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nation.

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cultures; and to elders past, present
and emerging.**

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Western Australian Wind Symphony

Conducted by
Samuel Parry

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Welcome to **A WALK IN THE SKIES**

The harmonious fusion of Joe Hisaishi's orchestral scores and the vivid worlds created by Hayao Miyazaki, elevates emotions and deepens the cinematic experience. Music becomes an integral part of storytelling, guiding the audience through the magical landscapes and epic adventures that define Studio Ghibli's timeless films.

The WA Wind Symphony proudly presents “A Walk in the Skies”, an enchanting evening of Joe Hisaishi’s animated cinematic scores.

Travelling through the whimsical landscapes of “My Neighbor Totoro”, the epic adventures of “Princess Mononoke” and the surreal “Spirited Away”, The evening explores the stirring melodies and expressive themes that have captured audiences worldwide.

May tonight’s selection of compositions guide you through a captivating journey of sound and emotion, celebrating the splendor and magic of Joe Hisaishi's extraordinary compositions.

Acknowledgments

The WA Charity Orchestra Inc. Committee would like to thank all of our outstanding members and team of volunteers who make these concerts possible.

We'd also love to thank you, our audience, who make these musical experiences as special as they are. Your support is appreciated!

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A WALK IN THE SKIES

CONCERT PROGRAMME

WA WIND SYMPHONY

Music by Joe Hisaishi

My Neighbour Totoro

arr. Takashi Hoshide

Nausicaä Requiem

arr. Yo Goto and Toshio Mashima

The Wind Rises

arr. Kazuhiro Morita

Kiki's Delivery Service

arr. Masamicz Amano and Yosuke Fukuda

Laputa: Castle in the Sky

arr. Toshio Mashima and Kazuhiro Morita

Spirited Away

arr. Kazuhiro Morita and Eiji Suzuki

- Interval (20 mins) -

Ponyo on a Cliff by the Sea

arr. Yo Goto

Porco Rosso

arr. Kazuhiro Morita

Princess Mononoke

arr. Masamicz Amano, Kazuhiro Morita and Taiki Saijo

Howl's Moving Castle

arr. Masamicz Amano and Seiji Miyagawa

The creation of a

single world

comes from a huge number of

fragments and chaos.

- Hayao Miyazaki

BIOGRAPHY

Joe Hisaishi

Born 1950 in Nakano, Nagano, Japan, Joe Hisaishi started to learn violin at age 4, and his interest in film developed as he watched many movies with his father. In 1969 he started his studies as a composition student at Kunitachi College of Music. It was here that he began to develop his interest in minimalism and composing for animation. After completing his degree he continued to develop his composition style and released his first solo album MKWAJU in 1981. His long term collaboration with director Hayao Miyazaki began with scoring the film Nausica of the Valley of the Winds (1984). Outside of his work with Miyazaki Hisaishi has worked on over 80 films, made his directorial debut in 2001, and in 2004 assumed the position of first music director of New Japan Philharmonic "World Dream Orchestra". In recent years he has expanded his experience as a conductor and composer of contemporary classical works with several concertos and symphonies. As of 2024 he was appointed as Composer-in-Association with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and as the Music Director with Japan Century Symphony Orchestra starting April 2025.

Hayao Miyazaki

Hayao Miyazaki was born in Tokyo, Japan 1941. He began his animation career in 1963 at the Toei Douga Animation Studio and as a result was involved in the creation of many early pieces of classic Japanese animation. He was quickly recognised for his drawing ability and the creativity of his movie ideas. In the 1970's he moved between A Pro and Nippon Animation where he was involved in the animated TV series World Masterpiece Theatre. In 1979 he directed his first film Lupin III: The Castle of Cagliostro and in 1984 he released Nausica of the Valley of the Winds, his first collaboration with Joe Hisaishi. The success of Nausica of the Valley of the Winds led to the creation of Studio Ghibli and the films whose music we hear tonight.

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Programme Notes

My Neighbour Totoro

Two young girls, Satsuki and Mei, have moved with their father into a new home in the country, while their mother recovers from illness in a nearby hospital. To their surprise, they soon discover that they share this home with some rather unusual creatures and even stranger neighbours - forest guardians that the girls dub Totoro. When trouble occurs, their new friends will help them rediscover hope. Some of the themes performed tonight in My Neighbour Totoro are Totoro's Theme and Cat Bus.

Nausica of the Valley of the Winds

A thousand years after a great war, a seaside kingdom known as the Valley of the Wind is one of the only areas that remains populated. Led by the courageous Princess Nausicaä, the people of the Valley are engaged in a constant struggle with powerful insects called ohmu, who guard a poisonous jungle that is spreading across the Earth. Nausicaä and her brave companions, together with the people of the Valley, strive to restore the bond between humanity and the earth.

