

# Entertainment

## New world of talent



**Seizing the opportunity:** Eddy Fairburn (left), musical director for the Seymour Centre concert, gives tympani tips to Juan Diego and Laura Umansky.

By **Kevin Sadlier**

FOR brother and sister Juan Diego, six, and Laura, seven, finding adopted parents in Sutherland Shire has brought them from Colombia, where they were born, into "a world of opportunity".

Tomorrow night at the Seymour Centre their adopted parents, Albert and Rossanna Umansky, both former South American immigrants, will be watching proudly when Juan Diego and Laura appear on stage with the dance group, Tierra Colombiana.

The group is just one of many acts appearing in

a concert titled *A World of Opportunity* which has been planned as part of national Adoption Awareness Week.

The concert is a singing, dancing showcase for the musical and singing abilities of children and adults from other lands, including Roshani Priddis, originally from Sri Lanka, who was a finalist on *Australian Idol* last year.

"Laura and Juan Diego just love performing," said Rossanna Umansky, originally from Chile.

"It has been a loving journey for them to be aware of the culture of the land where they were born."

*A World of Opportunity* has been organised by Australian Families for Children, a Sydney-based non-profit organisation which was formed in 1981 to place abandoned children with adoptive families in Australia.

**Concert details:**  
Friday, November 20, at the Seymour Centre, corner City Road and Cleveland Street Chippendale, at 7.30pm.

Tickets \$33/\$23 from the box office on 9351 7940 or [seymour.usyd.edu.au/boxoffice](http://seymour.usyd.edu.au/boxoffice).



**Pulling strings:** The Endeavour Chamber Orchestra.

## The music year will finish with a flourish

By **Maria Galinovic**

THE Endeavour Chamber Orchestra is finishing its musical year with *Music at the Gallery* at Hazelhurst Art Gallery, Gymea, this Sunday.

Director Kym Staton, who started the orchestra four years ago, is inviting their many fans to enjoy a lovely afternoon of music and art.

"Our 10-piece, all-string chamber orchestra comprises violins, violas, cellos and a double bass, and the intimate size of the Hazelhurst Theatre means that you will get closer to the warm resonating sounds than in most venues in Sydney," he said.

"An interesting part of this concert will be the mix of classical baroque and jazz music. Classical musicians seldom play jazz music, and especially are often reluctant to improvise; however, our orchestra has some jazz players among our numbers, and these players have encouraged all of the other members to work on their improvising, so that during the Gershwin piece, all players will have a turn at composing their own notes 'off the cuff'."

The program includes Bach: *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3*, Mozart: *String Quartet No. 4*, Brahms: *Hungarian Dance No. 5*, Vivaldi: *Winter (Second Movement)*, Gershwin: *Someone to Watch Over Me*, and soloist, Samuel Lord. The recital starts at 2.30pm and ends at about 4.30pm, with a half-time intermission.

Tickets: \$18/\$15/\$12 and \$49 for a family of four. Bookings: 0430 011 051.

## Restaurant Pick of the Week



Shop 6, 20 Gerrale Street, Cronulla

**F**ratelli del Mare breathes new life back into Monday night dining, offering great value with a 6 course All You Can Eat Banquet @ \$30 and all beers @ \$5. Fratelli's, as the locals like to call it, has introduced many interesting and highly successful ideas and concepts to keep its clientele coming back for more. The two Pauls realised that there are not enough options on Monday night in Cronulla, especially for people involved in the hospitality industry. What a fabulous

opportunity for those who work in restaurants, bars or kitchens to have a good time with work colleagues, family and friends. Monday nights are regarded as weekends in the hospitality industry as everybody works Saturdays and Sundays. As Paul Breheny says, "Fratelli Del Mare offers great value, great service and most importantly, good food at a great price". The banquet menu is changed on a regular basis so the customers get something a little different every week. The All You Can Eat

Italian Banquet is also available for Sunday lunch.

Exquisite and very affordable lunch and dinner packages are also on offer for the forthcoming Christmas season. Everyone will be well advised to book early.

*The restaurant is open for dinner seven nights and for Sunday Lunch. For whatever reason you choose this charming multi-award-winning dining venue, you won't be disappointed.*

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