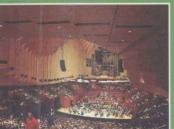
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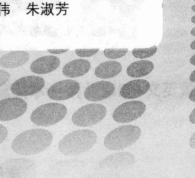
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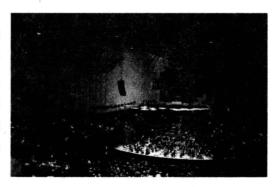


Sydney Opera House Holds a Concert for Canines

"Laurie Anderson has composed a 20 minute work especially for the hearing range of dogs—who can hear frequencies far outside the human audio spectrum. Taking the idea of the apparently inaudible dog whistle to new artistic heights, our canine friends will be treated to a glorious cacophony of sound, while all we will hear is the lapping of the water on the harbor.

The morning will be an inter-species social gathering on a scale never

seen before in Australia. Breakfast can be purchased on site including freshly brewed coffee and egg & bacon rolls, while you watch dog demonstrations and be surprised by some very special guests.



compose [kəm'pəuz] v. 演奏; 创作 frequency ['frikwənsi] n. 次数, 频率 spectrum ['spektrəm] n. 频谱; 范围, 幅度 inaudible [in'ɔ:dəbl] a. 听不见的 cacophony [kəˈkɔfəni] n. 刺耳的声音,杂音
brew [bru:] v. 酿造,冲泡
demonstration [.demənsˈtreiʃən] n.
表达,集会



This is an event that you'll be yapping about for years to come, an absolute must for any dog and their two legged friends!"

That's the ad of a concert for dogs.

Hundreds of dogs and their owners



have descended on the Sydney Opera House for a concert specifically for canines.

Organizers say the event, the work of American musician and artist Laurie Anderson, is the first of its kind.

Ms Anderson called it "an inter-species social gathering on a scale never seen before in Australia".

It featured the cries of whales and high-pitched electronic sounds inaudible to human ears, accompanied by a bass guitar and violin.

For an hour or so Australia's most recognizable building became a giant kennel.

The sounds sent some agitated pets into a frenzy, while others seemed rather bemused.

"Most dogs are fine with it but we had to move away because he was getting a little bit freaked out by the whale noises," said one dog owner.

Ms Anderson said it was one of the best moments of her career.

"Supposedly, they are sort of like bats and whales that they can hear

bass [beis] n. 低音 kennel ['kenl] n. 狗舍, 狗窝 agitated ['ædʒiteitid] a. 不安的 bemused [bi'mju:zd] a. 困惑的,发呆的



super high things and they can. Their hearing is so much better than ours.

"We didn't want to do something that humans couldn't hear too, so we chose a different bunch of things. A lot of dogs seem to enjoy classical music, frankly."

While the dogs' owners certainly enjoyed the show, we'll never know what their four-legged friends made of it.

These pets were a tough crowd. There were plenty of barks, howls and yawns along with the occasional snarl as the Sydney Opera House witnessed a piece of canine musical history.

悉尼歌剧院为狗举行音乐会

"劳丽·安德森创作了一段 20 分钟专门为狗的听觉范围设计的音乐——狗可以听到的音频远远超出了人类的听觉范围。采用人耳无法听到的狗哨子的想法显然达到了新的艺术高度,我们的狗朋友将欣赏到一段美妙的声音,而我们听到的将只是浪花拍打海港的声响。

"那天上午将在澳大利亚上演一场规模空前的跨物种的社交聚会。 在现场可以购买早餐,包括现煮咖啡和鸡蛋培根卷,在您观看狗的展 示时,一些特别的客人将给您惊喜。"

"这是一场您和您的狗宝贝都一定要参加的盛会,它会让您在数年 后想起都激动不已。"

以上是为狗举办的一次音乐会的广告。

数以百计的狗和它们的主人来到悉尼歌剧院聆听这场专门为犬类准备的音乐会。

bunch [bʌntʃ] n. 群, 束
frankly [ˈfrænkli] adv. 坦白地, 坦率地

yawn [jɔn] v. 打呵欠 snarl [snɑ:l] vi. 狂吠, 咆哮



活动组织者说,这是美国音乐家和艺术家劳丽·安德森首次为狗 演奏。

安德森女士称这是"澳大利亚规模空前的跨物种的社交聚会"。

该音乐会上模仿了鲸鱼的声音以及人耳听不到的高调的电子音, 由一个低音吉他和小提琴伴奏。

在大约一个小时里,悉尼歌剧院,这个澳大利亚最知名的建筑可以说成了一个巨大的狗窝。

这些声音使得有些焦虑不安的狗变得疯狂,而其他的狗似乎颇为 困惑。

"大部分狗都能接受,但我们不得不把自己的狗带走,因为鲸鱼的 声音让它受了惊吓。"一条狗的主人说。

安德森女士说:这是她职业生涯中最美妙的时刻之一。

"据说,它们像蝙蝠和鲸鱼一样,能听到那种超高的声音。它们的 听觉比我们的好得多。"

"人类无法听到的声音,我们不想演奏得太多,所以我们选择了一组不同的声音。坦率地讲,很多狗似乎很喜欢古典音乐。"

虽然狗的主人很享受这次音乐会,但我们永远不会知道他们狗狗 的感受。

这些宠物可不是规规矩矩的听众,它们又叫又嗥又打呵欠,偶尔 还狂吼一声。悉尼歌剧院见证了一段狗的音乐史。





我。

Paul: What is your favorite pet?

Emily: I love horses. Obviously I can't

afford one. What about you?

Paul: I love dogs. They are friendly. Each time I get home, my dog will welcome me with a swaying tail.

Emily: There was a concert for dogs yesterday in the Sydney Opera House. Australians are really kind to their pets.

Paul: A concert for dogs? What kind of music had been played on the concert?

Emily: It played the cries of whales and high-pitched electronic sounds inaudible to human ears, accompanied by a bass guitar and violin.

Paul: Such a strange idea.

Emily: Actually, many of the dogs' owners claimed that they enjoyed the show. Maybe next time you can bring your dog there.

Paul: I will never do this. I wonder the point of holding a concert for animals.

Emily: If you really love your pets, it won't be a crazy idea to take them to a concert especially for them.

保罗: 你最喜欢的宠物是什么?

艾米丽: 我很喜欢马。但很明显我养不起。你呢?

保罗:我喜欢狗。因为它们很友好。 每次回家,我的狗都会摇尾巴欢迎

艾米丽: 昨天悉尼歌剧院有一场为狗举行的音乐会。澳大利亚人对宠物真是尽心。

保罗:一场为狗举行的音乐会?都演奏些什么音乐啊?

艾米丽: 这场音乐会演奏了鲸鱼的声音以及人耳听不到的高调的电子音,由一个低音吉他和小提琴伴奏。

保罗: 这想法真奇怪。

艾米丽: 其实, 很多狗的主人说很享 受这场音乐会。也许下次你可以带上 你的狗去。

保罗: 我可不会干这样的事。为动物 准备的音乐会有什么意义?

艾米丽:要是你真的爱自己的宠物, 带它去听一场专属它的音乐会有什么 奇怪的。