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The National Capital Orchestra

Louis Sharpe, Music Director

SYMPHONIE FANTASTIQUE

Snow Concert Hall

3pm, Sunday, 1 December, 2024

Tickets from <https://snowconcerthall.com/>

The National Capital Orchestra's 2024 *VISIONS* season concludes with its most dramatic concert yet! Audiences are in for an unforgettable afternoon of delight and delirium as the orchestra presents a captivating concert featuring three remarkable works that will take listeners on a journey from the pinnacle of joy to the fires of damnation. Tickets are now available!

Opening the concert is celebrated Australian composer Miriam Hyde's delightful *Happy Occasion Overture*. This vibrant work radiates joy and celebration, reflecting Hyde's enchanting style and infectious optimism.

Next, the audience will be treated to the lyrical beauty of Rebecca Clarke's *Viola Concerto*, performed by Canberran violist Alina Zamfir. This work showcases the viola's expressive range, balancing elegance with boldness, featuring lush harmonies and intricate interplay between the soloist and orchestra. With its rich textures and heartfelt melodies, this piece promises to captivate audiences and shed light on the brilliance of one of the 20th century's most significant female composers.

Finally, attendees will be enchanted by Berlioz's groundbreaking *Symphonie Fantastique*, a pioneering masterpiece of the Romantic era. This epic orchestral work tells the passionate story of an artist's fever dream of unrequited love, culminating in his dramatic descent into madness and the flames of hell. With its memorable melodies and imaginative orchestration, each movement paints a compelling picture that spans the depths of human emotion. The work's dazzling orchestral colours and innovative spirit make this work a cornerstone of the classical repertoire.

According to NCO Music Director Louis Sharpe, "The NCO has never sounded better, and this concert truly shows off the orchestra's strengths through these dramatic and passionate works. The audience is in for a real treat!"

Tickets are available now, including discounted rates for families, seniors, and young people. The performance promises to be a highlight of the Canberra concert season!

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