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## PRESIDENTSLAND

*Music, words and ideas shaken and stirred for a vision of Queensland's future.*

Six of Australia's brightest sparks will present their ideas in a world premiere concert of three distinct musical and literary visions at Brisbane's City Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm.

Queensland Music Festival Artistic Director Deborah Conway said three writers and three composers with wildly different styles have been chosen to collaborate and the result is a cocktail full of fresh, contentious ideas.

"Theatrical, funny, bizarre, and with a thought-provoking political twist, *Presidentsland* is a one-night-only performance that will long be remembered", Ms Conway said.

A new score by **Paul Grabowsky**, experimental jazz genius and founder of the Australian Art Orchestra is complemented by the dark and delirious, quirky and comical prose from Paul Keating's speech writer, **Don Watson**. The resulting mixture is delivered through the peculiar and outlandish narration of Kransky Sisters' **Annie Lee**.

A beautifully melodic work by Clocked Out Duo's **Erik Griswold** accompanies poet and librettist **Rodney Hall's** powerful vision of a bureaucracy that has scorned the current financial focus of our education, science, health and arts industries, predicting a radical return to total customer orientation. Writer Rodney Hall joins us to narrate his work.

Revolutionary musings by local author, **Venero Armanno** take us into the Fortitude Valley of our future which composer **Ed Kuepper**, founder and guitarist of Brisbane's seminal punk outfit, The Saints, has moulded into an ethereal, mystical sound track that rocks toward an amazing climax. This synaesthetic journey is narrated by Brisbane chanteuse, **Alison St Ledger**, who will accompany **Ed Kuepper on vocals and his rock band** on keyboard, bass and drums.

The **Southern Cross Soloists**, one of Australia's most innovative and exciting musical ensembles, will perform, together with the **QPAC Community Choir**. *Presidentsland* is directed by Patrick Nolan.

**Music and text by Ed Kuepper, Venero Armanno, Paul Grabowsky, Don Watson, Erik Griswold and Rodney Hall.**

*Please note this performance contains language that may offend.*

### **Event Information**

Date: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Brisbane City Hall  
Tickets: Full \$38 - \$58 / Conc \$28 - \$48  
Bookings: 136 246 / qmf.org.au

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