

## The Artist *Live in Concert*

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A special screening of a modern classic with its award winning soundtrack performed live by Sydney Symphony Orchestra.



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*"Everything about The Artist comes as close to perfection as I have ever seen."* **The Guardian**

*"With a vivacious score by Ludovic Bource, The Artist encapsulates everything we go to the movies for: action, laughs, tears and a chance to get lost in another world."*

**Rolling Stone Magazine**

*"The jazz-infused score by Ludovic Bource is saturated with movie knowledge, including nods to classic soundtracks but also a deep affection for the tradition of the improvising silent film pianist."* **BBC Music Magazine**

Following the sell-out successes of *West Side Story* (2012) and *2001: A Space Odyssey* (2013), Sydney Festival relives **Michel Hazanavicius'** enchanting homage to silent cinema in a special screening of the modern classic, *The Artist*.

The film's electrifying orchestral score will be brought to life at Sydney Opera House by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and conductor **Ernst Van Tiel** with the composer **Ludovic Bource** at the piano.

Winning five Oscars®, seven BAFTAs, six Césars and three Golden Globes, *The Artist* is described by its director **Michel Hazanavicius** as a "love letter to cinema". In the style of old Hollywood, *The Artist* stars **Jean Dujardin** as an older silent film star and **Bérénice Bejo** as a rising young actress. Taking place between 1927 and 1932, the duo are faced with the dawn of a new era of movies as silent cinema falls out of fashion and is replaced by "the talkies".

*The Artist* charmed both audiences and critics worldwide on its release in 2011. It won five Academy Awards® including Best Director, Best Actor and became the first French film to ever win Best Picture. Other accolades include three Golden Globe Awards and seven BAFTAs, making *The Artist* the most celebrated film in French history.

Operatic in scope, *The Artist* demands to be seen on the big screen, complete with the spectacular live performance of the award-winning soundtrack. The eclectic musical score, which will be performed by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra joined by composer **Ludovic Bource**, comprises some twenty orchestral works and reflects an array of musical styles from Hollywood's golden era.

Following the universal success of *The Artist*, **Ludovic Bource** was awarded the prestigious Chevalier de L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres for his contribution to culture in France and most recently received an Emmy nomination for his original music in the film *Clear History* (2013).

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With a score inspired by Brahms, Wagner and Hermann and conducted by the internationally acclaimed conductor **Ernst van Tiel**, The Artist *Live in Concert* is an immersive visual and musical feast for all ages.

The Artist *Live in Concert* is a live presentation in association with The Weinstein Company, La Petite Reine and Intermusica Artists' Management Ltd.

Where Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

When 23 January at 8pm  
24 January at 2pm & 8pm

Duration 100 minutes no interval

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