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PRESS RELEASE

2017 Canberra International Music Festival announces major changes to artist line-up

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The Canberra International Music Festival (CIMF) has announced today that the Canadian Brass has cancelled its Australian tour and will not be appearing at the Festival in 2017. The group will be replaced in the program by the James Morrison Quintet for a feature concert at the Fitter's Workshop on Saturday 29 April.

The Festival's Artistic Director, Roland Peelman, said today "we are sorry for our patrons and supporters who were looking forward to the Canadian Brass concert, but the circumstances are completely beyond our control. However, we are delighted to welcome the James Morrison Quintet at the festival. Not only has he adjusted his schedule to make this possible, we can hear him with his Quintet, a line up of talent that is rarely seen with James at the heart of it, a true force of nature, one of the all-time great brass players."

"With the help of the High Commission of Canada, we have also been able to secure the remarkable Canadian violinist, Alexandre da Costa, for our Opening Gala concert. He belongs to that rarified circle of super star violinists working around the globe. It will be an extraordinary occasion to have him at our Opening Gala alongside the Símon Bolívar String Quartet and our very own Lisa Moore and William Barton."

The Festival will offer patrons a direct transfer of their Canadian Brass ticket to the James Morrison Quintet, or a full refund if desired. All affected patrons are being contacted directly but if further information is required, are asked to contact the Festival office on info@cimf.org.au or (02) 6230 5880.

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