

## **2009 NATIONAL YOUTH CONCERTO COMPETITION**

Applications are now open for the 2009 National Youth Concerto Competition, presented by Queensland Youth Orchestras! Established in 1976, the Australia-wide competition is the most important of its kind for string soloists aged under 17 years.

Each applicant submits a recorded audition of works to be judged by a panel of professional musicians. Up to three finalists are then selected to perform their chosen concerto in a public finals concert on Sunday 25 October 2009 in Brisbane with Queensland Youth Symphony (QYS), conducted by QYO Director of Music John Curro AM MBE.

The 2009 winner will gain a \$2,500 prize and will join the ranks of some of this country's greatest musicians. Past winners of the competition have achieved great success as soloists, orchestral musicians and music directors, including Richard Tognetti (1980), Jane Peters (1978), Nicholas Milton (1985), and Li Wei Qin (1993).

Judges will also select promising applicants to participate as recitalists throughout the competition Finals Week, 17 - 25 October 2009, a week-long schedule of public recitals in venues such as the Queen St Mall, 4MBS Classic FM, and more. Finals Week will also include a number of Brisbane school recitals to showcase the breathtaking discipline and musicianship of young music students and the quality of Australian string teaching.

For an application form or for further information on the 2009 National Youth Concerto Competition visit: [www.qyo.org.au/competitions.php](http://www.qyo.org.au/competitions.php) or contact Queensland Youth Orchestras on 07 3257 3028 or [info@qyo.org.au](mailto:info@qyo.org.au).

Applications close at 5pm, Tuesday 30 June 2009.