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Foxtel Arts joins Queensland Symphony Orchestra as 2016 Broadcast Partner

Foxtel Arts is delighted to announce that it is joining the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO) as its 2016 Season Broadcast Partner.

This partnership extends Foxtel Arts' commitment to fostering and supporting Australia's creative industries and arts organisations. The collaboration will deliver the first locally-produced orchestral content made for Foxtel which will complement the rich international orchestral programming that already plays each week on Foxtel Arts.

Specifically, the Foxtel Arts-Queensland Symphony Orchestra partnership will see orchestral concerts recorded exclusively for the channel in high-definition and broadcast throughout the first half of 2016. Foxtel Arts will also enthusiastically promote live attendance at the QSO's 2016 season - both at its home in Brisbane and across its extensive regional touring calendar.

Fraser Stark, Group Operations Manager, Premium Entertainment & Channel Manager, Foxtel Arts said: "The world-class QSO has programmed an incredibly strong season next year – including the addition of many high-profile soloists and conductors. Either in person at the concert hall, or via the screen, we are delighted to bring a passionate arts audience to see and hear the QSO in 2016".

Sophie Galaise, CEO of QSO said: "We are thrilled to be the first Australian orchestra to partner with Foxtel Arts. QSO's masterful performances are receiving acclaim nationally and internationally; to now share our beautiful music alongside the world's best performing arts companies on Foxtel Arts is another great opportunity for this fine orchestra".

In an international triumph for QSO, headlining the 2016 season is superstar pianist Lang Lang. He joins a stellar line-up showcasing true legends of music, including China's legendary Yu Long, Maxim Vengerov, Simone Young and 2016 Soloist-in-Residence Nikolai Demidenko.

Together with all-Mozart and all-Tchaikovsky programs, the WorldBeat series, mixed-media music in QSOCurrent, family concerts, plus QSO's new Choral series, featuring the blockbuster Carmina Burana, 2016 is set to be an extraordinary year of music.

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