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for NSO's 2013-2014 Season

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The aim of the NSO Symphony Orchestra (NSO), founded in 2011, is to capture the imagination with extraordinary performances, educational offerings and partnerships to bring people together in the United Arab Emirates.

Our mission is to "engage, enrich and inspire" through a series of eight Classical and one Jazz concert each year. In addition, six Chamber Music concerts, a Young Artist Concerto Competition and several exciting educational programmes for all ages are also included.

The NSO is made up of 60 professional musicians who are all resident in the UAE. Our cultural make-up is drawn from 20 nationalities. Their combined talent and passion for music never fails to move an audience, whether it is with Classical and Romantic orchestral repertoire, Arabic music, Motion Picture Soundtracks, Broadway hits or Jazz.

Musical director and conductor Andrew Berryman has a true mission to reach out and share his musical vision with the audience. He is beloved for his welcoming stage presence and enthralles both seasoned concertgoers and newcomers with his warm approach from the podium and by the relaxed ethos of NSO's concerts.

As Founder and Executive Director, it has been a privilege and honour to work with so many talented individuals who have given their time and talents to see this organisation come so far in just one season. Not only the gifted musicians and musical director, but also administrative staff and volunteers who have given so much of themselves to see this vision of a resident orchestra of excellence for the UAE become a reality.

Our NSO corporate sponsors and supporting sponsorship programme members are a vital link to NSO's fiscal success. On our dynamic new website there is a section called 'Support US'. This section explains the many ways for gift-giving to NSO. All of our sponsors and partners are all truly, 'Friends of the Orchestra'.

As an orchestra, we are in a unique position for global communication, as the language of music requires no translation and has the power to bring people closer together. The NSO aspires through its performances to help make Abu Dhabi and the UAE a place where every culture, every nation, every tradition can meet and, through the universal language of the arts, relate to our common, human interest: peace, tolerance, respect and mutual understanding. The bridge between cultures and all people can be celebrated by making clear the connection we all have, culturally, musically and artistically.

We thank you for being a part of our dream.

Sincerely,

Janet Hassouneh

Founder-Executive Director • NSO Symphony Orchestra

- **UAE National Anthem** arr. Berryman
- **Also Sprach Zarathustra-opening** Richard Strauss, Op.30
2001 A Space Odyssey
- **Star Wars - Suite for Orchestra** John Williams
 1. Main Title
 2. Princess Leia
 3. Yoda's Theme
 4. End Titles
- **Escapades – Joy Ride** John Williams
Catch me if you Can
 Soloist: Mathew Curtis
- **Batman: The Dark Knight Rises** Hans Zimmer arr. Ford
- **'If'** Michael Nyman
Diary of Anne Frank
 Soloist: Henry Bennett
- **Zooster's Breakout** Hans Zimmer
Madagascar
- **Comptine d'un autre été: L'après-midi** Yann Tierson arr. Andrew Berryman
Amélie
 Soloist: Saraa Al Khabi
- **Symphony No. 10 Movt 2** Dmitri Shostakovich
 Pedro Almodovars
Ley del Deseo
 (Law of Desire)
- **O Mio Babbino Caro** Giacomo Puccini
A Room With A View
 Soloist: Balqees Al Fathi
- **I Dreamed a Dream** Claude-Michel Schönberg
Les Miserables
 Soloist: Balqees Al Fathi
- **Riverdance** Bill Whelan/Donal Lunny
 Soloist: Balqees Al Fathi
 arr. Andrew Berryman
- **Eternal Father** Hans Zimmer arr. John Parkinson
Crimson Tide
 Featuring the NSO Youth Chorus



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Fans of classical music in the UAE have never had it so good. Whilst an endless stream of global superstars comes here to perform, the local scene is expanding apace and The NSO Symphony Orchestra is right at the heart of it. Abu Dhabi Classic FM's listenership has increased exponentially over the past twelve months, highlighting the UAE's growing appetite for quality accessible classical music.

We're proud to be associated with the orchestra and wish them best of luck for the 2013/2014 season.

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ANDY BERRYMAN • NSO MUSIC DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR



Andrew was the Principal Trombone with the Ulster Orchestra from 1980-84 and the Halle Orchestra from 1984-2008. During the latter period he was also a trombone tutor at the Royal Northern College of Music, Salford University and Chethams School of Music.

As a soloist Andrew has performed with many of the UK's orchestras and ensembles including the Halle Orchestra, the Ulster Orchestra, the BBC Concert Orchestra and abroad with The Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra as well as many of the countries leading Brass Bands. He has also appeared as guest principal with the London Symphony Orchestra and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

During his time with the Halle Andrew was a founder member of Halle Brass and Halle Rock and was very active in the Halle education department, delivering 'outreach' programmes and concerts. He also worked as an 'animateur', introducing classical music to thousands of children and families.

