@rhhs.org.au](mailto:info@rhhs.org.au) 0457 278 795**

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