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Sydney Symphony tours China for the first time

Australia's flagship orchestra, the Sydney Symphony, is touring China for the first time in its 77 year history, with strong support from the NSW Government.

Minister for State Development Ian Macdonald said the NSW Government was proud to help introduce the Sydney Symphony to the huge Chinese audience.

"The Sydney Symphony, Australia's pre-eminent orchestra under the direction of international renowned Vladimir Ashkenazy, is helping to enhance our State's profile in China," Mr Macdonald said.

"It will also build strong cultural links to match our already strong economic ties," he said.

The Sydney Symphony Orchestra will perform in Beijing on Sunday night, Shanghai on Tuesday, Macau on Thursday, Hong Kong on Friday and in Guangzhou on Saturday.

In China, the Sydney Symphony will perform at the Beijing Music Festival, the Oriental Arts Centre in Shanghai and at a celebration gala in Guangzhou as part of the celebrations of the 30 year sister-city anniversary with Sydney.

Mr Macdonald is representing the NSW government at the Beijing concert and said he looked forward to experiencing the Beijing audience's reaction when the Sydney Symphony performs.

"This is an exciting event that marks a new stage in the relationship between Australian and China and the NSW government is proud to support it," Minister Macdonald said.

"I am very confident the SSO will greatly contribute to China's growing appreciation of Western classical music.

"While NSW is expanding our trade, investment and education ties with China, it's also important for us to develop our cultural ties, and the SSO tour is an excellent way to do that," he said.

While in China, Mr Macdonald will also hold meetings to discuss trade and investment between NSW and China.

The SOS will also tour Malaysia performing in Kuala Lumpur on October 26 and 27.
