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Symphony Under the Stars to take audience on a cinematic journey

Queensland Symphony Orchestra is returning to Gladstone later this month, with Gladstone Regional Council proud to present *Symphony Under the Stars* across two magical nights.

The theme for this year is *Reel Classics*, showcasing some of the most spine-tingling music that has moved film audiences for decades.

From original movie scores to classical music featured in inspiring movies, *Symphony Under the Stars* will showcase music from legendary composer John Williams including pieces from *Star Wars*, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, *Harry Potter* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

Music from Rachel Portman, the first female composer to win an Academy Award will also feature, as will other film scores that have graced the big screen.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Queensland Symphony Orchestra is renowned for its high quality, breathtaking performances of both classical and modern compositions that engage audiences of diverse musical tastes, interests and ages.

“Queensland Symphony Orchestra is the state’s only professional symphony orchestra and each year they attract the world’s best conductors and soloists as part of their acclaimed concert season,” Councillor Burnett said.

“The 2020 conductor is Dane Lam, an Australian-Chinese conductor with a career that has spanned three continents so far and saw him nominated as Best Newcomer at the 2018 International Opera Awards.”

The 2020 *Symphony Under the Stars* is a free event to be held at the Gladstone Ports Corporation’s Marina Stage (Bryan Jordan Drive) across two nights – Thursday 24 September and Friday 25 September – with both performances beginning from 7pm. Gates open at 5.30pm.

No food or drink vendors will be available on site, so patrons are encouraged to bring a picnic hamper or purchase food from local shops prior to arrival. No alcohol will be allowed.

Symphony Under the Stars is a free event, however tickets must be pre-purchased due to COVID-19 requirements with performances to be limited to 600 patrons across both nights.

Social distancing between families or groups must be strictly adhered to.

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Council asks patrons to not attend if you have returned from overseas or a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days, have cold or flu-like symptoms, or have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

Please visit <https://gladstoneentertainment.com>, visit the GECC box office or call 4972 2822 to pre-purchase your tickets.

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