

The Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra Tours China July 2010

Music Director and Conductor Derek Gleeson

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Itinerary:

Tuesday, July 6 – Shanghai Grand Theatre World Expo Program

Wednesday, July 7 – Suzhou Cultural Art Centre

Saturday, July 10 – Beijing National Centre for the Performing Arts

Sunday, July 11 – Beijing National Centre for the Performing Arts

Featuring: Derek Gleeson (Conductor); Cora Venus Lunny (Violin); Celine Byrne (Soprano); Athena Tergis (Fiddle); Aidan O’Brien (Uilleann Pipes); Peadar Townsend (Percussion); Fiona Collins (Dancer); and the legendary Frankie Gavin & De Dannan

The DPO, under Maestro Derek Gleeson, performs at the official Shanghai Grand Theatre’s World Expo Program July 6th presenting classical soloists Cora Venus Lunny and Celine Byrne alongside Traditional Irish music legend Frankie Gavin & De Dannan, joined by Athena Tergis on fiddle, Aidan O’Brien on Uilleann Pipes, Peadar Townsend on percussion, and dancer Fiona Collins. The programme contains compositions and new arrangements by some of Ireland’s most gifted composers, including Bill Whelan, Patrick Cassidy, Gregory Magee, Peadar Townsend, Mick Fleming, Andreja Malir, Jonathan Casey, Anna Rice, Antonio Cafolla, Athena Tergis, Eimear Noone, Derek Gleeson, and also featuring a DPO commissioned overture by Yoko Wylegala that combines Celtic and Chinese themes.

In addition to performing in the city of Suzhou, the DPO will open the Beijing Festival summer season “Roam About The Classics” concert series with two concerts presented at the prestigious National Center for the Performing Arts at the Opera House. Both concerts will feature unique programmes of Celtic and Classical music. Each of these concerts will be broadcast to hundreds of millions of people via television on Beijing TV and China Central TV stations. Additionally the concerts will be broadcast "Live" via a variety of media, including radio and web portals, as well as on 102 giant screens in Beijing's shopping malls, squares and landmarks.

The Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra’s inaugural tour of the United States in 2009 was an enormous success. The DPO performed 49 concerts in 24 states, which was the most extensive tour of any visiting orchestra in the U.S.A. that year. Anticipating this prestigious tour of China, Conductor Derek Gleeson states: “Our upcoming China tour gives us an extraordinary opportunity to bring both European classical music masterworks and our own rich Irish traditional music heritage to a vast audience in China, representing the musical talent and vibrancy of a modern 21st century Ireland. This entire group of gifted and accomplished performers is looking forward to the tour with great enthusiasm. We are proud to act as Ireland’s cultural ambassadors abroad.”

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