**Mt. Isa Street Party**

Two years of planning and six visits to work with ten local school ensembles culminated in Topology and Friends performing at the Mt. Isa Street Party on August 8th as part of their celebrations for the 60 years of Rodeo in the Isa.

Mt. Isa Mayor Councillor Joyce McCulloch said she was thrilled that local school students had this incredible opportunity to perform on stage at the Street Festival showcasing their amazing talents with the support of Topology and the Bandana Jazz Band.

Together, the groups performed two 40-minute sets of music specifically written by them for the occasion. This video takes a behind-the-scenes look at how this show was created:

https://youtu.be/v7ZzpTdhqM

**Queensland at Home Tour**

This year Topology has embarked on a massive tour of Regional QLD with a new project, Queensland at Home: A time capsule of vintage film and live music creates an evocative portrait of life in Queensland. It intertwines contemporary music performance with footage and oral histories from the State Library of Queensland archives dating back to the early 20th century. Topology perform a live original score (written by bassist Robert Davidson) inspired by the sights and sounds of times past. The work brings together a compelling compilation of Queenslanders engaging in everyday activities, a stirring journey of original music and a celebration of the extraordinary in the ordinary. With 42 shows and counting this is a big project!

http://www.topologymusic.com/preview/qldathome/
**TOP UP**

Our Top Up Music Programs bring together professional and young musicians and composers to explore, create and perform new music. In 2018 we had 12 talented young musicians take part in our Creative Bootcamp, a 4-day intensive camp where participants get to unleash their creative potential.

**Meter Symposium 3 - Sydney Conservatorium**

Topology was invited to perform as the closing act for the third Meter Symposium at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music on Nov 25th. The project THREE was chosen for its particular rhythmic focus which showcases the extraordinary skills and virtuosity of rhythmic genius/drum-kit soloist, Grant Collins and tap-dance wizard Bill Simpson to create bold new territory in both music and dance. A big thank you to symposium organiser Andrea Calilhanna for the invitation.

**Armistice, QPAC - Remembrance Day 2018**

Topology was honoured to be a part of the production of Armistice at QPAC on November 11, 2018. The project was created to mark 100 years of Australian wartime and peacekeeping service since the armistice that ended WWI. The performance also saw the involvement of musical collaborators The Australian Voices as well as long-time lighting and production design collaborators Bill Haycock and David Walters. The show featured compositions and arrangements by Robert Davidson and John Babbage. The two performances were sold out well in advance of the day and were warmly received by the 1700 people who attended.

John has been busy flying all over Queensland to work with school kids and young musicians and composers as part of the Qld at Home tour and TOP UP programs. Here he is outside Longreach School of Dance, one of our community partners who were part of the show at the Qantas Founders Museum.
THINGS - a new project with New York-based dancer and choreographer Jody Oberfelder

We’d like to talk with you about a few things. What things do you never leave home without? What things are you carrying right now? What’s the story behind that thing? What kind of things define you?

This new collaborative hybrid work by Topology and New York-based choreographer Jody Oberfelder is a site-specific piece developed at Flowstate (Southbank) in August 2018.

Conversations and interactions are collected and these stories, melodies, and movements are collated, weaving together a 40-minute narrative. THINGS is an exploration into theatrical storytelling through music and movement. While performing an intricate new score, Topology’s musicians move as one with Jody’s dancers, each responding to the musical narrative. This performance mode makes for incredibly expressive storytelling through sight, sound and movement.

Keep your eyes peeled for performances of this new show in the future.

Topology Stats 2018

* Nearly 2000 young musicians and composers have participated in over 200 sessions across our Top Up music programs this year.

* Almost 3000 people attended more than 25 performances this year including 22 Queensland at Home shows across Regional Queensland with another 25 shows planned for 2019.

Topology Fun Facts

- HOTTEST GIG
  Winton – 39 degrees at 7:30pm

- MOST ROADKILL/50m
  Mitchell to Morven

- UNIQUE WILDLIFE
  3 cassowaries, 1 crocodile, 1 echidna

- MOST DODGY FOOD ORDER
  Creamy garlic prawns (Dan, Cunnamulla)

- FASTEST 3’ COMPOSITION
  45 minutes, St. George
What else is new?

New Executive Producer, Linda Bull, joined us in November. Linda returns to her hometown of Brisbane after 15 years working in the Canada. Welcome Linda! Get in touch with her at: linda@topologymusic.com

New office space!

We have moved to a new office space in a lovely set of shops in a leafy street of The Gap (5 Lahore St). Please drop by for a visit if you’re in the area but be sure to give us a call first to check we’re there!

Do you need to make some big decisions this Christmas?

Why not impress your musically-inclined friends and family with some Topology merchandise? Check out our back catalogue of 14 albums. We also have other cool items: a Gough Whitlam tea towel perhaps? If you’re not sure, you can also purchase a gift voucher. Visit our web store here: http://www.topologymusic.com/shop/

What do we have in the works for 2019?

Starting in the new year, we will be offering composition, songwriting and music theory lessons at our new office space in The Gap. If you or someone you know is interested please contact us for more information: manager@topologymusic.com / 07 3300 1222

We are also always open to offers to perform or teach at schools or venues anywhere. Drop us a line if any of our music programs or unique shows interest you.

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