



Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra

# MetSO Chamber Orchestra

with **Ronald Thomas**

## Parkland's 40th Anniversary

Friday 31st March 2023

Antonio Vivaldi : *Spring* (The Four Seasons)

Jules Massenet : *Meditation from Thais*

Wolfgang Mozart : *Divertimento in F* (1st Mvmt)

Eduardo Arolas arr. Naughtin : *Retintin*

*Waltz Triptych* - arr. Del Borgo :

- Tchaikovsky : "*Sleeping Beauty*"
- Waldteufel : "*Skater's Waltz*"
- Strauss : "*Emperor Waltz*"

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# LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

*President:* Leonard Bernstein

*Music Director:* Claudio Abbado



## **First Violins**

Ronald Thomas

*Leader*

Ashley Arbuckle

*Assistant Leader*

Lennox Mackenzie\*

## **Cellos**

Douglas Cummings

*Principal*

Rod McGrath\*

*Co-Principal*

Ray Adams

## Conductor / Soloist Ronald Thomas

### **Violin**

June Creagh\*

Sally Meehan\*\*

Marianne Holzherr\*

Dorothy Miles\*\*

Sara Butler

Jennifer Clee

Henry Hanson

Miho Kanna

Pat Murphy

Yonna Sunderland

Barbara Symington

### **Viola**

Roland Dankbaar\*

Ann Bray\*\*

### **Cello**

Ian Abbott\*

Belinda Porte Garcia\*\*

Joshua Lee

Bruce Palmer

### **Doublebass**

Ti Wan Porter\*

\* Section Principal

\*\* Section Co-Principal

### **Ronald Thomas**

Born in the wheatbelt of Western Australia, his father gave him violin lessons at the age of 4. At 18 he left to study in London and later in Switzerland with Max Rostal and won the Carl Flesch International Violin Competition at 21. Following a recital at Wigmore Hall in London, he was offered concerto engagements with the Royal Philharmonic, Birmingham and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestras. He began broadcasting for the BBC and was a concerto soloist at the first night of the BBC Promenade Concert.

He returned to Sydney/Australia in 1987 to become the Artistic Director of the Australian Opera and the Ballet Orchestra. He formed the Soloists of Australia that appeared at the Perth Festival. At this time he was a guest lecturer at the Sydney Conservatorium and the leader of the Sydney String Quartet where he remained for a number of years.

Now living in Perth, Ronald Thomas continues to perform and teach.

### **MetSO Chamber Orchestra**

Continuing the tradition of The Encore Strings / Encore Chamber Orchestra founded in 2009 by Ashley Arbuckle & Louise Allen.

### **Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra - MetSO**

Also known as The Karrinyup Symphony Orchestra - established in 1977 by Marguerite Hinwood and founding Conductor Frank Arndt.

**The Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra is honoured to have :  
His Excellency The Honourable Christopher John Dawson AC APM  
Governor of Western Australia  
as our esteemed Patron.**