

# Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

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## Peter and the Wolf: Schools Resource Pack

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Dear school community,

Hold on to your hats – the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) is gearing up to visit! We look forward to presenting you with a riveting, full orchestral performance of the children's classic, *Peter and the Wolf*. We can't wait to share it with you, your school, and your students.

This is a very special opportunity for your young people to experience a live symphony orchestra. *Peter and the Wolf* is a fantastic story with which students can engage, especially as a different instrument portrays each character in the story. In fact, the piece was originally composed in 1936 by Prokofiev as a means by which children could be introduced to the orchestra and its capacity for artistic and theatrical expression.

To compliment the MSO's performance, we have developed a school resource pack with further information about the orchestra and musical repertoire, as well as suggested activities for Foundation level to Year 4. In the interest of incorporating easily these activities into your teaching in the lead-up to the concert, AusVELS Arts and English Curriculum content descriptions have been used to guide the planning for a selection of the workbook activities. The workbook and accompanying teaching resources are available to you at [www.mso.com.au/resources](http://www.mso.com.au/resources). The pack is intended for use both as a pre-concert guide and lesson planning resource, and as an activity for extension/reflection after the MSO concert.

We would also like to extend an invitation for you and your students to explore the inner workings of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and its musicians through the MSO Learn App. The app allows users to learn and listen to each instrument and meet a member of each section of the Orchestra. MSO Learn is available as a free download from iTunes. <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/mso-learn/id441422027?mt=8>

We hope that you find these resources entertaining and informative, and I look forward to meeting you at the concert. If you have any questions at all regarding these resources, please contact me using the details below.

With best wishes,



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