

TOPOLOGY

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TOPOLOGY'S COMPOSERS AND GUEST MUSICIANS BRING CREATIVE INSPIRATION AND POSITIVE IMPACT TO THE SOUTH BURNETT

Aria nominated Topology, operating successfully out of Brisbane for 23-years, are set to act as cultural ambassadors and educators, bringing musical prowess and inspiration to students through their enriching and engaging **TOP UP** Education workshops at three South Burnett State Schools on Monday February 24.

Topology are established leaders in musical creativity in Australia, prolific creators of new original work, expert collaborators across genres and art forms and award-winning music educators. John Babbage (saxophone) founding member and principal virtuoso musician and composer, is set to deliver his unique composition expertise for the first time to Cloyna, Windera and Moffatdale State Schools with some 80 students enrolled for the comprehensive and innovative music workshops. The entire school of Cloyna will participate in the three workshops with all 11 students enrolled in the program along with Windera State School's full enrolment. Grant Collins will join John, with his invigorating bucket drumming, percussive workshop, always a hit with the students and local Blackbutt musician Matthew Wild, will conduct workshops on the ukulele.

Topology have an energetic community engagement and education program called **Top Up**, and since 1998 they have worked closely with schools and communities to compose, mentor and perform with young people, emerging artists and the greater community. The State Award Winner for Excellence in Music Education at the APRA AMCOS Art Music Awards 2015, **Top Up** has grown exponentially over the years reaching thousands of participants across regional Australia each year. The primary goal of **Top Up** is to build the creative capacity of participants and to help reinvigorate much needed community based social events by binding and connecting with, in this instance, the students of these three South Burnett towns.

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Top Up is an important opportunity for students to gain industry insight from internationally renowned musician/composers and gain confidence through artistic expression.

Topology affirms that regional artists are critical to a vibrant arts sector that reflects Australia's depth and diversity. Through Topology's strong commitment to educational programs, the creativity of music, enriches and empowers the individual human spirit in these regional communities who have borne the brunt of prolonged climate and on-flow economic hardships. The school workshops are important avenues providing opportunities to harness how to bring creativity into the lives of individuals and the collective regional communities, who do not benefit from the enriched cultural programs that metropolises afford. Acting as a vital bridge for skills sharing from established renowned creative practitioners and educators, students and teachers are supported to reach full potential in order to establish and deliver successful creative ventures for themselves and their town. It is well documented that arts and the creative pursuits, broaden the mind and assist with individual and community well-being.

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Topology is a Brisbane-based not for profit organisation, operating successfully for 23 years. Established in 1997, Topology are established leaders in musical creativity in Australia, prolific creators of new original work, expert collaborators across genres and art forms and award-winning music educators. Nominated for a 2014 ARIA Award for Best Classical Album (Share House), Topology has a well-established reputation for their signature work. The quintet experiments with surprising combinations of music genres, theatrical staging and cross art form collaborations to create exciting, thought-provoking music experiences for audiences of all ages, backgrounds and tastes. Resident Artist at Brisbane Powerhouse for 18 years, Topology has released 15 albums, produced countless evening-length works, presented an award-winning concert series, and toured extensively nationally and internationally.

MEDIA PHOTO CALL OPPORTUNITIES:

Moffatdale State School:

9:00-11:00am - Bucket Drumming with Grant Collins

9:00-11:00 – Composing with John Babbage

1:00-2:45 – Ukulele with Matthew Wild

Windera State School:

9:00-10:00 - Ukulele with Matthew Wild

12:30-1:30 - Bucket Drumming with Grant Collins

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2:00-3:00 - Composing with John Babbage

Cloyna State School:

10:30-11:30 - Ukulele with Matthew Wild

12:30-1:30 - Composing with John Babbage

2:00-3:00 - Bucket Drumming with Grant Collins

Topology's website <https://www.topologymusic.com/>

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TOPOLOGY respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, and their Elders both past and present.

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