Andrew has given clinics and masterclasses in most of the UK's leading institutions of higher education, and abroad at Julliard, Manhattan School of Music and The Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts. Norway has been part of Andrew's busy schedule for many years and has included recitals, conducting and adjudicating at the Norwegian Championships and Siddis Brass. Andrew has also adjudicated at the European Brass Band Championships and the prestigious BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition, a competition that in 2008 was won by one of Andrew's students, Peter Moore, aged 12.

Andrew is currently the Musical Director of the NSO Symphony Orchestra.

NSO YOUTH CHORUS • MUSICAL DIRECTOR, MARK BATTEN

Mark Batten is Head of Academic Music at Brighton College and has extensive experience as a choral director. He studied at Birmingham Conservatoire in the UK, holding organ scholarships at the city's two cathedrals and graduating with a Masters degree and the prize for organ performance.

Following periods of teaching at several schools in the UK, Mark was appointed to his position at Brighton College in 2011. Mark is delighted to be the Musical Director of the NSO's Youth Chorus and is looking forward to developing an exciting relationship between the orchestra and young singers in Abu Dhabi.

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BIOGRAPHIES



Balqees Fathi

Having started her professional musical career in September 2011, Balqees was a winner of the L'Officiel award of inspiring women as the "Best Arab Talent of the Year 2012". She was also crowned "Best Arab New Female Artist" for the year 2011 according to votes in Zahrat Al Khaleej and Al Sada magazines, as well as the "Best Arab Female Singer" in Katara concert at the opera house during the honouring ceremony of prince Bader Bin AbdulMohsen. From the start of her musical career, Balqees was spotted for her distinguished performance of songs written by Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohamed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum who is a huge supporter of Balqees' superb talent. Balqees also participated as a key jury member in selecting the most talented university students in the UAE.

With her songs topping the musical charts for continuous weeks on the most popular radio stations in the Gulf, Balqees is well known as being the first female Khaliji singer to sing in multi languages and is set to become one of the most recognized talents worldwide.



Baritone **Henry Bennett** released his first solo album aged twelve, a critically acclaimed collaboration with composer Howard Goodall. He received a scholarship to study singing with Mark Wildman at the Royal Academy of Music and has a Bachelor of Music from Goldsmiths College. He's sung with English Touring Opera and appeared at the Three Choirs Festival, the Royal Albert Hall, St. Johns Smith Square, the Royal Opera House, Birmingham Symphony Hall, and the Boston Shell. He was a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace. In 2010 Henry launched Hunan University Opera to provide an outlet for young performers in Central China. His ideas have led to commissions from Abu Dhabi Ministry of Culture and the Sharjah Art Foundation. He is widely sought as an educator, providing specialist instruction to aspiring young singers throughout the Emirates.

Around the World in 80 minutes... (Part 1)



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Thursday November 7, 2013
5PM Matinee & 8PM Evening Gala
The National Theatre - Abu Dhabi

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NSO presents a varied and entertaining concert series in Abu Dhabi for music lovers in our 2013 - 2014 concert season which combines the rich global traditions of contemporary and classical music with the many talented guest Emirati musicians and professional resident musicians of the UAE.

When you join our Musical Chairs programme, you are enabling the NSO to continue delivering inspiring concert and educational events of the highest quality.

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- Name recognition in each of the NSO's main season concert colourful brochures and on the comprehensive NSO's website.
- The opportunity to meet and talk with the musician in your sponsored chair.
- A special invitation to sit on-stage at a rehearsal and see the world from the orchestra's point of view.

NSO Musical Chairs per annum

Concertmaster	Cello	Oboe	Bassoon	Trombone	Percussion
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The winners will perform with the NSO during their 2014 - 2015 season.

**Thursday February 27
 Friday February 28 &
 Saturday March 1, 2014**

Application deadline: **January 10, 2014**
 Competition Venue: **Brighton College**

Application and Information can be downloaded from the NSO website:
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 For further information please contact: competition@uaenso.org



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AIMS

To Unite, Amaze, Engage and Educate the UAE community through music.

OBJECTIVES

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- Invite schools to a 'children's concert day'- interactive & accessible music aiding children to learn more about music, instruments & composers.
- Develop training initiatives to encourage more Emirati students to play an instrument.
- Create stimulating collaborative projects which involve students & NSO players.

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FRIDAY
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NSO Three Tenors

Venue: Brighton College - Abu Dhabi

Come hear the exciting sounds of the 'NSO Three Tenors' in a vocal concert of beloved Opera arias, Neapolitan songs and Broadway and popular hits. You'll not want to miss this one!

MONDAY
 NOVEMBER 25
 2013



Chamber Music Concert: Con Anima

Venue: Brighton College - Abu Dhabi

An unusual vocal concert with guest international soprano, composer, actress Gretchen Hewitt and NSO Chamber Musicians.

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NSO National Day Gala

Venue: TBA

NSO returns to honour the UAE's 42nd National Day in a festive symphony concert. This majestic programme will include an exciting fanfare, powerful orchestral works and feature talented UAE guest performing and visual artists. Start your National Day celebrations with NSO!

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