

The top brass is coming to town

Australian Brass Quintet visits Tamworth and Coffs Harbour

6-7 September 2018



“Sizzingly intense” – The West Australian

On **6 and 7 September 2018**, the renowned **Australian Brass Quintet** will visit **Tamworth** and **Coffs Harbour**, performing music of dazzling variety and skill in exclusive concerts presented by Musica Viva Australia in association with Tamworth Regional Conservatorium and the Coffs Harbour Music Society.

“There is something for everyone in our concerts,” says horn player Ben Jacks. “We find that people who haven’t been before are surprised by the range of colours and musical diversity that brass instruments are capable of.”

“We try to explore music from different genres - from the excitement and flair of Suite Americana by the South American composer, Enrique Crespo to the rhythmic complexity of the ‘Dances from Terpsichore’ by the seventeenth century German composer, Michael Praetorius, arranged by one of our trombonists, Scott Kinmont.”

“The beautiful Scenes from Childhood for piano by nineteenth century German composer Robert Schumann have been expertly arranged by one of our trumpeters, Tristram Williams - so well in fact that it’s hard to imagine that they were ever written for anything else!” he continues. “We are also proud to present ‘Copperwave’ - a major work by one of the world’s leading female composers, Joan Tower.”

The quintet members are held in the highest regard as soloists and orchestral leaders, appearing regularly all over the world and teaching at the finest tertiary institutions. **Brent Grapes** is Principal Trumpet with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra. **Tristram Williams** is an internationally renowned soloist and teacher with many years’ experience as Principal Trumpet with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. **Ben Jacks** is Principal Horn and **Scott Kinmont** is Associate Principal Trombone of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, while **Brett Page** is Principal Bass Trombone of the Opera Australia Orchestra.

They love being on the road together. “Performing in different towns each evening creates a really special atmosphere,” says Jacks. “Each time you play it feels like a special event, a ‘one off’ concert that people in that place have been looking forward to. The appreciation of your efforts is palpable.”

“There is something truly unique about every concert experience,” he concludes, “something that is shared between the performers and the audience that can’t be reproduced in any other way.”

Australian Brass Quintet

Brent Grapes - trumpet
Tristram Williams - trumpet
Ben Jacks - horn
Scott Kinmont - trombone
Brett Page - bass trombone

Program

Lutoslawski Mini Overture
Praetorius Dances from Terpsichore arr. Kinmont
Schumann Kinderszenen selections arr. Williams
Elliot Carter Fantasy
Tower Copperwave
Crespo Suite Americana

Concerts

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| Thu 6 Sept. | 8:00pm | Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music
Chapel Theatre, 223 - 227 Marius Street, Tamworth
Bookings: https://www.thecon.com.au/australian-brass-quintet |
| Fri 7 Sept. | 8:00pm | Coffs Harbour Education Campus
Lecture Theatre D, Hogbin Drive, Coffs Harbour
Bookings: http://coffsmusicsociety.com.au/upcoming-concerts/2018-concert-australian-brass-quintet/ |

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