



Australian Chamber Orchestra and Sydney Dance Company present



Featuring Grammy Award-winning countertenor **Iestyn Davies** in his Australian debut

Two of Australia's most innovative and daring performing arts ensembles, the **Australian Chamber Orchestra** and **Sydney Dance Company**, will come together for an unmissable 2024 Season highlight, ***Silence & Rapture***, touring nationally from 2–19 August.

A spectacular showcase of dance, music, vocals and lighting, *Silence & Rapture* is an immersive and mesmerising collaboration centred around the music of JS Bach and Arvo Pärt – two musicians whose timeless music speaks to the very core of the human soul.

Featuring an all-star line-up including choreography by internationally acclaimed Sydney Dance Company Artistic Director **Rafael Bonachela** and performances by Sydney Dance Company dancers **Emily Seymour** and **Liam Green**, Grammy Award-winning countertenor **Iestyn Davies** in his Australian debut, and musicians of the **Australian Chamber Orchestra** directed onstage by ARIA and Helpmann award-winning ACO Artistic Director **Richard Tognetti**, *Silence & Rapture* traces a profound journey through the human experience.

In the hands of these two world-renowned ensembles, this brand-new performance promises to be as moving as it is life-affirming, as it travels through hope and temptation to tragedy and passion, and finally, into joy and redemption.

Silence & Rapture marks the third major collaboration between the Australian Chamber Orchestra and Sydney Dance Company. The companies first joined forces in 2012 for the sell-out season of *Project Rameau*, before reuniting in 2015 for *Illuminated* which was toured across Australia and Hong Kong to critical acclaim.

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Australian Chamber Orchestra is supported by the NSW Government through Creative Arts.



Australian Chamber Orchestra

The Australian Chamber Orchestra lives and breathes music, making waves around the world for its explosive performances and brave interpretations. Led by Artistic Director Richard Tognetti since 1990, the ACO embraces celebrated classics alongside new commissions, and is renowned for its adventurous cross-artform collaborations with artists and musicians who share its ideology, from instrumentalists to visual artists and film makers.

More information, aco.com.au

Sydney Dance Company

Sydney Dance Company is Australia's leading contemporary dance company, presenting new works in Sydney, around Australia and internationally, under artistic direction of Rafael Bonachela. Since 1985 the Company has been resident in purpose-built studios on Gadigal Land at Wharf 4/5 in Sydney's Walsh Bay Arts Precinct. Its studios house the largest public in-studio dance class program in Australia. A legendary force in contemporary dance in Australia, Sydney Dance Company celebrated its 50th year in 2019.

More information, sydneydancecompany.com

Iestyn Davies

"Iestyn Davies reigns supreme among countertenors." – **The Independent**

Gramophone and Grammy award-winning countertenor Iestyn Davies has astounded audiences the world over with his vocal agility, intelligent and considered interpretations and versatility, performing music from Handel to collaborations with contemporary composers including Thomas Adès and Nico Muhly. He has appeared with the Metropolitan Opera, New York and The Royal Opera, Covent Garden as well as on Broadway.

Concert Details

SILENCE & RAPTURE

Richard Tognetti Director & Violin

Iestyn Davies Countertenor

Rafael Bonachela Choreography & Sydney Dance Company Artistic Director

Stefanie Farrands Viola

Timo-Veikko Valve Cello

Chad Kelly Organ & Harpsichord

Liam Green Dancer

Emily Seymour Dancer

Australian Chamber Orchestra

Sydney - City Recital Hall

Fri 2 Aug 7pm

Sat 3 Aug 7pm

Tue 6 Aug 8pm

Wed 7 Aug 7pm

Arts Centre Melbourne

Sun 11 Aug 2.30pm

Adelaide Town Hall

Tue 13 Aug 7.30pm

Canberra - Llewellyn Hall

Sat 17 Aug 8pm

Sydney Opera House

Sun 18 Aug 2pm

Melbourne Recital Centre

Sat 10 Aug 7.30pm

Mon 12 Aug 7.30pm

Perth Concert Hall

Wed 14 Aug 7.30pm

Brisbane - QPAC

Concert Hall

Mon 19 Aug 7pm

Program

Featuring music by **JS Bach** and **Arvo Pärt**.

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