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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Australian Chamber Orchestra's Debut at LA's Walt Disney Concert Hall USA tour 19 April – 4 May 2009



"Flawless ensemble, beauty of tone and boundless energy were the hallmarks of this superb concert by the Australian Chamber Orchestra...it is rare to hear the chamber repertoire dispatched with such a combination of finesse and vitality." **San Francisco Chronicle**

On 21 April, the Australian Chamber Orchestra makes its debut at the spectacular Frank Gehry-designed Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, at the start of its **40<sup>th</sup> International Tour**.

#### Walt Disney Concert Hall

Opened in 2003, Walt Disney Concert Hall matches 'starchitect' Frank Gehry's other spectacular arts venue, the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. The Hall stars in the upcoming film *The Soloist*, starring Robert Downey Jr. and Jamie Foxx. The ACO performs at Disney Hall at the invitation of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

#### Coast-to-Coast Tour

On a nine-city, coast-to-coast tour of the USA, the ACO plays important venues in San Francisco, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Denver, Kansas, Ames and Princeton. The ACO also returns to the most prestigious classical music venue in the world, **Carnegie Hall** in New York. Last time the ACO played Carnegie Hall, 'sold out' signs were plastered across billboards on Seventh Avenue.

At the special invitation of the **JF Kennedy Center** for the Performing Arts, the ACO returns to the US to perform in Washington in September.

#### US Premieres

The ACO performs two US premieres: *Footwork* by Australian composer Roger Smalley and an arrangement by Richard Tognetti of Pavel Haas' Quartet No.2 *From the Monkey Mountains*.

The ACO is touring with two internationally renowned guest artists – countertenor **Andreas Scholl** performs Handel arias and pianist **Paul Lewis** plays Mozart.

#### Emerging Artists on Tour

Two gifted young players from the ACO's Emerging Artists Programme, Madeleine Boud and Peter Clark, have been selected to join the ACO on the US tour. Part of the ACO's spirited education agenda, the programme nurtures the most talented young Australian string players so that they might become the next generation of ACO musicians.

#### Surfing Cult

The ACO has a rapidly growing cult following of surfers in the US sparked by *Musica Surfica*, the ACO's film about music and surfing. *Musica Surfica* recently won major awards at the New York Surf Film Festival and at the San Francisco Ocean Film Festival.

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