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FRANCISCO LÓPEZ

Spain's legendary sound artist Francisco López in Brisbane and Cairns this July!

Hearing is one of our most evocative, yet under-utilised senses.

It's a sensory process that invites investment on behalf of the listener, in an act that is both deeply personal and utterly profound. When our eyes shut and our ears open, reality is no longer as we commonly understand it, transformations can take place and a whole new series of possibilities open up - nothing is what it might seem! It's this experience that has fueled the work of Spanish sound artist Francisco López throughout his career spanning 25 years.

López is a master of auditory transformation and is responsible for concerts that have been described as 'truly (awe-)inspiring experience of boundless sonic depth'. For his first trip to Queensland in over half a decade, López undertakes two site specific sonic performances at the IMA (Brisbane) and Tanks Arts Centre (Cairns). Using sound he has collected and generated from various environments, López manipulates a divergent sonic palette that blurs the boundaries of everything. Nothing is what it seems, sounds from the natural and industrial world merge, as López guides the listener through a galaxy of physical sound waves that yield an entirely unforgettable sonic journey - absolute concrete sound.

Each performance is utterly unique and strikes a special balance between space and sound. In Cairns this is heightened through the undertaking of a residency in advance of the performance, which will involve López traveling throughout the Far North collecting sounds that will be included in his concert.

The work of Francisco López is like no other concert you will experience this year - he promises a sound universe the likes of which no other artist can.

This project is curated by Lawrence English from Room40 – Queensland's premiere contemporary sound producer.

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.

BRISBANE – Free Event
Sunday 26 July from 7pm
Institute of Modern Art

CAIRNS – Free Event
Friday 31 July 7pm
Tanks Arts Centre

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Francisco López is presented by Queensland Music Festival, Brisbane City Council, ROOM 40, Tanks Arts Centre and Institute of Modern Art.

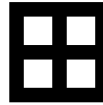
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