



QUT Festival Theatre

Brisbane Festival 2010 creates a new alfresco theatre at the Powerhouse Plaza

Brisbane Festival 2010 audiences will experience a host of events 'alfresco', when QUT Festival Theatre – a custom built amphitheatre - takes up residence at the Brisbane Powerhouse for festival month, this September.

Designed by Justin Nardella from Bright Young Things, QUT Festival theatre will host an extravaganza of circus, sideshow, music and drama throughout Brisbane Festival 2010.

Performances including Shakespeare's Macbeth starring Australian acting stalwart Marcus Graham, two new productions by Brisbane's internationally acclaimed Circa a musical tribute to Brisbane from singing sensation Robert Forster, a nightmarish comedy by Edinburgh Fringe Festival hit The Dark Party (by Dirty Brothers Sideshow) and more will bring this new venue under the stars alive throughout the festival.

Other performances include:

Bang! Crash! Tap!

Bang! Crash! Tap! from Raw Dance is a mind-blowing dance and percussion stage spectacular featuring one of Australia's most talented drummers, the London Beat Boxing Champion, and two of the fastest tap dancers to ever hit the earth.

Creative Producer and Raw Dance founder Andrew Fee has toured the world as Director, Producer and Performer for many of Raw's outstanding works. His trademark mix of funk/hip-hop, tap and acrobatics is a cornerstone of Raw Dance's style.

This performance at the QUT Festival Theatre – an amphitheatre constructed in the Powerhouse's Plaza – promises laughs, gasps, amazing moves and plenty of raw energy.

Topology

Audience members will have the unique opportunity to join Topology - a leading ensemble in contemporary art music – in performing a new piece of music for one night only at Festival Theatre on Friday September 17 at 9.30pm.

Taking directions from a large animated score projected onto the wall of Brisbane Powerhouse, the Topology audience will build music with a focus on fun, energy, vibrant but sophisticated harmony and rhythm.

Since forming in 1996, Topology has built a solid audience, and regularly performs to full houses in Brisbane and around Australia. As resident ensemble at the Brisbane Powerhouse since 2008,

Topology continually develops new work.

WHEN

Friday 17 September at 9.30pm

DURATION

60 minutes (no interval)

TICKETS

Adult \$35, Concession \$25, Groups \$25 (includes all fees and charges)

The Dark Party

Don't miss physical comedy at its best and most bizarre when the Dark Party showcases at Brisbane Festival September 21 – 25.

A journey both literally and metaphorically through the lives of men, The Dark Party is produced by The Dirty Brothers Sideshow, who appeared at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. This must-see performance is enjoying rave reviews for rattling the cage of modern circus and bringing sideshow to the world of contemporary theatre.

Tramps armed with a strange and fantastic collection of props narrate this dreamscape and sometimes nightmarish journey into the soul. Lost, disillusioned and mildly amused, the performers stagger through a series of disconnected vignettes where they discover real laughter and true sorrow with their co-stars of swords, staple guns, singing saws and power tools.

Eschewing genre like all great sideshow, this dark, dirty and deranged, yet truly funny performance has to be seen to be believed.

WHEN

Tuesday 21 September - Saturday 25 September at 9pm

DURATION

60 mins (no interval)

TICKETS

Adult \$35, Concession \$25, Groups \$25 (includes all fees and charges)

Also showcasing at QUT Festival:

- Macbeth – starring Marcus Graham
- Circa: Wunderkammer
- Circa Zoo: Strange Familiar Angel
- Robert Forster: 15 Songs About Brisbane
- Raw Dance: Bang, Crash, Tap!
- Casey Donovan: BIG, BEAUTIFUL AND SEXY!

For more details see individual media releases.

For all bookings at QUT Festival Theatre call Brisbane Powerhouse Box Office – 07 3358 8600 or visit www.brisbanefestival.com.au

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