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THE MICHAEL NYMAN BAND with special guest William Barton

Prepare yourself for a pulse-racing musical encounter between one of the world's greatest contemporary composers, the virtuosity of Australia's William Barton and a 12-piece band that is the closest thing to rock 'n roll classical music has yet produced.

The Queensland Music Festival is proud to present three unique concerts in Rockhampton, Brisbane and Townsville on 24th, 25th and 30th July 2009.

In addition to performances from Nyman's popular repertoire, this outstanding concert will premiere a new work from Nyman commissioned by Queensland Music Festival, to be performed with William Barton.

Artistic Director of the Queensland Music Festival, Deborah Conway said, "Michael Nyman is one of the world's most unique and vibrant composers and we are especially excited about his creation for our own William Barton on didgeridoo. This will be an uplifting musical experience that will feed and caress your musical soul."

Michael Nyman is exciting and dynamic in a way that is unmatched by other modern composers. His music is supple, brilliant and flawless. His scores for Jane Campion's award-winning feature film *The Piano* and Peter Greenaway's films have won him critical acclaim and popular recognition and he continues to create inspiring music for concert and film, including the 2008 release *Man On Wire*.

Star of the 2008 Olympics opening ceremony, William Barton is recognised internationally as the leading didgeridoo player in the classical world. He presents the extraordinary potential of his instrument and richness of his Australian culture to audiences internationally.

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.

"Invigorating and exciting ...the Nyman band has a rock energy in performance" - *The Herald*, [Scotland]

EVENT DETAILS

Featuring

The Michael Nyman Band

Gabrielle Lester, Catherine Thomson

Catherine Muscker

Anthony HInnigan

David Roach, Simon Haram

Andrew Findon

Steven Sidwell

Violin

Viola

Cello

Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone/Piccolo

Trumpet

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David Lee
Andrew Fawbert
Martin Elliott
William Barton (special guest)

Horn
Trombone
Bass
Didgeridoo

ROCKHAMPTON

Fri 24 July 7:30pm
Pilbeam Theatre
Full \$45 Conc \$29
07 4927 4111 / qmf.org.au

BRISBANE

Sat 25 July 8pm
QPAC Concert Hall
Full \$55 - \$75 Conc \$45 - \$65
136 246 / qmf.org.au

TOWNSVILLE

Thu 30 July 8pm
Civic Theatre
Full \$54 Conc \$25 - \$49
07 4727 9797 / qmf.org.au

The Michael Nyman Band is presented by Queensland Music Festival, Brisbane City Council, Townsville City Council and Rockhampton Regional Council.

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