

## **Brisbane Airport Symphony project**

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Production has begun at Brisbane Airport of Australia's first Airport Symphony, a pioneering experimental music event that is set to be a highlight of the 2007 Queensland Music Festival (QMF).

"Airport Symphony" is transforming the diverse soundscape of Brisbane Airport into a highly engaging sonic experience through state of the art digital recording and highly-crafted production techniques.

Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) Corporate Relations Manager Jim Carden said the project was developed in collaboration with the QMF and Brisbane artist Lawrence English and was already attracting attention in the experimental music and aviation communities world-wide.

"A collaboration between an airport and an experimental musician might seem a little unusual, but we immediately saw this as a great opportunity to not only showcase Brisbane's unique artistic community, but also the role that Brisbane Airport plays in supporting and nurturing the talent and innovation for which Brisbane is building an international reputation," Mr Carden said.

"The Airport Symphony is a unique blend of aviation, industry, environment, community and the arts will challenge the way people think about urban living, aviation, flight and travel in a modern world. The modern airport holds an increasingly central place in our collective lives. For some, airports are about large and confronting noise, while for others there is an element of romance, poetry and even musicality in the many extraordinary sounds of a busy international airfield."

The Airport Symphony is based on dozens of hours of field recordings gathered in March and April 2007. The sounds will be uploaded onto the internet and composers and sound artists across the world will be invited to engage with these sounds in new and innovative ways. The resulting compositions will be collected and published on CD (as well as online) and will also be presented live as part of the Queensland Music Festival in 2007.

The general public - such as schools, universities, community groups and individuals - will also have the opportunity to make their own unique compositions.

In July 2007, Brisbane Airport will become the hub for a celebration of all things aeronautic. Titled Airport Symphony, this project seeks to transform the everyday noises and sounds of the Airport into a highly engaging sonic experience. Based on various 'field recordings' gathered in March 2007, these sounds will be uploaded onto the internet and an invitation will be forwarded to composers and sound artists across the world to engage with these sounds in new and innovative ways. The resulting compositions will be collected and published on CD (as well as online).

The Brisbane Airport Symphony promises to be an unforgettable world first.

For further information on this exciting and innovative event, please contact Event Coordinator, Lawrence English (0412 957 795), or BAC Corporate Relations Manager, Jim Carden (0413 120 341).