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**LOCK UP YOUR TRACTORS!
KIMMO POHJONEN – EARTH MACHINE MUSIC**

Finnish accordion virtuoso Kimmo Pohjonen joins forces with local farmers and machinery enthusiasts for the Earth Machine Music Tour.

The Australian premiere of the internationally acclaimed *Earth Machine Music* comes to Winton on 25th July, Blackall on 28th July and St. George on 31st July, exclusive to Queensland Music Festival 2009.

Created by Finnish adventurer and accordion virtuoso Kimmo Pohjonen, *Earth Machine Music* is an electrifying live musical performance incorporating the sounds of agricultural and industrial machinery with Kimmo's amplified accordion.

Dubbed the "Jimi Hendrix of the accordion", Kimmo is a charismatic musician who has re-invented the traditional concept of the accordion as a solo instrument, to create a unique and unforgettable show.

Queensland Music Festival Artistic Director Deborah Conway said, "Lock up your Tractors! – in *Earth Machine Music* Kimmo brings musical genius to the most unexpected settings, performing with local Queensland farmers and their machinery, ranging from tractors to milking machines and threshers."

A visionary of boundless energy, Pohjonen's roots go back thirty years in all forms of accordion music including folk, dance, classical, rock, experimental, theatre music and more.

This Australian premiere of *Earth Machine Music* is exclusive to Queensland Music Festival and has captivated audiences across the UK and Europe.

The Queensland Music Festival is a state-wide biennial celebration of musical excellence that makes the joy of music accessible to all. Whether your primary interest is in serious contemporary music, world music, regional cultural development or just taking in fantastic entertainment, QMF offers 44 events in over 20 regions throughout the State to connect with.

The Festival ignites artistic potential throughout Queensland. Working in collaboration with local councils and regional communities, QMF inspires participation in music-making and performance that reflects local culture and tells local stories.

"Simply amazing" – The Guardian (UK).

"Finland's answer to Bjork... Pohjonen is nothing less than jaw dropping. Utterly brilliant." - *New Internationalist*

EVENT DETAILS

WINTON	Sat 25 July 5pm	Winton Showgrounds FREE EVENT
BLACKALL	Tue 28 July 5pm	Blackall Wool Scour FREE EVENT
ST GEORGE	Fri 31 July 5pm	Riversands Vineyards FREE EVENT

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Earth Machine Music is presented by Queensland Music Festival, Winton Shire Council, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, Balonne Shire Council and Queensland Arts Council.

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