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The National Capital Orchestra

Louis Sharpe, Music Director

FIREBIRD

The Q, 50 Lowe Street, Queanbeyan

3 pm, Sunday 24 March 2024

Tickets \$30 to \$55: theq.net.au

The National Capital Orchestra, under the baton of Music Director Louis Sharpe, opens its 2024 season with a spellbinding and Canberra-centric concert that encapsulates its artistic vision for the future.

Beloved Canberra composer Sally Greenaway and NCO's own horn player Thomas McConochie will display their own compositional voices alongside Canberra-born violinist Mia Stanton.

The concert opens with *Starry Night Over Ubud* by NCO's own **Thomas McConochie**, a work that evokes the magic of Bali with its references to Balinese gamelan music.

The first half of the concert concludes with the Violin Concerto No. 2 by **Sergei Prokofiev**. Violinist **Mia Stanton** was born in Canberra and currently plays with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra. Stanton returns home to create magic with this epic work, which alternates between playful and melodic passages.

In the second half of the program, **Sally Greenaway's** arrangement of the *Etude in C Sharp Minor* by Aleksandr Scriabin provides a calm interlude before the concert's climactic finale.

The orchestra closes this exciting program with an audience and orchestra favourite, The *Firebird Suite* by **Igor Stravinsky**, which takes the audience on a journey of frantic dances, mysterious characters, and the triumph of good over evil in one of the most famous ballet suites written in the 20th century.

Music Director Louis Sharpe comments, "The NCO is proud to promote the work of living Australian and Canberran composers by programming these incredible pieces alongside selections from the international orchestral repertoire."

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