

Mayoral Statement

4th October 2011

Simulcast

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra Concert at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre

Sometimes we do not feel that we are a part of the wider Queensland community, as we look at the major events and other entertainment options which are enjoyed by those living in the south east corner of the state.

I applaud QPAC's initiative to bring this world class concert to regional Queensland, providing the closest possible experience to being there live. Even if we travelled to Vienna we would not be able to see them as there is a 10 year wait to get a ticket, and over 100 000 people enter a draw each year to obtain seats at their fabled New Years Concerts. It is said that season's tickets are handed down from generation to generation and if you were in Brisbane last night your seat would be \$199, \$249 or \$299.

Premier Bligh and Federal Art's Minister Simon Crean were delighted to be part of this \$2.4 million innovative project, which included the installation of a satellite dish at the Entertainment Centre. I am also pleased to hear that last night's performance is just the first in an expanded program of live QPAC simulcasts with more planned for next year. It is pleasing that the wonders of modern technology made this performance possible.