

The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra is an arts leader and Australia's oldest professional orchestra, established in 1906.

As a truly global orchestra, the MSO collaborates with guest artists and arts organisations from across the world, including our current three-year partnership with Shanghai Symphony Orchestra.

We are:

- 88 full-time musicians
- 135 MSO Chorus members
- 45 administrative staff

#### Artistic Family

**Benjamin Northey** Associate Conductor

**Tianyi Lu** Cybec Assistant Conductor

**Carl Vine AO** Composer in Residence

**Ade Vincent** Cybec Young Composer in Residence

**PLEXUS** Ensemble in Residence

**Anne-Sophie Mutter\*** Soloist in Residence

*\*supported by Mr Marc Besen AC and Mrs Eva Besen AO*


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# Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA  
2018



## An arts leader and global orchestra

EST. 1906

CHIEF CONDUCTOR: SIR ANDREW DAVIS

MANAGING DIRECTOR: SOPHIE GALAISE

# Engaging nearly 4 million people in 2017:

- Over 150 live performances
- Television & radio broadcasts on ABC Classic FM, Foxtel Arts, Shanghai Media Group and free to air
- Live streaming
- Recordings with Chandos, Sony and ABC Classics

## A global orchestra

Collaborations with international artists and arts organisations:

- Garin Nugroho
- Rahayu Supanggah
- Sir Elton John
- Sting
- Maxim Vengerov
- Renee Fleming
- Anne-Sophie Mutter
- Thomas Hampson
- Daniil Trifonov
- Yuja Wang
- Stuart Skelton

Performing with guest artists from across the world:

- Australia
- Canada
- China
- Czech Republic
- Egypt
- France
- Germany
- Holland
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- Russia
- South Africa
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- USA



2014  
China  
Europe

2018  
China  
Indonesia

2016  
China  
Indonesia

2019  
USA

2017  
Indonesia

2020  
Europe/UK

## Chinese guest artists performing with the MSO in 2018



Muhai Tang  
conductor



Xian Zhang  
conductor



Wu Wei  
sheng



Moye Chen  
piano



Tan Dun  
conductor



Lu Siqing  
violin



Lü Jia  
conductor



Ma Xiaohui  
erhu

*“Heroically, Davis...directs an exemplary performance, balancing near-cacophony with dreamlike, drifting surrealism.”*

★★★★★

London Times review of MSO recording Ives: Symphonies Nos 3 and 4

## China Tour 2018

15–26 May 2018



## Chinese New Year Gala

**Saturday 24 February 2018**  
Arts Centre Melbourne, Hamer Hall

Featuring Lü Jia (conductor), Lu Siqing (violin) and Ma Xiaohui (erhu).

An annual highlight on Melbourne’s cultural calendar since 2013.

Media coverage in 2017 reached almost 300 million people.

Supported by Li Family Trust

*“Violinist Lu Siqing is no stranger to the MSO. He performed at the inaugural East Meets West concert, and together they have recently released a CD... This was a profound, almost mesmeric presentation by a showman, delivered with style and panache... The MSO, led by Lü Jia, appeared energised by his performance. He demonstrated enormous flair and it’s easy to see why he’s become an audience favourite. On this night he played the “Miss Crespi” 1699 Stradivari violin, loaned by David Li, a Chinese-Australian Arts philanthropist. In these Chinese works Lü Jia expertly coaxed the orchestra into revealing their nuances.”*

Classic Melbourne  
Review of Chinese New Year Gala, 24 February 2018