



MEDIA RELEASE

DSO to Perform at TWP

The Darwin Symphony Orchestra is set to continue its sequence of stunning performances with a night out at the Territory Wildlife Park next month.

The DSO last week wowed a crowd of more than 6000 people at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens Amphitheatre when it performed with the Australian Ballet and will star in *Animal Magic at Territory Wildlife Park* on Saturday, 12 August.

DSO artistic director Martin Jarvis said the orchestra's full complement of 65 musicians was looking forward to performing at one of the Territory's premier tourist attractions.

"This is the first time the Darwin Symphony Orchestra has performed at the Territory Wildlife Park in what will be a great night of entertainment for the entire family," Mr Jarvis said.

"Our chamber group performed there two years ago as part of the International Guitar Festival and it is great our full orchestra now has the opportunity to perform at what will be an amazing setting."

The DSO will support Territory Administrator Ted Egan AO who will narrate Peter and the Croc, known internationally as Peter and the Wolf, as well as supporting Kathy Applegate's narration of The Wetlands Suite.

Territory Wildlife Park manager Stuart Traynor said park animals such as bats, frogs, raptors, crocodiles and other reptiles, all handled by park keepers, would be making appearances during the performance at the park's function lawns.

"This is a great chance for Territorians, and tourists, to enjoy a night of great entertainment at a wonderful venue but tickets are limited to 700, so I suggest people get their tickets soon," Mr Traynor said.

"And locals wanting to make a day of it by touring the park prior to the concert are urged to obtain Territorian Passes if they haven't already done so, as it allows them 12 months access to the park, all for the one admission price."

Animal Magic at Territory Wildlife Park tickets are limited to 700 and are available at the Darwin Entertainment Centre box office or by telephoning 8980 3333.

Tickets cost \$33 for adults, \$27.90 concession and \$7.70 for children 12 years or younger.

The 12 August show commences at 5pm and concludes at 6.15pm, with gates opening at 4pm.

Food and drinks are available at the kiosk during the performance and no chairs are permitted at the park's function lawns, rugs and mats only.

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Media Note – For more information contact Martin Jarvis on 8946 6532 or Stuart Traynor on 8988 7200.

Visual Opportunity – Martin Jarvis conducting a flock of pelicans at the Territory Wildlife Park from 2pm today.

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