

Queensland Symphony Orchestra presents
THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

Gala Series 2

Featuring conductor Paul Watkins, The Queensland Choir and the Brisbane Chorale



Saturday 25 September 7pm

QPAC Concert Hall

Tickets QTIx 136 246

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra is proud to present The Last Night of the Proms with The Queensland Choir and Brisbane Chorale conducted by Maestro Paul Watkins.

A favourite with audiences and performers alike, The Last Night of the Proms is a symphonic shot of adrenalin with a program guaranteed to get toes tapping and people singing.

This year's presentation of William Walton's epic choral spectacular, *Belshazzar's Feast*, will have a huge impact in the concert hall. Peter Coleman-Wright, who received rave reviews for his performance in Brett Dean's new opera *Bliss*, features in this exciting work for large orchestra, choirs and baritone solo. This is a rare opportunity to hear a work of this scale with a performer of Coleman-Wright's stature.

Also on the program is Elgar's *Cockaigne: Overture*, a rarely performed work scored for large orchestra including a battery of percussion and brass.

Bringing the performance to life is English maestro Paul Watkins, a cellist of international repute and music director of the renowned English Chamber Orchestra. Paul has conducted virtually all of Britain's symphony and chamber orchestras, including the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the London Mozart Players and the Ulster Orchestra.

Bring your streamers, whistles and patriotic hats for a great night of musical favourites by Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Parry and Arne, topped off by Elgar's rousing standard, *Land of Hope and Glory*.

Orchestral old hands and symphonic newcomers alike will have a ball at this musical night of nights at QPAC, so come along and see what all the noise is about during this year's Brisbane Festival.



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