

# SWISS CULTURAL EVENTS IN AUSTRALIA

January – February 2018

## UPCOMING/ONGOING EVENTS

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## HIGHLIGHT

### RACT SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS 2018

The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra's iconic open air symphony orchestra concerts return to Glenorchy and Launceston in 2018 featuring **Swiss conductor Elena Schwarz**

**Saturday**  
**17 February 2018**  
**7pm**  
**Tolosa Park, Glenorchy**

**Saturday**  
**24 February 2018**  
**7pm**  
**City Park, Launceston**

For more information visit: [www.tso.com.au](http://www.tso.com.au)

It's a concert! It's a picnic! It's a family-friendly event!  
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RACT Symphony under the Stars is an experience like no other  
The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra in the open air on a gorgeous summer evening.



Australian and Swiss conductor Elena Schwarz studied at the Geneva University of Music in the class of Laurent Gay, subsequently specialising in contemporary performance with Arturo Tamayo at the Conservatorio della Svizzera Italiana. She has benefited from the advice of Bernard Haitink, Neeme Järvi, Peter Eötvös and Matthias Pintscher. A member of Symphony Services International's Conductor Development Program since 2013, she has participated in conducting courses with Christopher Seaman, Asher Fisch, Johannes Fritsch and Giordano Bellincampi, and with the Tasmanian and West Australian Symphony Orchestras and the Auckland Philharmonia. Elena Schwarz won first prize at the Princess Astrid Competition with the Trondheim Symphony Orchestra (Norway) and

second prize at the 2015 Jorma Panula competition in Vaasa, Finland. In 2016 she was selected as one of three young conductors supported by Adami, the French Performers' Association. Recent engagements include the Martha Argerich Festival in Lugano, where she conducted Alban Berg's Chamber Concerto with soloists Renaud Capuçon and Nicholas Angelich, and a portrait concert of Olga Neuwirth's music with the Lucerne Festival Academy. In 2017, in addition to the joint assistantship between the Tasmanian and West Australian Symphony Orchestras, Elena Schwarz will assist Mikko Franck at the Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France in Paris

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**Pipilotti Rist: Sip my Ocean**  
**Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney**  
**1 November 2017 – 18 February 2018**



The exhibition forms part of the Sydney International Art Series which takes place annually at the MCA.

Pipilotti Rist is the latest international artist to have a major solo exhibition at the MCA as part of the series and the retrospective has been curated by Senior Curator, Natasha Bullock. The exhibition presents a total of **33 works**, including large-scale installations that incorporate video, sculpture and performance spanning the artist's 30-year career. Significantly, the exhibition features many work that have never been exhibited in the Southern Hemisphere before, including "**Pixel Forest**" (2016), "**4<sup>th</sup> Floor to Mildness**" (2016) and "**Sleeping Pollen**" (2014).

This major retrospective at the MCA follows on from Pipilotti Rist's hugely successful solo exhibition at the New Museum in New York (2016) and has been supported by Pro Helvetia.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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