

Local artistes get campus in classical mood

BY A STAFF REPORTER

MEMBERS of American University of Sharjah's (AUS) campus community as well as the public at large enjoyed two riveting

evenings of Western classical music held at the AUS main auditorium on Nov. 3 and 4.

The UAE Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Philip Maier, and featuring

renowned pianist Aryo Wicaksono and David Noltey on trumpet, performed to a large audience comprising students, faculty and members of the public on Nov.3.

The evening featured works by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Sergei Prokofiev and Alexander Arutjunian. The orchestra, founded in 2005, consists of musicians re-

siding in the Emirates and is the only full symphony orchestra in the country.

Last evening, Aryo Wicaksono gave a solo piano recital on campus. The concert included works by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff and others. Wicaksono is an award-winning pianist and has performed all over the world with numerous orchestras including the St. Petersburg State Symphony, the National Symphony Orchestra of Indonesia, the Civic Orchestra of Tucson, the Arizona Symphony Orchestra as well as many others.

As a musical director and pianist for Arizona On-stage Productions for the musical production of *Elegies - Looking Up* by composer William Finn, Wicaksono won the Arizona Daily Star's Mac Award 2006 for Best Musical in Tucson and the Tucson Weekly's Best of Awards Best Musical in Tucson for 2006-2007.



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