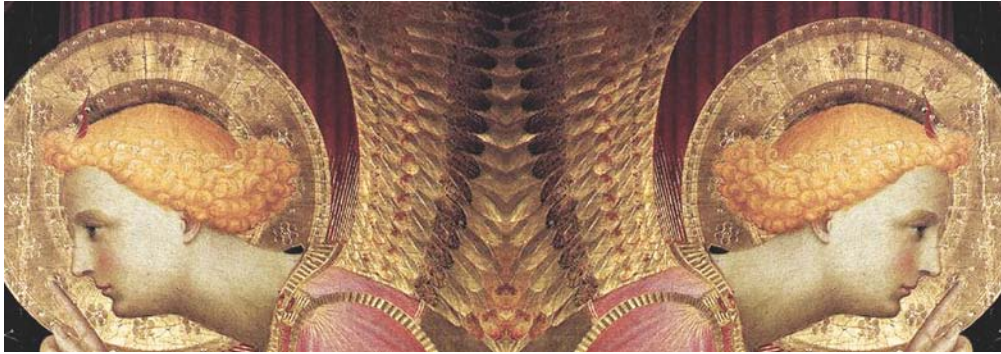


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# NOËL! NOËL! 2010



CITY RECITAL HALL,  
SYDNEY  
& churches in  
CREMORNE,  
NEWCASTLE,  
PADDINGTON,  
PARRAMATTA,  
REDFERN  
& for the first time  
WOLLONGONG

## ANGELS WITH PURE SAX APPEAL

“Most of my life has been dedicated to the performance of period music in its purest form” says **Paul Dyer**, the Brandenburg’s Artistic Director. “Winning the **Best Classical Album ARIA** for **Tapas** last month reminded me that when you start with the purity of the Baroque and then add something more, you connect with a whole new audience. That’s what I’m going for with **Noël! Noël!** in 2010.”

“I’m going to start with the purity of traditional carols, add the most heavenly voices of the **Brandenburg Choir**, and then spice it up with a saxophone. In **Noel Nouvelet**, a gorgeous French carol, you’re going to hear a saxophone and choir create a mystical sound like you’re drifting through a beautiful vast desert. But then you’re also going to hear **The Little Drummer Boy** with the saxophone and an angelic soprano singing in a smoky chanteuse kind of way.

“I’ve invited the wonderful saxophonist **Christina Leonard**, well known for her performance of classical and baroque music, to create our unique Noël sound. I can’t wait to hear the sound of her sax with our gut-stringed violins, harpsichord and percussion,” he adds.

**Noël! Noël!** 2010 will also feature some modern musical treats, **Goodnight my Angel** a beautiful lullaby by **Billy Joel** and the world premiere of **Alma Redemptoris Mater**, a work for unaccompanied choir, written by a former Brandenburg chorister, composer **Hugh Ronzani**.

According to Hugh, the work is “a combination of prayer and meditation. The sacredness and emotion of the text is brought out by a music that seemingly floats in the air, timeless and pure.”

London-based Hugh is now a scholar at the Royal College of Music in London. He combines a life in music with high achievement in sport – he is a member of the first division winning team of the English Handball Association Cup!

The 12th **Noël! Noël!** will also feature the sublime sound of Renaissance Italy, the divine music of medieval Germany, joyous 17<sup>th</sup> century baroque from Southern Europe as well as Mozart, Purcell and much more. As is the **Noël! Noël!** tradition, each concert concludes with much loved carols, including **Stille Nacht** the original German **Silent Night**, the haunting **Coventry Carol** and **O Come All Ye Faithful**.

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NOTE: CREMORNE concert already sold out

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Brandenburg Choir  
Members of the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra  
With soprano Louise Prickett & classical saxophonist Christina Leonard  
Paul Dyer artistic director / harpsichord

Palestrina	Hodie Christus natus est	
Hildegard von Bingen	O Ecclesia	
Traditional arr. Carter	Angelus ad vinginem	
Hugh Ronzani	Alma Redemptoris Mater *	*World Premiere
Merula	Aria di Ciaconna <i>Su la Cetra Amorosa</i>	
Juan Aranes	Chacona <i>A la vida bona</i>	
Purcell	Bell anthem <i>Rejoice in the Lord Alway</i>	
Mozart	Laudate Dominum	
Billy Joel arr. Lawson	Lullabye <i>Goodnight my Angel</i>	
Traditional arr. Coelho	Veni Emmanuel	
Traditional arr. Coelho	Coventry Carol	
Traditional arr. Coelho	Noël Nouvelet	
Howells	Here is the Little Door	
Traditional arr. Coelho	The Little Drummer Boy	
Gruber	Stille Nacht (Silent Night)	
Wade arr. Willcocks	O Come all Ye Faithful	

## CITY CONCERTS

Bookings: City Recital Hall Box Office (02) 8256 2222 or book online at [www.brandenburg.com.au](http://www.brandenburg.com.au)

Sat 18 Dec SYDNEY City Recital Hall, Angel Place 5pm & 7pm  
Adult \$33 to \$93

## CHURCH CONCERTS

Bookings: Brandenburg Box Office (02) 9328 7581 or online at [www.brandenburg.com.au](http://www.brandenburg.com.au)

All church concerts are General Admission.

Sat 11 Dec	WOLLONGONG	St Francis Xavier's Cathedral	3.00pm	
Sun 12 Dec	NEWCASTLE	Christ Church Cathedral	2.00pm	
Mon 13 Dec	PADDINGTON	St Francis of Assisi	7.00pm	
Tue 14 Dec	PADDINGTON	St Francis of Assisi	7.00pm	
Thu 16 Dec	PARRAMATTA	St Patrick's Cathedral	7.30pm	
Sun 19 Dec	CREMORNE	St Peter's Anglican Church	6.30pm	SOLD OUT
Mon 20 Dec	REDFERN	St Saviour's Anglican Church	6.30pm	

Wollongong, Newcastle	Adult \$45 / Conc. \$30 / Children (under 16) \$10
Parramatta, Redfern	Adult \$55 / Conc. \$40 / Children (under 16) \$15
Paddington	Adult \$65 / Conc. \$50 / Children (under 16) \$20



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