

Festival in the Domain

Seu Jorge – 10 January

Symphony in the Domain with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and Johannes Fritsch – 18 January

Opera in the Domain with Opera Australia – 25 January



Photo: Summer Sounds in the Domain © Daniel Boud

The Domain concert series is back for 2015 with a dynamic line-up featuring the sounds of Brazil's sizzling dance districts, the music of Australia's natural landscape, and magnificent operatic arias framed by the Sydney city skyline. It wouldn't be summer in Sydney without settling into the Domain with a picnic blanket, and your friends and family for a free concert under the stars.

Keeping with tradition, the Sydney Festival populates the Domain with over 60,000 attendees and a stellar line up of three dynamic concerts. The Domain concert series brings the city together in a cultural and communal celebration.

Summer Sounds in the Domain: Seu Jorge 10 January at 8pm

With sublime musicianship and infectious energy, Brazil's hottest artists take over for the best party of summer. Known for getting entire stadiums of crowds on their feet and dancing, **Seu Jorge** brings his dance-ready rhythms and spirit-lifting original tunes destined to transport you to the colourful streets of Brazil to Australia for the first time.

Hailed as one of Brazil's most legendary artists, with a fierce reputation for charismatic and exhilarating live shows, **Seu Jorge's** husky baritone connects straight to the soul. Jorge, the man behind those scene-stealing **David Bowie** covers in Wes Anderson's *The Life Aquatic*, plays a mix of transformative pop covers, alongside swinging original tunes flavoured with samba, reggae, hip-hop and electronics.

Joined on stage by his compatriots, hip-hop revelation **Karol Conka** and legendary NYC-based music producer and international **DJ Béco Dranoff** Jorge will convince you to leave your inhibitions at home – South America's most charming man is leading this summer celebration the Brazilian way. Booty-shaking en masse is guaranteed.

If you're still hanging for more at the end of **Seu Jorge**, crack on with the opening weekend party vibes at the *Summer Sounds Afterparty* with **DJ Béco Dranoff** at the The Aurora Spiegeltent in The Festival Village from 11.45pm.

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Seu Jorge will also perform an exclusive, one-off performance at The Star Event City on 11 January at 8pm. More information and tickets available at sydneyfestival.org.au/seu

**Symphony in the Domain with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra conducted by Johannes Fritzsch
18 January at 8pm**

ARIA award-winning performer, composer and didgeridoo player **William Barton** joins the **Sydney Symphony Orchestra** to perform the late **Peter Sculthorpe's** *Beethoven Variations* for didgeridoo and orchestra. Barton will also perform songs from his own *Birdsong at Dusk*, a fusion of Aboriginal traditional didgeridoo with Western classical, folk, and popular music.

Barton pays tribute to Sculthorpe in a performance that embodies the deep love Sculthorpe felt for his country and for its landscape, which he regarded as sacred. This appreciation strongly influenced his work, with one of the most constant themes in his work the protection of Australia's natural environment. Sculthorpe and Barton worked together closely to produce some of Australia's finest Aboriginal-Western classical compositions, with Sculthorpe teaching Barton western notation for classical music, and Barton helping Sculthorpe integrate Aboriginal music into his composition.

Contrasted with pieces by Beethoven and poetry and prose readings by **Anita Heiss**, this is an evening of classical music and the sounds of contemporary Indigenous Australia.

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**Opera in the Domain presented in association with Opera Australia
24 January at 8pm**

Hear Australia's brightest stars, under the stars, sing opera's most famous arias with the magnificent backing of a full orchestra.

Toast the crowd with *Traviata*, enjoy one fine evening with *Butterfly* and experience the midsummer night's dream that brings opera to the people. Dress up – or not – it's your night to enjoy the power of the human voice in the kind of communal, cultural celebration Sydney loves best.

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Where The Domain
Art Gallery Road, Royal Botanic Gardens

Price Free

Access Limited car spaces will be available for RTA Mobility Parking Scheme Permit Holders and must be booked before the event on 02 8006 5700. An accessible viewing area for patrons with a disability is located on the eastern side of The Domain between Tower 6 and 7.

Patrons are reminded of the following guidelines:

- No pegging into the ground or reserving of unattended areas
- No high chairs or beach umbrellas
- No plastic sheeting or ice on the grass as this kills the lawns
- Concerts in The Domain are Waste Wise Events so please recycle using the waste system provided and help save our environment

Other info

- No Need to BYO! Food and drinks available from early afternoon
- Bring sunscreen, water and a hat
- Leave the car at home (for detailed public transport information call 131500 or visit 131500.com)
- Ride your bike! Bike racks will be available at The Domain

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