

# AUSTRALIAN BRANDENBURG ORCHESTRA MEDIA RELEASE

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*"[The Brandenburg Choir is] one of the finest choruses one could put together in this town."*  
The Sydney Morning Herald

## **NOËL! NOËL! 2006** **Nourishment for the soul** **at Christmas**

3 **Sydney city concerts, Penrith**, a new church venue in **Cremorne**,  
and a return to churches in **Paddington, Wahroonga, Parramatta & Newcastle**

"The Christmas season is a time when we usually need to recharge ourselves - physically, mentally and spiritually," says Paul Dyer, Brandenburg Artistic Director. "With this in mind, each year I like to offer our audience some of the most joyful and uplifting music ever written."

"The divine music in our **Noël! Noël!** concerts was written over many centuries and comes from many cultures," he adds, "and is the ideal nourishment for the soul just when we all need it most."

The Brandenburg Choir brings to these concerts the blissful experience of sublime choral singing and has helped make these concerts one of Sydney's most popular Christmas traditions.

In 2006 **Noël! Noël!** will return to Newcastle following a sell-out debut in 2005 and be performed in St Peter's Anglican Church in Cremorne for the first time.

Players from the Brandenburg Orchestra join the choir to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas in a truly unique and joyful way.

The music ranges from the ethereal chants of mediaeval composer Hildegard von Bingen to the gentle arrangement of Stille Nacht (Silent Night), written in a Bavarian village in 1818.

"As well as traditional Christmas music, there is also rarely heard music by Fernandez, Corelli and Palestrina," says Paul. "and as an extra musical treat this year I've also included Vivaldi's famous Lute Concerto. While it isn't a work that directly associated with Christmas, there is no denying that its glorious slow movement is indeed the music of heaven."

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## NOËL! NOËL! 2006

**BRANDENBURG ORCHESTRA, BRANDENBURG CHOIR, PAUL DYER** director

Gauntlett  
Traditional plainchant  
Hildegard von Bingen  
Handl  
Sammartini  
Fernandez  
Corelli  
Palestrina  
Vivaldi

*Once in royal David's city*  
*Hodie Christus natus est*  
*Columba aspexit*  
*Resonet in laudibus*  
*Pastorale* from "Christmas" Concerto  
*Alma redemptoris mater*  
Movements from "Christmas" Concerto  
*Alma redemptoris mater*  
Concerto for lute in D major, RV 93

### A Christmas reading

Traditional carols

*Quelle est cette odeur agréable?*  
*It came upon the midnight clear*  
*Christmas Night*  
*The Coventry Carol*  
*Stille Nacht*  
*O come all ye faithful*

Gruber  
Traditional carol

### **CITY CONCERTS**

*Bookings City Recital Hall Box Office (02) 8256 2222*

<b>Fri</b>	<b>15 Dec</b>	<b>City Recital Hall, Angel Place</b>	6.30pm and 8.30pm - 2 Concerts
<b>Sat</b>	<b>16 Dec</b>	<b>City Recital Hall, Angel Place</b>	5.00pm
	Tickets	Adults \$71.50 - \$26.50 / Conc. From \$23 / Children from \$13.50	

### **PENRITH CONCERT**

*Bookings (02) 4723 7600*

<b>Tues</b>	<b>12 Dec</b>	<b>Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre</b>	7.00pm
	Tickets	Adults \$39 / Conc. \$31 / Child \$17.50	

### **CHURCH CONCERTS**

*Bookings (02) 9328 7581*

<b>Sat</b>	<b>9 Dec</b>	<b>WAHROONGA - Knox Grammar School Chapel</b>	5.00pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17 Dec</b>	<b>CREMORNE - St Peter's Anglican Church</b>	6.00pm
<b>Mon</b>	<b>18 Dec</b>	<b>PADDINGTON - St Francis of Assisi</b>	7.00pm
	Tickets	Adult \$49 / Conc. \$41 / Children (<18) \$20.50	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>13 Dec</b>	<b>PARRAMATTA - St Patrick's Cathedral</b>	7.00pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10 Dec</b>	<b>NEWCASTLE - Christ Church Cathedral</b>	3.00pm
	Tickets	Adult \$39 / Conc. \$31 / Children (<18) \$17.50	

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