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## AUCKLAND PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA TAKES UP NORTH SHORE RESIDENCY

The **Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra** takes up residence on Auckland's North Shore for three days this month in a special programme for all ages.

The APO's Bruce Mason Centre three day residency runs from 27-29 March, beginning with the very popular annual concert for young children, **APO 4 Kids** on Saturday 27 March, followed by a FREE **APO Open Day** on Sunday 28 March with the **APO Big Play In**, a project linking APO players with talented young secondary school musicians, on Monday 29 March.

"We're very pleased to be taking the orchestra across the bridge to the North Shore for a three day programme offering a range of opportunities for more Aucklanders to have the opportunity to hear and experience the APO up close," says APO Chief Executive Barbara Glaser.

**APO 4 Kids: Planes, Trains and Automobiles** introduces young children to orchestral music in a fun and interactive way with popular and classical favourites, spotlights on different instruments and a chance to conduct and take a tour through the orchestra on stage. The theme this year will also see plenty of transport tunes including *The Wheels on The Bus*, *Thomas the Tank Engine* and *Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines*.

The **APO Open Day** at the Bruce Mason Centre follows last year's inaugural APO Open Day in Auckland city which had thousands of people visit and gain an inside glimpse of the orchestra. The free event provides backstage tours, music demonstrations, conducting classes, recitals from North Shore school orchestras and a special performance by the APO.

The **APO Big Play In** is part of the orchestra's commitment to the development of young musicians in Auckland. Selected secondary school instrumentalists from the North Shore and Auckland are paired with an APO musician and play in rehearsal and in performance with the APO. The concert on Monday 29 March at 12noon is free open to the public.

The **APO Bruce Mason Centre Residency** takes place from Saturday 27 March to Monday 29 March at the Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna on Auckland's North Shore.

**APO 4 Kids:** Saturday 27 March 10.30am and 12noon. Tickets \$15 for adults/senior, \$10 for children and free for children under 2. Book by phoning 09 623 1052 or email [ticketing@apo.co.nz](mailto:ticketing@apo.co.nz)

**APO Open Day:** Sunday 28 March 1-4pm. FREE – no booking required

**APO Big Play In Concert:** Monday 29 March 12noon-1pm. FREE – no booking required

Further information visit [www.apo.co.nz](http://www.apo.co.nz)

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