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TSO announces participants for 2020 Australian Conducting Academy Summer School

Eight aspiring conductors will train with Maestro Johannes Fritzsch

The **Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra** today announces the successful participants selected for the Australian Conducting Academy Summer School, which will be held in early 2020.

Open to Australian and New Zealand permanent residents, The Australian Conducting Academy plays a vital role in nourishing talented emerging conductors and supports graduates in building substantial careers both in Australia and internationally.

The TSO announces an expansion of the program to include a Spring Module (8-10 September 2020) hosted by Australian Conducting Academy partners Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University and the Queensland Symphony Orchestra. The Spring Module will take place in Brisbane, Queensland.

Eight applicants have been selected to take part in the Australian Conducting Academy 2020 Summer School: **Patrick Brennan** (NSW), **Daniel Cooper** (New Zealand), **Benjamin Crocker** (NSW), **Andrew Groch** (SA), **Vivian Horn** (VIC), **Evan Lawson** (VIC), **Sam Weller** (NSW), and **Jen Winley** (WA).

TSO CEO Caroline Sharpen said, 'As the Australian Conducting Academy Summer School approaches its third year in Hobart, we are particularly pleased to see increased synergies and collegiality with other national training programs and orchestras. The program represents the significant contribution the TSO makes toward building future talent and career paths for talented, aspiring conductors.'

2020 sees the return of three participants from the 2019 ACA Summer School - Benjamin Crocker, Vivian Horn and Samuel Weller. Also, Vivian Horn and Jen Winley participated in the first Louise Crossley Conducting Workshop in 2018 – the TSO's conductor training opportunity for female conductors – directed by TSO Associate Conductor Elena Schwarz.

The course will include rehearsals with pianists as well as six orchestra calls with the TSO over the course of the school, culminating in a final performance with the TSO.

The course, with support from UTAS, will take place at the TSO January 25 to January 31, 2020.

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