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ONE SONG, ONE NOTE, ONE LANGUAGE - ESPERANTO

Queensland Music Festival is bringing the world together one song, one note, one voice and drumbeat at a time with ***Esperanto***, a truly immersive cultural experience at **Brisbane Powerhouse from Friday 26 – Sunday 28 July**.

QMF Artistic Director James Morrison said the title, ***Esperanto***, refers to Ludwig Zamenhof's 1880's vision of unifying the world through one common language.

"Although Zamenhof's vision never came to pass, there is one truly international language that everybody understands – it's music," Morrison said.

To speak to Queenslanders and bring them joyously together through the language of music, Morrison has curated a program that embodies the spirit of *Esperanto*; music from a variety of cultures - Australian Indigenous, Brazilian, Indonesian, Maori, gypsy; in an array of genres - R&B, flamenco, pop, bluegrass, jazz and more.

Esperanto features an exceptional line up, with Festival exclusives and performances that include **Ursula Yovich** and **Emma Donovan** in **Barefoot Divas**, **Kate Miller-Heidke & John Rodgers**, flamenco guitarist **Gerard Mapstone**, **Gypsy Jazz** with pianist **Simon Tesdeschi** & violinist **Ian Cooper**, **The Mouldy Lovers**, **The View from Madeleine's Couch**, a collaboration between **David Jones**, **Darren Percival** and **James Morrison**, **Afrobeat Brazilian Drums** and more.

The three-day program includes a number of free events on the Turbine Platform, including **Fused**, a unique collaboration between students of the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) and the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University; a performance by the **Creative Generation Big Band** and a unique Indonesian-Australian collaboration. After *Esperanto*'s cultural cacophony, calm your mind with an immersive **Soundbath** experience on the Rooftop Terrace.

For the full program of events, see the Festival website at qmf.org.au.

Esperanto is presented by Queensland Music Festival, Brisbane City Council and 612 ABC Brisbane in association with Brisbane Powerhouse.

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PERFORMANCE DETAILS

FLAMENCO CUERDAS

Date: Fri 26 July 6:30PM & 9PM

Venue: Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse

Tickets: \$25 - \$50

Bookings: www.brisbanepowerhouse.org / 07 3358 8600

AFROBEAT BRAZILIAN DRUMMING (WORKSHOP)

Date: Sat 27 July 1PM

Venue: Turbine Studio, Brisbane Powerhouse

Tickets: \$16

Bookings: www.brisbanepowerhouse.org / 07 3358 8600

MZAZA

Date: Sat 27 July 6PM

Venue: Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse

Tickets: \$18

Gypsy Special: See Mzaza & The Mouldy Lovers for \$25

Bookings: www.brisbanepowerhouse.org / 07 3358 8600

THE MOULDY LOVERS

Date: Sat 27 July 8PM

Venue: Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse

Tickets: \$18

Gypsy Special: See The Mouldy Lovers & Mzaza for \$25

Bookings: www.brisbanepowerhouse.org / 07 3358 8600

BAREFOOT DIVAS: WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES

Date: Fri 26 & Sat 27 July 7:30PM

Venue: Powerhouse Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse

Tickets: \$25 - \$50

Bookings: www.brisbanepowerhouse.org / 07 3358 8600

THE VIEW FROM MADELINE'S COUCH

Date: Sun 28 July 2PM

Venue: Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse

Tickets: \$22

Bookings: www.brisbanepowerhouse.org / 07 3358 8600

TEDESCHI & COOPER: GYPSY JAZZ

Date: Sun 28 July 3:30PM
Venue: Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse
Tickets: \$25 - \$39
Bookings: www.brisbanepowerhouse.org / 07 3358 8600

HEART & CRAFT: KATE MILLER-HEIDKE & JOHN RODGERS

Date: Sun 28 July 5PM
Venue: Powerhouse Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse
Tickets: \$25 - \$50
Bookings: www.brisbanepowerhouse.org / 07 3358 8600

THE MEETING: JAMES MORRISON (multi-instrumentalist), DARREN PERCIVAL (vocalist), DAVID JONES (percussion)

Date: Sun 28 July 7:30PM
Venue: Powerhouse Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse
Tickets: \$25 - \$50
Bookings: www.brisbanepowerhouse.org / 07 3358 8600

Queensland Music Festival is a state-wide celebration of music with a vision to transform lives through unforgettable musical experiences.

From 12 – 28 July, the best of local, national and international talent will perform every conceivable style of music to Queenslanders from all walks of life, in over 30 regions from Warwick to Winton, Mackay to Mount Isa, Birdsville to Brisbane and beyond.

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