The Wind Rises

Jiro dreams of flying and designing beautiful airplanes, inspired by the famous Italian aeronautical designer Caproni. Nearsighted and unable to be a pilot, he becomes one of the world's most accomplished airplane designers, experiencing key historical events in an epic tale of love, perseverance and the challenges of living and making choices in a turbulent world. The theme performed tonight from the Wind Rises is Nabokov, a Journey.

Kiki's Delivery Service

It is tradition for all young witches to leave their families on the night of a full moon to learn their craft. That night comes for Kiki, who follows her dream and embarks on the experience of a lifetime. With her chatty black cat, Jiji, she flies off to find the perfect spot in a faraway city. There, a bakery owner befriends Kiki and helps her start her own business: A high-flying delivery service. Some of the most well know themes in Kiki's Delivery Service are On a Clear Day, Town With an Ocean View and Osono's Request.

Laputa: Castle in the Sky

Pazu, an engineer's apprentice finds a young girl, Sheeta floating down from the sky wearing a glowing pendant. Together they discover both are searching for the legendary floating castle Laputa and vow to unravel the mystery of the luminous crystal around her neck. Their quest won't be easy however. There are air pirates, secret agents and astounding obstacles to keep them from the truth - and from each other. Some of the themes featured in Laputa: Castle in the Sky are The Miners, Carrying You, and the Destruction of Laputa.

Spirited Away

Chihiro thinks she is on another boring trip with her parents. But when they stop at a village that is not all that it seems, her parents undergo a mysterious transformation, and Chihiro is whisked into a world of fantastic spirits, shape-shifting dragons and a witch who never wants to see her leave. She must call on the courage she never knew she had to free herself and return her family to the outside world. Some of the themes featured in Spirited Away are One Summer's Day and Always With Me.

Interval

Snacks and Refreshments

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Ponyo

One morning near his seaside home, five year old Sosuke discovers a goldfish he names Ponyo, her head stuck in a jam jar. He rescues her, and fascinated with each other, they promise to stay firm friends. When Ponyo's father, a powerful underwater sorcerer, forces her to return to the ocean depths, Ponyo is determined to join Sosuke on the surface and become human. What follows is an amazing underwater adventure for all ages. Some of the themes performed tonight from Ponyo tonight are Ponyo and Deep Sea Pastures.

Porco Rosso

World War I has ended, and peace reigns again. Aviators from around the world circle above the Adriatic Sea, keen to recapture the romanticism of flight lost during the war. Many have turned to air piracy, in amongst which a hero emerges: a man with a pig's head, known as Porco Rosso (once an Italian air force pilot called Marco Paggot). As mercenary law-enforcer of the skies and oceans, Porco Rosso protects cruise ships from the air pirates above them. When his actions are challenged by Curtis, an American who flies with the pirates, Porco Rosso is forced to defend his honour against this newcomer, which leads him to Fio, a feisty young engineer who rebuilds Porco's plane for the big dogfight. Some of the themes featured in Porco Rosso are Porco et Bella and In Search of a Distant Era.

Princess Mononoke

While protecting his village from a rampaging boar-god, the young warrior Ashitaka becomes afflicted with a deadly curse. To find the cure that will save his life, he journeys deep into sacred depths of the Great Forest Spirit's realm where he meets San (Princess Mononoke), a girl raised by wolves. It's not long before Ashitaka is caught in the middle of a battle between iron-ore prospecting humans and the forest dwellers. He must summon the spirit-powers and all his courage to stop man and nature from destroying each other. Some of the themes featured in Princess Mononoke are the Legend of Ashitaka, the Furies and Ashitaka and San.

Howl's Moving Castle

Sophie, an average teenage girl working in a hat shop, finds her life thrown into turmoil when she is literally swept off her feet by a handsome but mysterious wizard named Howl. After this chance meeting she is turned into a 90-year old woman by the vain and conniving Witch of the Waste. Embarking on an incredible adventure to lift the curse, she finds refuge in Howl's magical moving castle where she becomes acquainted with Markl, Howl's apprentice, and a hot-headed fire demon named Calcifer. As the true power of Howl's wizardry is revealed, and his relationship with Sophie deepens, our young grey heroine finds herself fighting to protect them both from a dangerous war of sorcery that threatens their world. Some of the most well know themes in Howl's Moving Castle are Merry-Go-Round of Life and Sophie's Castle.

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Shuni Kogo

Bass Clarinet

Eugene Tan

Contrabass Clarinet

Christian Colgan

Alto Saxophone

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