

Experience classical music in a new light at *ACO Total Immersion*

7 & 8 June

ACO Pier 2/3, Walsh Bay Arts Precinct



The **Australian Chamber Orchestra** has announced the return of its acclaimed **ACO Total Immersion** performance experience on 7 & 8 June at ACO Pier 2/3 in the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct.

Produced in collaboration with leading international festival curator **Nigel Jamieson**, *ACO Total Immersion* is a unique and unforgettable way to experience classical music. An exclusive audience of just 75 people per event will weave their way through the award-winning architectural spaces at ACO Pier 2/3 to explore a series of intimate, immersive performances from the virtuosic musicians of the Australian Chamber Orchestra, featuring music by The National's Bryce Dessner, Samuel Barber, Wojciech Kilar and more. Seated amongst the performers and bathed in atmospheric lighting, audiences will have the experience of seeing and hearing the musicians up close, feeling the music as they do.

"ACO Total Immersion reimagines what a "performance" can be, upturning the traditional concert format by collapsing the division between the musicians and audience," explains Jamieson. *"It invites a certain kind of surrender which you don't get in the safety of the 'traditional' concert hall. No longer separated by rows upon rows of seats with the musicians giving their performance from the distance of the stage, audiences are plunged into the very heart of the music – behind them, in front of them, only inches away. They will even be able to see the tiniest pressure of the pads of the musicians' fingers as they dance across their instruments. The idea is for it to be a very profound, moving experience, for both performers and audience members alike."*

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The ACO first presented *ACO Total Immersion* in 2023 to a sell-out audience, with audience members describing the experience as “one of the most special and magical experiences in my lifelong love of music”, “absolutely phenomenal” and “transformative”.

Concert Details

ACO TOTAL IMMERSION

ACO Pier 2/3, Walsh Bay Arts Precinct

Friday 7 June

6.30pm, 7.15pm & 8.15pm

Saturday 8 June

4.30pm, 6.30pm, 7.15pm & 8.15pm

Tickets: \$85 General Admission, \$35 for under 35s

Artists

Helena Rathbone Director & Violin

Australian Chamber Orchestra

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