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A^cO₂ VICTORIA TOUR

featuring violinist Lara St John

After their highly acclaimed 2009 tour, A^cO₂, the regional touring arm of the Australian Chamber Orchestra, return to Victoria in April playing concerts in Castlemaine, Horsham, Melbourne, Mildura and Warrnambool.



“The skill and finesse of the performances was awe inspiring... I would encourage anyone who lives within reach of A^cO₂'s regional tour to attend and be captivated.” *Australian Stage Online*



“St. John brings to the stage personal charisma, an unflagging musical imagination and genuine passion.”
The Los Angeles Times

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A^cO₂ combines players from Australia's most exciting and dynamic orchestra, the Australian Chamber Orchestra, with the cream of Australia's young, up-and-coming string players. Having performed with guest artists such as Tim Freedman of The Whitlams and starred in Simon Callow's world-wide television series *Classical Destinations II*, A^cO₂ perform some of the most highly anticipated concerts on Australia's regional touring circuit.

Lara St John

For the first time the band is led by internationally acclaimed superstar, Canadian violinist Lara St John. “Wild, idiosyncratic and gripping”, St John first appeared as a soloist aged only 4, debuted in Europe at age 10, and has gone on to become one of the world's greatest violinists.

Australian First

A^cO₂'s tour features Matthew Hindson's piece *Maralinga* – inspired by the secret nuclear testing done in this infamous South Australian area in the 1950's and 60's. Originally written for piano and strings, it has never been performed outside the USA and, given its origins, it is fitting that the World Premiere of this arrangement for violin and strings be part of this regional Australian tour.

VIC tour: 1-13 April

A^cO₂ perform a diverse concert of beautiful classical favourites including everything from dazzling Vivaldi, swirling Tchaikovsky and bawdy tango-inspired Piazzola to Matthew Hindson's high-octane *Maralinga*. Highlights will be A^cO₂ strings pushed to the limit in Vivaldi's fast-paced Concerto for four violins as well as one of Tchaikovsky's own favourite works, his balletic Serenade for strings.

While on tour A^cO₂ also conduct workshops for school students in Horsham and Mildura.

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PROGRAM

VIVALDI	Concerto for four violins, RV580
PIAZZOLLA	Four Seasons of Buenos Aires
HINDSON	<i>Maralinga</i>
TCHAIKOVSKY	Serenade for strings

PERFORMANCES

CASTLEMAINE	Castlemaine Town Hall	Wed 6 April, 8pm
Bookings: 5434 6100, www.castlemainefestival.com.au		
HORSHAM	Wesley Performing Arts Centre	Tue 5 April, 7.30pm
Bookings: 5382 6699, www.wesleypac.com.au		
MELBOURNE	South Melbourne Town Hall, ANAM	Wed 13 April, 8pm
Bookings: 1800 444 444, www.aco.com.au/book		
MILDURA	Mercy Theatre	Thu 7 April, 8pm
Bookings: 5018 8330 or 5018 8376, www.milduraartscentre.com.au		
WARRNAMBOOL	King's College Theatre	Fri 1 April, 8pm
Bookings: 5559 4999, www.entertainmentcentre.com.au		

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