

# The Queensland Orchestra

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## Razzle Dazzle of the Proms

Last Night of the Proms | Friday, September 11

**Unfurl your Union Jacks, unpack those party streamers and join the legions of concert-goers who will revel in the infectious atmosphere of The Queensland Orchestra's *Last Night of the Proms*, at 7pm, Friday, September 11 at Brisbane City Hall.**

The performance features world-renowned charismatic Opera Australia star Teddy Tahu Rhodes who is joined by Elena Belfiore in a series of solos and duets from various grand operas.

Rhodes, an established baritone on the international opera stage performs regularly with major opera companies and orchestras in the USA, in Europe, and in Australasia.

Belfiore, fêted for her bel canto singing and fiery coloratura technique, is fast becoming one of the great mezzo sopranos of our time.

Along with these young, dynamic artists will be Brisbane Chorale and well-known ABC Classic FM radio personality, Christopher Lawrence, as MC for the evening.

Director of Artistic Planning for The Queensland Orchestra, Richard Wenn, is looking forward to the concert to experience the incredible passion of the full orchestra coupled with the powerful vocals of the guest artists.

"All the traditional rousing favourites from Last Night of the Proms will be performed, as well as a selection of famous and best-loved opera arias and choruses. This blockbuster program is sure to appeal to everyone," said Mr Wenn.

The repertoire for the evening includes Rossini's *Barber of Seville*, Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Don Giovanni*, Verdi's *Nabucco*, Parry's *Jerusalem*, Elgar's *Land of Hope and Glory*, Wood's *Fantasy on British Sea Shanties* and Arne's *Rule, Britannia!* and more.

Led by maestro Alexander Shelley, the performance is the third in The Queensland Orchestra's Proms series, and is anticipated to be a highlight of the 2009 program.

"Last Night of the Proms is always one of the highlights of the concert calendar. The festive atmosphere in City Hall is infectious and fun is guaranteed. Plus, it's the one night of the year when the audience has permission – and is encouraged – to wear fun hats and sing at the tops of their voices!" said Mr Wenn.

**Tickets to *Last Night of the Proms* are available from \$39 and are on sale now through QTIX. Visit [www.qtix.com.au](http://www.qtix.com.au) or call 136 246.**

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## **Concert Details**

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7pm, Friday, September 11  
City Hall

<b>Conductor</b>	Alexander Shelley
<b>Mezzo Soprano</b>	Elena Belfiore
<b>Baritone</b>	Teddy Tahu Rhodes
<b>Choir</b>	Brisbane Chorale

<b>Presenter</b>	Christopher Lawrence
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**Teddy Tahu Rhodes and Elena Belfiore are both available for interviews**

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