

**9 April 2010**

## **Sunshine Coast Soprano shines on Mothers Day.**

**Give Mum the gift of music this Mothers Day with tickets to** the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra's special concert on Mothers Day as part of the 4MBS Festival of Classics at 3pm, Sunday 9 May at the Old Museum Concert Hall, Bowen Hills.

This year celebrates the composers Mahler with a special guest appearance by **Sunshine Coast** resident soprano, **Christine Ferraro**.

Christine is originally from Melbourne, where she was trained by the late Dame Joan Hammond. Christine graduated with a bachelor of music degree from the Victoria College of the Arts and Teaching Qualifications from the ACU Melbourne.

In 1982, she won the Melbourne Sun Aria Competition and in 1984 the National Shell Aria. With her prize money, she travelled overseas to study at the Julliard school of Music in New York and later on to the Colonge Hochschule Die Music in Germany following onto singing in the Spoleto Festival. She has performed as an opera diva, oratorical soloist and recitalist in Australia, New Zealand, Europe and the United Kingdom.

Throughout her career, she has combined teaching and singing, privately and in schools with her performance roles. After five years living in the UK, Christine returned to Melbourne in 1997. In 2005 she came to live in Queensland on the Sunshine Coast where she has performed in recitals and the choral society as a soloist in the Bach Christmas Oratorio and other opera concerts.

**Christine is currently teaching on the Sunshine coast and performing with the Opera Duo "Avadiva" with friend, mezzo soprano Stephanie D'Arlidge.**

### **Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra presents Mothers Day and Mahler**

Old Museum Concert Hall cnr Gregory Terrace & Bowen Bridge Road BOWEN HILLS

Guest Conductor - **John Curro**

**Mahler** > Symphony No.5 *III. Adagietto*

**Mahler** > Songs of a Wayfarer

**Schumann** > Manfred Overture

**Schumann** > Cello Concerto A minor Op.129

**Tickets are strictly limited. Please purchase prior to the day to reserve your seat. \$25 - Adult \$20 - Concession/4MBS Subscriber Children under 13 admitted free (no ticket required). Book through 4MBS Ticketing by phoning 3847 1717.**

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