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## EVENT OVERVIEW

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### Queensland Music Festival: *Sanctuary*

Music can evoke a sense of sanctuary, calm and belonging. As millions of people worldwide are currently searching for refuge, *Sanctuary* is a timely musical event.

Camerata – Queensland’s Chamber Orchestra will perform a beautifully curated program that explores the themes of sanctuary: our universal need for a safe haven in a troubled world.

In a world premiere event, the program will feature a concerto by revered pianist and unique composer – and second generation Australian immigrant – Joe Chindamo, commissioned for the wife and husband team of internationally acclaimed oboist Diana Doherty and renowned cor anglais player Alexandre Oguey.

The concert will also include a world premiere arrangement of Elvis Costello’s haunting war song *Favourite Hour* by the Brodsky Quartet’s Paul Cassidy.

Queensland Music Festival Artistic Director Katie Noonan said *Sanctuary* is a poignant event and a timely reminder of current world affairs.

“*Sanctuary* is a beautiful way to open eyes and spark conversation about world issues that cannot be ignored. Audiences will be moved not only by the content of the work, but by the talented array of artists on the Concert Hall stage,” Ms Noonan said.

“Home is where the heart is and *Sanctuary* is all about heart, and in our many years of collaborating with QMF I know that heart is at the centre of everything they do,” said Camerata Artistic Director Brendan Joyce.

“Between the guest artists, Diana Doherty and her husband Alexandre, the performance of a world premiere by Joe Chindamo — one of the most exciting compositional voices in Australia right now – and an emotional repertoire that alludes to ideas of sanctuary all played by Camerata, this will be a crowning jewel of Queensland Music Festival 2017.”

*Sanctuary* is presented by Queensland Music Festival, Camerata and QPAC in association with Brisbane City Council, and supported by Philip Bacon Galleries.

The new work by Joe Chindamo has been generously supported by Andrew and Renata Kaldor.

For more information and to book visit [qmf.org.au](http://qmf.org.au) or contact QTIX on 134 246.

### **EVENT DETAILS**

EVENT: *Sanctuary*

DATE: Thursday 13 July

TIME: 7pm

VENUE: Concert Hall, QPAC

TICKETS: Adults \$80, Concession \$70, Student \$30

EVENT: *Sanctuary*

DATE:

TIME: 7pm, Friday 14 July

VENUE: Empire Theatre, Toowoomba

TICKETS: Adults \$52, Concession \$40, Child \$25

### **ENDS**

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