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YOUTH ORCHESTRA FOR EXPO

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton

The Government has decided to send the Australian Youth Orchestra to Japan to take part in EXPO '70.

The Orchestra will represent Australia in EXPO's "World of Youth" Festival in Osaka next July, during which it will give a week of daily performances.

The National Music Camp Association established the Australian Youth Orchestra in 1967. It comprises 92 of Australia's most talented young instrumentalists, ranging in age from fourteen to twenty-two. Most come from the various conservatoriums and schools of music.

EXPO '70 authorities in Japan have shown a keen interest in a visit by the Youth Orchestra, and I am sure the performances by these gifted young people will win many friends for Australia.

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