



CLASSIC KIDS PODCAST TO INTRODUCE PRE-SCHOOLERS TO THE WONDERS OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

07 May 2018: **ABC Classic FM** and **ABC KIDS listen** are proud to announce the launch of **Classic Kids** - a dedicated podcast for pre-schoolers aimed at introducing them to the wonders of classical music.

Classic Kids focuses on Australian-made music and gives children an opportunity to learn about instrument sounds, develop their musical vocabulary, and explore the importance of listening.

Classic Kids: *Sounds like Australia* is available now. Narrated by Play School's **Luke Carroll**, it tells the story of Kirra Quokka as she sets off on a musical adventure across Australia. *Sounds like Australia* features an all-Australian classical soundtrack arranged by composer **Jessica Wells**, and performed by **Ensemble Offspring**.

A second series of **Classic Kids: *Music for The Dreaming***, will launch later in 2018.

Stephanie Carrick, Manager of ABC KIDS listen said: "**Classic Kids** creates evocative soundscapes to enhance understanding of how instruments work together. We're delighted to showcase the ABC's proven strength in developing child-led content in this new initiative to entertain and educate children."

Toby Chadd, Content Manager of ABC Classic FM, added: "**Classic Kids** is a hugely exciting opportunity to introduce pre-schoolers to classical music. This project has a uniquely home-grown flavour, featuring world-class Australian musicians and composers. We look forward to helping children take their first steps on what we hope is a lifelong journey with music."

Classic Kids is an ABC KIDS listen and ABC Classic FM co-production. It was produced in collaboration with the Sydney Opera House Children, Families and Creative Learning program.

Listeners can attend performances of **Sounds like Australia** and **Music for The Dreaming** live on stage at Sydney Opera House in May and August 2018.

The **Classic Kids** podcast is available on ABC KIDS listen; you can find it online by visiting the Classic Kids program page on the KIDS listen website, or download the ABC KIDS listen app free on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

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