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OPERA AT JIMBOUR **FEATURING THE NOONAN FAMILY**

Queensland's musical royalty, the highly acclaimed Noonan family will, for the very first time, perform onstage together at the 2009 Queensland Music Festival in an afternoon of music and indulgence at historic Jimbour House on Saturday 25th July.

This year's *Opera At Jimbour* tells the family's personal story through a mix of operatic favourites and arrangements of popular songs.

An original work composed by Tyrone Noonan and performed by the whole Noonan clan will form the centrepiece of the concert, accompanied by the forty-seven piece Brisbane Philharmonic under the baton of renowned conductor, Guy Noble.

Maggie Noonan, a classical soprano whose great talent has seen her grace opera and concert stages in Australia and Europe, will be joined on stage by her husband Brian Noonan and their children, Katie and Tyrone.

Surrounded by music from a young age, it's no wonder that both Katie and Tyrone Noonan went on to forge national and international careers with the bands *george*, *elixir* and *Palimpsest* as well as extensive solo careers.

Directed by Lewis Jones, the concert will be narrated by Australian Actor, Barry Otto, who will tell the story of the iconic family.

Queensland Music Festival Artistic Director Deborah Conway said, "The artistic and creative talent in this family is just extraordinary and Jimbour House is an incredible setting... this will be a glorious, once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Also on stage to complete this musical journey, a dynamic jazz quintet made up of Brisbane's finest, including Zac Hurren (sax), Jamie Clark (guitar), Owen Newcomb (double bass), Steven Newcomb (piano) and John Parker (drums).

Opera at Jimbour will be held in the amphitheatre outside of the Jimbour House grounds. Bring a blanket and cushions for a relaxing afternoon of wine and song in the sun. Patrons may bring their own picnic, purchase food from market stalls on the day or pre-order picnic hampers from Jimbour Station Cellar Door.

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.

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EVENT DETAILS

Venue: Jimbour House Ampitheatre
(Warrego Highway north out of Dalby, take Jandowae turnoff and follow signs to Jimbour Station)

Dates: Saturday 25th July 2pm – 4.30pm

Tickets: FREE EVENT

Food / Drink / Parking:

Bring a blanket and cushions. Local market stalls will operate from 12 noon. Patrons may bring their own picnic, purchase food from stalls on the day or pre-order picnic hampers from Jimbour Station Cellar Door at info@jimbour.com or 07 46636221. Strictly no BYO alcohol or glass bottles. Onsite parking available - cars \$5 / buses \$20. Please note, *Opera at Jimbour* will be held in the amphitheatre outside of Jimbour's grounds. Admission to the grounds is available from 9am for a special \$5 entry fee – concessions available.

Opera at Jimbour is presented by Queensland Music Festival, Dalby Regional Council, Jimbour Wines and ERM Power.

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