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TOPOLOGY ANNOUNCES 'WE WILL RISE' STANTHORPE LIVE PERFORMANCE, REFLECTING UPON THE NEED FOR RESILIENCE, COLLECTIVE RECOVERY AND HEALING

Aria-nominated and internationally regarded virtuoso indie quintet Topology, operating successfully out of Brisbane for over two decades, announced today, on the back of their 16th album release, the **WE WILL RISE** live performance co-hosted by Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery on Monday 12 October 6:00pm. Seating will be strictly limited due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at www.trybooking.com/BLRZM.

WE WILL RISE, is a live performance of Topology music curated from back catalogue signature compositions and a new composition *Drought Stories Texas* and reflects Topology artists' contemporary concerns. **WE WILL RISE** has thematic links to the existential threat of climate disruption and the need for strength, hope, fortitude and resilience in order for recovery and collective healing to commence on the back of traumatic natural events and a global viral pandemic. **We Will Rise** highlights the strength and resilience of the humankind, and through this popular artform, demonstrates music's intrinsic power to inspire and heal.

WE WILL RISE music has been specifically selected from 23 years of Topology music in order to heal, recover and rebuild. Part performance, part conversation, join the principal artists of Topology for an evening of music designed to inspire community conversation, collective reflection and renewed strength.

WE WILL RISE performance occurs in conjunction with the Gallery exhibition **CRISPS YOUTH ART PRIZE - EARTH, AIR, FIRE, WATER: Creating Art & Documenting Drought, Fire & Covid 19 on the Granite Belt** - <https://www.srag.org.au/events/2020/9/24/crisps-youth-art-prize-earth-air-fire-water>.

Creative Director and Topology virtuoso soloist Christa Powell (violin) said, "Natural disasters like bushfires, floods, cyclones, drought and other traumatic events are extremely challenging for communities. Recovery takes time and cannot be done alone. Recovery is about community, strength and working together to rebuild. In **WE WILL RISE**, this assembly of tracks, both old and new, asserts our belief in optimism and the faith that we will pull through these times of crisis both individually, together and through the healing power of music. *Rush* (Track Number 6) is a perfect musical metaphor for this – one instrument, five musicians, ten hands all working together."

Topology is Australia's foremost innovator of contemporary music with an unmatched style, unique approach to collaborations, cross genre creative projects and mentorship of young composers and artists. Led cooperatively by principal artists, Co-Artistic Directors John Babbage and Dr Robert

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Davidson, Topology has worked with over 23 Australian arts companies, dozens of emerging Australian composers and premiered over 600 original works.

The quintet have, for over two decades, used their signature compositions as artistic and social commentary, reflecting and highlighting important socio-political beats, both micro and macro, that require further thought, discussion, investigation or rigour. Armed with a deep belief that music plays an important role to inspire and nurture during difficult times, Topology have utilised famous political speeches, micro-doc interviews and multi-media works to discuss a wide range of topics including love, drought, climate disruption, homelessness, misogyny and much more.

Established leaders and ambassadors for musical creativity in Australia, Topology continues to excel in creating original music, connecting artists through collaboration and enriching communities and audiences through shared creative and educational adventures.

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).

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