

ACO UP CLOSE Tawadros Brothers

ACO Australian
Chamber
Orchestra

24 & 30 March 2023, 7pm
The Neilson, ACO Pier 2/3

Joseph Tawadros Oud
James Tawadros Percussion

MUSIC BY JOSEPH TAWADROS

Constellation
Work Is Love Made Visible
Permission to Evaporate
Gare de l'Est
Lulli
Give or Take
Heal
Bluegrass Nikriz

The music in this program represents a variety of pieces spanning my career, all original compositions, some tunes that have become popular performance repertoire and audience favourites.

I've always believed in the sound of the oud and its power to reach audiences beyond a Middle Eastern background. This program reflects that, each piece having a different flavour with influences of jazz, rock, western classical and even bluegrass – showing the flexibility of the oud and how contemporary it can be. There will also be an improvisational element to the concert and I will perform some Taqasim, a free improvisational form very popular in the Middle East based on the Maqam system, a series of modes which form the basis of Arabic music.

Note by Joseph Tawadros

Joseph plays a 2011 Joseph Tawadros (JT) Signature Series 7-Course oud built by Veyssel and Cengiz Sarikus of Istanbul. James performs on a custom-made 2015 riq' made in Cairo and 2010 Bendir which he has handcrafted himself.

