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A MUSIC ADVENTURE
FROM THE BARRICADES OF TIME

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PRESS RELEASE

2017 Canberra International Music Festival Preview

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The Canberra International Music Festival has unveiled the website for its 2017 program. Festival fans can get in early to secure the best seats in the house, as well as discounts by purchasing a Festival Pass or choose their own adventure with a Five Concert Pass.

This year's theme is Revolution: A Music Adventure from the Barricades of Time. In the words of Artistic Director Roland Peelman, "The vibe for the 2017 festival is Revolution, not because some people have described Brexit or the United States election as a revolution, but because one hundred years ago in Russia, amidst the ravages of war, a real and extraordinary revolution did take place. It gives us a chance to ponder the nature and the circumstances of radical change, not only in the political arena but in life itself. There is going to be so much to listen to, and so much to talk about."

Momentous events and cataclysmic changes form the backdrop to the 2017 Festival. Over eleven exhilarating days, see and hear how the great milestones in our history provide the context for over twenty five musical experiences. From amidst Canberra's most iconic buildings we look out onto a world of music: Mozart and Shostakovich both receiving special attention, but also Bach, Handel, indigenous artists and composers such as Robert Davidson, Elena Kats-Chernin and Andrew Ford. Most importantly, we bring the world to Canberra in the form of renowned performers such Canadian Brass, Israeli clarinetist Orit Orbach, two dynamic string quartets from France and Venezuela who both make their first appearance in Australia, musicians from Singapore, China, the United States, and more.

A vibrant fusion of thought-provoking conversation, some culinary adventures on the side, and over twenty expertly curated concerts with charismatic performers from around the globe – that's the Canberra International Music Festival: 27 April to 7 May 2017, an annual treat for Australia's cultural enthusiasts!

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SPECIAL DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

- **Festival Gala Dinner** (Thursday 27 April, 6:30pm, Pialligo Estates). The Festival's annual celebrity dinner and a taste of things to come.
- **Opening Gala** A world of music to showcase the festival's international stars (Friday 28 April, 7:30pm, Fitters' Workshop).
- **Canadian Brass**, the most iconic brass quintet in the world returns to Australia after more than 20 years. Consummate showmen and musicians of jaw dropping ability, hear their golden sound resonate around the Fitters' Workshop in a program of wit, beauty and sheer joy (Saturday 29 April, 7.30pm, Fitters' workshop).
- **Dreaming Across the Horizon** We bring didgeridoo-player William Barton together with visiting festival artists for an exploration of Aboriginal children's songs and stories alongside Andrew Ford's enchanting settings of traditional English nursery rhymes (Sunday 30 April, 6:30pm, Fitters' Workshop).
- **Harvest of Endurance** (Thursday 4 May, 6:30pm, National Museum of Australia) The Harvest of Endurance is a 50-metre scroll that depicts survival and resourcefulness across two centuries of Chinese settlement in Australia. This occasion marks a unique opportunity to hear voices ring through the museum with 18 compositions especially composed for the scroll, with narration by William Yang.
- Paris-based **Van Kuijk Quartet**, one of Europe's most promising chamber groups, for the first time in Australia. They combine with Israeli clarinetist Orit Orbach for an evening of music from one of classical music's greatest composers from the apogee of his creative powers (Mozart Milestones, Monday 1 May, 6:30pm, Fitters' Workshop).
- **Blinky Bill, a Koala Revolution** is a family concert for possums and their koalas, ages 3-8. Join Mr. Tim and Ensemble Offspring as they bring this bush classic to life (Sunday 30 April, 9:30 and 11.00am, National Library of Australia).
- **Festival Finale** brings together all of our main festival Artists in a joyful celebration that transcends language, place and time (Sunday 7 May, 6:30pm, Fitters' Workshop).

For more information about the 2017 Canberra International Music Festival, please contact Marketing Coordinator Krista Vincent on 6182 0023 or krista.vincent@cimf.org.au