

# AUSTRALIAN BRANDENBURG ORCHESTRA



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## SHAUN LEE-CHEN ANNOUNCED AS AUSTRALIAN BRANDENBURG ORCHESTRA'S CONCERTMASTER FOR 2016

**Paul Dyer, Artistic Director of the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, today announces the appointment of Perth-based violinist Shaun Lee-Chen as Concertmaster for 2016.**

"Shaun Lee-Chen is one of the most exciting and inspired violinists of his generation", says Paul.

"Amongst the world's emerging baroque violinists, he is one of the players who'll pave the way. He's an explosive player with a fire in his belly and total respect for the music.

"Shaun has that special something that totally captivates an audience while inspiring the players around him," adds Paul. "He's the perfect new leader for the Brandenburg and the ideal person to help me take the orchestra into the next stage of its history."

Shaun has been a regular player with the Brandenburg since 2008 and he has frequently appeared as soloist and Guest Concertmaster since then.

"Becoming Concertmaster of the Brandenburg is like a dream come true for me", says Shaun.

"It's a really exciting position and opportunity. Since I joined the orchestra I've felt very supported and I feel grateful for that. Now is my chance to contribute in a very significant way, to work alongside Paul Dyer to bring his creative visions to the stage and also to contribute my own ideas to the ABO's direction and programming.

"I feel privileged to play alongside musicians that are amongst the best period instrument players anywhere in the world. As Concertmaster it is an important responsibility to empower and galvanise the players of the Brandenburg to bring out the best in each of them. That's something I'm particularly

looking forward to."

Shaun was a student of **Paul Wright**, who himself held the position of Concertmaster for the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra during its formative early years.

Paul Dyer first heard Shaun play when he was a student at the **University of Western Australia**. He was the most outstanding graduate to complete a Bachelor of Music in 2000, graduating with First Class Honours, the **UWA Graduate's Prize** and the **Lady Callaway Medal**. He also studied at the **Australian National Academy of Music** in 2001.

In 2007 he was the winner of the prestigious **ABC Young Performer of the Year Award**, and has appeared as soloist with the **West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO)**, **Queensland Orchestra** and **Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra (TSO)**. He has been guest Assistant and Associate Concertmaster with the **Sydney Symphony Orchestra**, the TSO and the WASO.

Shaun currently holds the position of Artist in Residence at The University of Western Australia and is a member of the WASO. While fulfilling his commitments as the Brandenburg's Concertmaster, Shaun will continue to work with WASO on a part time basis.

His next performances with the Brandenburg will be as Concertmaster in a series to be guest directed by Italian maestro **Riccardo Minasi**, opening in Brisbane on 26 October.



The ABO's latest album **BRANDENBURG CELEBRATES** was nominated for two **ARIA Awards** in 2015:

**Best Classical Album** and  
**Engineer of the Year** (for Virginia Read).

**LIMELIGHT MAGAZINE Editor's Choice**  
**Four & a half star rating**

Shaun Lee-Chen features as soloist on baroque violin on tracks 2-5, 13-15 and 16.

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## Next Brandenburg performances

**RICCARDO MINASI**  
**FEARLESS ITALIAN BAROQUE VIOLIN**

**Riccardo Minasi (Italy) guest director, baroque violin**  
**Shaun Lee-Chen guest concertmaster**  
**Australian Brandenburg Orchestra**

**BRISBANE** Concert Hall, QPAC  
Mon 26 Oct at 7.30pm

**SYDNEY** City Recital Hall Angel Place  
Wed 28 Oct, Fri 30 Oct, Sat 31 Oct, Wed 4 Nov, Fri 6 Nov all at 7pm  
MATINEE Sat 31 Oct at 2pm

**MELBOURNE** Melbourne Recital Hall  
Sat 7 Nov at 7pm, Sun 8 Nov at 5pm

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