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GRIGORYAN BROTHERS & WOLFGANG MUTHSPIEL



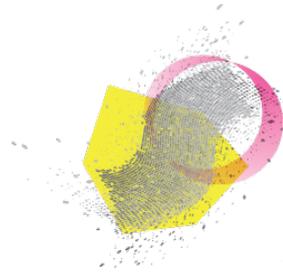
A night of guitar mastery: **Slava and Leonard Grigoryan** are joined by **Wolfgang Muthspiel** (Austria), one of the most influential guitarists of his generation.

Originally scheduled as an MGT tour featuring Wolfgang, Slava and U.S.A. legend Ralph Towner, Leonard's last-minute inclusion is a result of Mr Towner falling ill - while he cannot make the tour, the good news is he is recovering well. Audiences can look forward to hearing existing compositions by Towner, Muthspiel and Grigoryan along with new works composed especially for this tour.

With a repertoire spanning centuries, continents and genres, amazing telepathy and ability to draw emotion from every note, Slava and Leonard Grigoryan are justifiably regarded as Australia's finest classical guitarists.

Wolfgang Muthspiel is one of the most revered guitarists on the world stage. Soon after graduating from the Berklee College of Music in Boston he joined the Gary Burton Quintet, the first guitarist to do so after Pat Metheny. A prolific collaborator, Muthspiel has recorded and toured with the likes of Trilok Gurtu, Dhafer Youssef, Brian Blade, Rebecca Bakken, Youssou N'Dour, Maria Joao, Dave Liebmann, Paul Motian, Gary Peacock and many others.

Since 2014 Muthspiel has released three albums as a bandleader on the iconic German label ECM. These projects have seen him in the studio and on tour with jazz luminaries including Brad Mehldau, Brian Blade, Larry Grenadier, Ambrose Akinmusire and Eric Harland. Among his numerous awards are the Hans Koller prize for 'Musician of the Year' and 'European Jazz Musician of the Year'. The



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Musicians Magazine elected him among the 'top 10 guitarists in the world'.

Bringing diverse influences, stunning technique and risk-taking improvisations - performed on an array of guitars including classical, baritone, 12-string and electric guitar - the Grigoryan Brothers with Wolfgang Muthspiel promises to be a unique musical experience.

'A centrepiece of the 2016 Uppsala Guitar Festival (Sweden) was the appearance of Australia's Grigoryan Brothers. Their first of three performances revealed two guitarists equally comfortable traversing the worlds of classical music, jazz and beyond.' *Downbeat Magazine*

'Muthspiel is in many ways a quintessential musician, combining a flawless technique honed by classical training with a restless musical imagination as likely to derive inspiration from Bach as from the blues or the Beatles.' *London Times*

'The Grigoryans have a reputation of performing together so emphatically, they become extensions of each other.' *The Courier Mail (Brisbane)*

'Wolfgang Muthspiel is a shining light of the contemporary jazz-guitar generation.' *The New Yorker*

CONCERT DETAILS

Wolfgang Muthspiel guitar (Austria)

Slava Grigoryan guitar (Australia)

Leonard Grigoryan guitar (Australia)

Wednesday 13 February 7.30pm

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall (One hour & 50-mins incl. interval)

A reserve \$64

B reserve \$54

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