



**NSO TO PRESENT ARTS FESTIVAL-
THEMED
'RUSSIAN SYMPHONIC CLASSICS'
Arts Festival at Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi, Fri 8
February,
With Orchestra, Ballet & Folk Dance Performances
& Art Exhibition!**

Abu Dhabi, UAE. 26 January 2019 - [The NSO Symphony Orchestra](#) will bring an arts festival theme to its performance of orchestral masterpieces in 'Russian Symphonic Classics', on Friday 8 February 2019 at Emirates Palace Auditorium, Abu Dhabi.

NSO's Music Director Andrew Berryman will lead the 55-piece orchestra through well-known pieces, including Mussorgsky's powerful *Night on Bald Mountain* and excerpts from *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

Concertmaster Nadine Artuhanava will perform Tchaikovsky's virtuosic *Violin Concerto in D major*.

Adding to the evening is a performance by a Russian Folk-Dance troupe with their interpretation of the folk song *Ochi Cherniye (Dark Eyes)*.

Not to be missed is Award-winning Mongolian ballet dancer Namuun Batsukh, who will perform a haunting solo to NSO's rendition of the beautiful *Adagio* from Khachaturian's ballet *Spartacus*.

In keeping with NSO performing Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, concert-goers will enjoy an art exhibition in the pre-function area of the auditorium, featuring the work of renowned Emirati artists, Eman Al Hashemi and Ahmed Alhosani.

NSO Founder & Executive Director, Mrs. Janet Hassouneh, said: "With such a variety of talented artists performing at the Russian

Symphonic Classics evening, we really had to call it a mini-arts festival.

“NSO is now in its eighth season and we want to continue to surprise and delight our loyal audience of music-lovers!”

NSO’s Russian Symphonic Classics is sponsored by Burjeel Day Hospital, Reem Island, Abu Dhabi as Presenting Sponsor, in addition to Platinum Sponsors [Gulf Capital](#) and [Gas & Equipment Factory \(GEF\)](#), with Sponsors [Abu Dhabi Classic FM](#), Abu Dhabi media hub [twofour54](#) and [Emirates Palace Hotel](#).

The concert will start at 7.30pm and tickets are available online now on [800.tickets.com](#) - Platinum AED375; Gold AED275; Silver AED175; Balcony AED150.

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About NSO www.nsouae.org

NSO comprises the NSO Symphony Orchestra, the NSO Chamber Orchestra, the NSO Symphonic Pops Orchestra, the NSO Opera & Chorus and the NSO Music Agency. More than 100 musicians of some 20 nationalities, who live in six of the seven emirates, make up the various formations of NSO and are professional musicians and musical educators who have performed regularly for their own national orchestras.

NSO performs numerous major symphonic and operatic works, as well as a more popular classical and music theatre repertoire. Every concert endeavours to feature musical contributions from the UAE, whether a composer, solo singer or musician, such as a pianist or *Oud* player. NSO presents concerts throughout the year for the general public and is regularly called upon to perform for private, corporate and government events. NSO also outsources, through its NSO Music Agency, smaller groups such as the NSO Symphonic Brass, the NSO Big Band, the NSO String Quartet, the NSO Jazz Ensemble, the NSO Three Tenors and the NSO Three Sopranos. NSO is the official supplier for Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's 'Arts for Health' programme, providing musicians for inspiring live music performances for patients and their families.

Entrepreneur and former Opera Singer Janet Hassouneh founded NSO in 2011 to meet the region’s cultural aspirations. Originally from the USA, where she obtained her master’s in musical performance, she has worked in the music business in the UAE for the past 30 years, performing, teaching and organising music theatre and opera concerts featuring international guest artists from New York and London. Numerous performances were staged for

charitable causes, under the auspices of the UAE authorities. NSO UAE was formed to reciprocate the government's hospitality.

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