



NEWS RELEASE

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Caption: Katherine Moses and John Barry rehearse with the ORC Symphony Orchestra

Final rehearsals for the big symphony

The Orange Regional Conservatorium's Symphonic Choir and Symphony Orchestra are in final rehearsals for the largest concert of their season, Symphony in Winter.

With the concert taking place this Saturday 4 July, the string, woodwind, brass, string and percussion ensembles have been rehearsing for over a month. They joined forces this weekend in a three-hour rehearsal, one of the last they will take part in before the concert.

ORC assistant director, Andrew Baker, is thrilled with how the enormous number of musicians is coming together.

"This concert is really the highlight of our performance season," he explains. "To have so 60 musicians on stage in the orchestra, along with our largest choir, the sound is going to be unforgettable."

Performing some well-loved pieces such as Rutter's Gloria, Prokofiev's Classical Symphony, Britten's Simple Symphony and Massenet's Mediation from "Thais", this will be a concert not to be missed.

"Every performer needs to be at their best for this concert and we're lucky in Orange to have so many first class musicians who come together for this event. It means we can produce a concert of the highest standard."

The ORC Symphony Orchestra will include 18 violins, seven violas, eight cellos, three double basses, three flutes, two oboes, two bassoons, two clarinets, two french horns, four trumpets, four trombones, two tubas and to percussionists on drums.

"We're going to make a very impressive noise," Mr Baker says.

The ORC's Symphony in Winter concert will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday 4 July at the ORC Auditorium. Reserved seating tickets are available at Book City, Summer Street (near post office) Tickets are \$25 adult, \$20 concession.

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