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# PERFORMANCE TROUPE FAVOURITE MAKES SOME NOISE WITH SILENT FILM CLASSIC

One of Australia's most accomplished musical performance troupes Blue Grassy Knoll is bringing Buster Keaton's classic movie, *The General*, to life with a brand new score at QUT Festival Theatre from 15 – 16 September 2011 as part of Brisbane Festival.

Blue Grassy Knoll recreates the silent movie experience. Watching the film along with the audience, musicians Simon Barfoot, Gus Macmillan, Steph O'Hara, Philip McLeod and Mark Elton sit facing the movie screen, playing their own soundtrack and sound-effects using the film for their cues.

Released in 1926, *The General* is an American silent comedy film based on the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862 and is now considered by critics as one of the greatest films ever made.

Renowned worldwide for their inimitable live film-score accompaniments to Keaton's classic silent films, Blue Grassy Knoll have toured five continents and performed on Broadway and in London.

Brisbane Festival Artistic Director Noel Staunton said he was looking forward to seeing how Blue Grassy Knoll interpreted Keaton's silent masterpiece.

"Blue Grassy Knoll has a sterling reputation as one of Australia's most unusual, skilled and enduring performance troupes.

"They're widely known for upbeat performances, onstage antics and captivating live film-scores and we can't wait to see what they've got up their sleeves for Brisbane Festival," said Mr Staunton.

In a show for all ages, Blue Grassy Knoll will put on an inspired and energetic fusion of cinema and performance, featuring an ensemble of instruments including the banjo, fiddle, accordion and mandolin to name a few.

## EVENT DETAILS

**WHEN:** Thursday 15 - Friday 16 September at 9pm

**WHERE:** QUT Festival Theatre, Plaza, outside Brisbane Powerhouse

**TICKETS:** Adult \$40, Concession \$32, Groups \$32 (includes all fees and charges)

**BOOKINGS:** 07 3358 8600 or [www.brisbanefestival.com.au](http://www.brisbanefestival.com.au)

**EVENT SPONSORS:** Queensland University of Technology

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