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*Melbourne Recital Centre presents*

## KIMBERLEY ECHOES



Curated by Tura New Music, **Kimberley Echoes** comes to Melbourne Recital Centre on 30 November. The powerful cross-cultural celebration of Kimberley country and its people is a richly varied sonic and visual experience.

The highly acclaimed production features **The Narli Ensemble** (Nar-lee) in a close collaboration between high-profile First Nation artists and some of the country's finest instrumentalists, featuring didgeridoo virtuoso and singer **Mark Atkins**, guitarist and singer **Stephen Pigram**, violinist **Erkki Veltheim**, guitarist **Stephen Magnusson**, cellist **Tristen Parr**, percussionist **Joe Talia** and flautist **Tos Mahoney** (Founder and Artistic Director of Tura New Music).

The Narli Ensemble is joined by guest artists **Gija Elder**, **Gabriel Nodea** (Warmun community) and **Bart Willoughby**. Nodea will tell his Warmun story to new music, set to a projected image of his Warmun story painting. Willoughby is an Aboriginal music icon who was part of the 2017 Kimberley Echoes tour.

Songs by Pigram and Atkins, arranged by this unique ensemble, are juxtaposed with new music created by the guest artists all reflecting the complexity and beauty of the Kimberley. Collaborations with local artists, experiences of traditional Joonba song, dance and touring through the provocative Kimberley landscape have all weaved their influence into this work.



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'Kimberley Echoes is a celebration of connection and difference - the collaboration of seven very diverse artists on country, across time. With two of those artists being such iconic advocates of Aboriginal culture, alongside the many in-community Aboriginal artists we have collaborated with, the process has been one of empowering two-way learning. The result is a powerful juxtaposition of style and content interwoven with heartfelt humanity.' Tos Mahoney

## CONCERT DETAILS

Saturday 30 November, 7.30pm

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall (80-mins no interval)

**The Narli Ensemble**

Tickets from \$45

Presented by Melbourne Recital Centre & Tura New Music

For more information and to book tickets visit: [melbournerecital.com.au](http://melbournerecital.com.au) | 03 9699 3333

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