

# The Queensland Orchestra

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## ESCAPE TO THE IMPERIAL AGE WITH THE QUEENSLAND ORCHESTRA & PALAZZO VERSACE

**“An Imperial Ball”  
Gold Coast Arts Centre | 8pm, Saturday 14 November**

The Queensland Orchestra will visit the Gold Coast Arts Centre on Saturday 14 November to present an irresistible sequence of favourite waltzes and polkas in ‘An Imperial Ball’.

Chief Conductor Johannes Fritzsich will lead the 66-strong ensemble with passion and vigour; transporting Gold Coast music fans to the Imperial Age.

The last performance by The Queensland Orchestra on the Gold Coast in 2009, will feature a selection of favourite dances by Tchaikovsky including an excerpt from *Swan Lake*.

Richard Wenn, Director of Artistic Planning for The Queensland Orchestra says the highlight of the evening will be a performance by internationally acclaimed cellist Peter Bruns.

“We are thrilled to be able to bring Peter Bruns to the Gold Coast... he is an outstanding cellist who has performed in nearly every European country as well as Israel, Asia and America,” said Mr Wenn.

Mr Bruns will perform Tchaikovsky’s elegant *Rococo Variations*.

“This set of variations is Tchaikovsky’s finest tribute to the Romantic work of Mozart; his idol, and showcases the moods of the cello beautifully” said Mr Wenn.

To complete the ‘Imperial Ball’ experience, ticket holders are invited to take up a special offer from Palazzo Versace on the Gold Coast and make the very best of this weekend escape.

All ticket holders can enjoy overnight accommodation at Palazzo Versace from Friday 13 November through to Sunday 15 November, in a stylish Superior Room including a full buffet breakfast for two in Barcoco Restaurant, access to Salus per Aquum spa and gymnasium, and undercover valet parking for just \$315 per night.

Subscribers to The Queensland Orchestra can enjoy all of the above for only \$290 per night.

Tickets from \$47 to ‘An Imperial Ball’ at the Gold Coast Arts Centre at 8pm on Saturday 14 November are on sale now at [www.gcac.com.au](http://www.gcac.com.au) or on 07 5588 4000.

To take advantage of the Palazzo Versace accommodation deal, call the reservations team on 07 5509 8000 and quote ‘Queensland Orchestra’. Concert tickets will need to be shown at check-in.

For further information visit [www.gso.com.au](http://www.gso.com.au).

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## Concert Information:

AN IMPERIAL BALL  
8pm, Saturday, November 14  
Gold Coast Arts Centre

Conductor        Johannes Fritzsch  
Cello             Peter Bruns

## *Includes music from:*

Tchaikovsky     *Eugene Onegin, Swan Lake, Rocooco Variations*  
J Strauß II       *Die Fledermaus, Im Krapfenwald'l, Pizzicato Polka*  
                       *Russische Marsch, Perpetuum Mobile, Emperor Waltz*

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Queensland Symphony  
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### STATE ORCHESTRA TAKES A KEY CHANGE

Queensland's beloved State Orchestra has recently launched its 2010 Season, and announced a major key change.

The organisation will now be known as the 'Queensland Symphony Orchestra' and has introduced a new, complementary logo incorporating the reds and oranges of the Queensland sun.

2010 will mark a new beginning for the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and a renewed commitment to the organisation's mission, 'to touch the hearts and minds of all Queenslanders through music'.

While the organisation is now trading under the name, 'Queensland Symphony Orchestra', all 2009 concerts will continue to be advertised under previous branding due to annual communications that remain in the marketplace regarding the 2009 Season.

If you have any enquiries, or would like a copy of the 2010 Season brochure, please contact the Marketing Department on 07 3833 5042 or 07 3833 5046.