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TOPOLOGY'S PERCUSSIONIST EXTRAORDINAIRE IS SET TO BRING CREATIVE RELIEF AND POSITIVE IMPACT TO WESTERN QUEENSLAND

Aria nominated Topology, operating successfully out of Brisbane for 23-years, are set to act as cultural ambassadors bringing musical prowess and inspiration to three Western Queensland towns tomorrow, Saturday 17 October to Wednesday 21 October. Longreach, Tambo and Winton communities are set to enjoy the musical expertise of Topology percussionist extraordinaire Grant Collins as he conducts his energetic bucket drumming/percussion workshops.

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.

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. Topology have been delivering Creative Bootcamps to Queensland new, emerging and established musicians for thirteen years. To date, in 2020, Topology have conducted under their TOP UP education brand, 225 Top Up workshops and events to over 5140 participants. A rigorous Top Up workshop schedule continues in regional Queensland throughout October to December.

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, a world pandemic and on-flow economic hardships. The workshops and programs, accessible to all, 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

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established renowned creative practitioners and educators, individuals and organisations 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.

Tambo resident Sandra Horan said of previous Topology work in the area, "I cannot begin to explain what Jaymee and a lot of other kids got out of the Topology Boot Camp. The whole team were the absolute bomb. Topology were able to go beyond just teaching their skills and lead Jaymee to the point where Day 1, she was not doing anything other than perform her own song and come home with confidence. This is rare, trust me! We look forward to attending anything Topology hosts again in the future."

TOP UP WESTERN QUEENSLAND PROGRAM, Topology Percussionist Grant Collins

TAMBO

Venue: Grassland Art Gallery

Cost: FREE (Registration required) to secure your place at any of these workshops, contact Alison Shaw to register: CFO@btrc.qld.gov.au

Workshop Times:

Percussion workshops

Saturday 17 October 2020

Workshop 1: 11:00am – 12:00pm

Workshop 2: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Workshop 3: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Sunday 18 October 2020:

Workshop 4: 10:00am – 11:00am

LONGREACH

Monday 19 October 2020:

Percussion workshops at Longreach State School



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Workshop 1: 9:30am - 10:15am
Workshop 2: 12:00pm - 12:45pm
Workshop 3: 1:00pm - 1:45pm

Tuesday 20 October:

Percussion workshop at Longreach School of Distance Education - 9:30am - 10:30am

WINTON

Wednesday 21 October:

Percussion Workshops at Winton State School (in collaboration with Outback Futures)
4x 30 minutes workshops (Prep - Yr 8) - 9am - 11:20am
Lunchtime workshop (Yr 9-12) - 11:20am - 12:10pm

Body Percussion workshop at St. Patrick's Catholic School - 1:45pm - 2:30pm

Youth Networking Night (in collaboration with Outback Futures)
Found Objects Percussion Workshop - Straight after school (from 3pm)

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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 16 albums, produced countless evening-length works, presented an award-winning concert series, and toured extensively nationally and internationally.

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

TOPOLOGY | John Babbage (Co-Artistic Director, Composer/Saxophone), Dr Robert Davidson (Co-Artistic Director, Composer/Bass), Christa Powell (Creative Director, Violin), Bernard Hoey (Viola), Therese Milanovic (Piano).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY | TOPOLOGY respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land and pays respect to their ancestors and to Elders past, present and emerging.

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