

The Queensland Orchestra

MEDIA RELEASE



Monday, May 11, 2009

SET THE TEMPO TO MOZART THIS MOTHER'S DAY

'Imogen Cooper Plays Mozart' | 7pm, Friday, May 22, QPAC Concert Hall

Make Mother's Day memorable this year; set the tempo to Mozart!

The Queensland Orchestra will spoil your Mum on Friday, May 22, with a truly memorable performance of classic masterworks in 'Imogen Cooper Plays Mozart' at the QPAC Concert Hall from 7pm.

Ms Imogen Cooper, hailed as the pre-eminent Mozart pianist of our time, is set to grace the stage with an inspiring performance of Mozart's Concerto No.23 in A; the most radiant of all the Mozart piano concerti.

Mr Richard Wenn, Director of Artistic Planning/Administration for The Queensland Orchestra says Ms Cooper has long prevailed as one of the most delicate and sensitive specialists in the area of Mozart interpretation.

"Imogen Cooper's performances of Mozart are definitive; her career spans several decades...we are very much looking forward to working with this legendary pianist," said Mr Wenn.

Mr Wenn says tickets to the performance would make a wonderful gift for your Mum this Mother's Day.

"There is something about a live performance with a full symphonic orchestra that is completely magical...this concert in particular features some very popular and beautiful works by Mozart, Strauss and Grieg that are simply dazzling."

"(The concert) is a perfect way to introduce your Mum and the whole family to The Queensland Orchestra," Mr Wenn said.

Established fans of classical music will be interested to know Ms Cooper received a CBE in the Queen's New Year Honours in 2007 and was the recipient of an award from the Royal Philharmonic Society in 2008.

The Queensland Orchestra will also perform Mozart's exquisite *Serenata Notturna* for strings and timpani, Richard Strauss' *Serenade* Op.7 in E flat for wind and horns and the ever popular *Peer Gynt* Suites by Edvard Grieg, under the command of Maestro Jari Hämälaine.

Jari Hämäläinen is one of the newest conducting stars from Finland and was recently named Artistic Director of the Savonlinna Festival, he is certainly a conductor to watch and reason enough to secure your ticket.

"The Queensland Orchestra under the direction of the talented Finnish conductor Jari Hämäläinen will make a brilliant ensemble with this poet of the piano," Mr Wenn said.

Tickets to 'Imogen Cooper Plays Mozart' with The Queensland Orchestra are on sale now through QTIX. Call 136 246 or visit www.qtix.com.au.

Ends

The **Queensland Orchestra**
MEDIA RELEASE



The Queensland Orchestra

MEDIA RELEASE



Concert Details

Classics 2

IMOGEN COOPER PLAYS MOZART

7pm, Friday, May 22, QPAC Concert Hall

Conductor Jari Hämäläinen
Piano Imogen Cooper

Mozart Serenade in D, K.239 *Serenata Notturna*
Mozart Piano Concerto No.23 in A, K.488
R. Strauss Serenade, Op.7 in E flat
Grieg Peer Gynt Suite No.1, Op.46 & Suite No.2, Op.55

Tickets on sale now through QTIX. 136 246 or www.qtix.com.au

For interview opportunities, images and/or more information please contact:

Erin Whittaker
Marketing Coordinator
The Queensland Orchestra
(07) 3833 5042
whittakere@thequeenslandorchestra.com.au