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The Adelaide Festival Centre
in association with the 34-piece Adelaide Art Orchestra presents

Christmas Proms

Silent Night may be played, but the **Festival Theatre** certainly won't be silent on the nights of 15 and 16 December, when in association with the **Adelaide Art Orchestra** it presents **Christmas Proms** – a spectacular family Christmas event.

The concert is only the beginning of the **Festival Centre's** summer holiday program of family entertainment, ensuring that during December and January there will be plenty for families and children to see and do.

Come and sing along with the **Adelaide Art Orchestra**, the fabulous **Adelaide Vocal Project**, conductor **Timothy Sexton**, compere **Brenton Whittle** with **Bookworm** and special guests including ABC's **Operatunity Oz** runner-up **Emily Burke**, stars of the upcoming production of **The Pirates of Penzance** **Dennis Olsen** and **Johanna Allen**, plus Adelaide Cabaret Festival favourite **Gentlemen Prefer Curves** and other surprise guests.

All of your favourite carols will be performed, including *Jingle Bells*, *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*, *Away in a Manger* and the majestic *Hallelujah Chorus*. There will also be plenty of comic songs, including a star-studded *12 Days of Christmas* featuring some very famous local faces.

Make sure to have your singing voice ready, as the audience will be encouraged to sing along with many of the carols!

You'll also hear the orchestra perform masterworks from the *Nutcracker Suite*, *Carmen* and the theme from the movie *Babe* with the mighty Festival Theatre Silver Jubilee organ, donated to mark the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 1979.

The 34-piece **Adelaide Art Orchestra** is Adelaide's newest orchestra. Founded by Artistic Director **Timothy Sexton** and concertmaster **Carolyn Lam** in late 2001, its members are drawn from the ranks of the state's top professional freelance musicians. It is a key player in Adelaide's dynamic music scene, having established a reputation for vibrant and energetic performance of contemporary classical and popular repertoire, and regularly featuring at the **Festival Centre**, in the **Adelaide Cabaret Festival** and in many other major venues in South Australia.

The **Adelaide Vocal Project** has performed at many of Adelaide's popular venues and events, including *Einstein On The Beach* – a collaboration by **Phillip Glass** and **Leigh Warren and Dancers** at the **2006 Adelaide Festival of Arts** – and in several concerts with the **State Opera of South Australia**.

Adelaide Festival Centre Artistic Director and CEO **Douglas Gautier** says, "We hope that everyone is able to join us for this Christmas celebration which promises to be an unforgettable night and a fitting end to 2006, as we prepare for one of the Festival Centre's busiest and most exciting years in 2007".

Experience the joy and meaning of Christmas in an orchestral and choral event that will bring smiles and laughter to young and old. Filled with traditional Christmas highlights and some stunning surprises, this concert is a musical treat for the whole family.

For more information go to www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

What: Adelaide Festival Centre Christmas Proms Concert
Venue: Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre
When: Friday 15 December 7:30pm
Saturday 16 December 6:30pm
Cost: Family package (2 adults, 2 children) \$100 - additional child \$25,
Adult \$35, Concession \$30
Bookings: BASS 131 246 or www.bass.net.au

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