

Our Place
Songs of the bush, backyard and balcony
Premiering at the Queensland Music Festival 2019, 5, 6 & 7 July

DeepBlue and The Queensland Choir partner to develop an innovative and exciting production, *Our Place*, as part of the Queensland Music Festival this July.

Our Place explores the ever-changing relationship between neighbours and our connection to place and features DeepBlue's lush strings and unique choreography, and a selection of The Queensland Choir's finest singers. The performance showcases Tjupurru, acclaimed didgeribone performer and a cast of actors and visual artists from Digi Youth Arts.

Our Place weaves stories from the Indigenous connection to country, to the suburban 'Australian Dream,' to the rising popularity of inner-city apartment living in an astounding musical and artistic collaboration, which explores how neighbours relate now and in the past, and how the constantly changing landscape impacts our connection to people and place.

Greta Kelly, *Our Place* Co-producer and DeepBlue violinist explains, "We've collected local oral histories which have directly inspired new compositions. During the performance we invite the audience to share their stories and these are incorporated into the show."

Immersive visuals developed by Joseph Burgess illustrate the three very different movements; the bush, backyard and balcony. The *Electronic Show Programme (ESP)*, delivers real-time information about the production and also enables a dialogue between the performers and audience. Audience members respond to questions about each stage of the show. A selection of the responses are displayed as part of the production's visuals.

Kevin Power, the Musical Director of The Queensland Choir says, "The Choir is excited to be involved in the creation and presentation of *Our Place* because it's an opportunity for us to perform new repertoire in really innovative ways.

Tjupurru, who tours nationally and internationally, creating incredible soundscapes using digeribone, a unique marriage of the didgeridoo and trombone, looping and effects pedals has been a huge part of shaping the show, "Our Place has given me an opportunity to work at home alongside an amazing group of local musicians, composers, singers, tech designers and more and I can't wait to share our stories collectively onstage very soon!"

During the show audience and performers also interact with environmental and wearable interactive art developed by students of QUT's Creative Industries under the guidance of Dr Vaughn Pinxit.

Our Place nightly at 7:30pm from 5-7 July, at The Block, QUT, 6 Musk Ave Kelvin Grove

Duration: 100min, including interval

QMF website: <https://www.qmf.org.au/festival-schedule-2019/Our-Place>

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2202864123307396/>

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