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LOVE STORIES

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UNIQUE BRISBANE COLLABORATION PUTS HOMELESSNESS IN THE SPOTLIGHT; PAYING STIRRING TRIBUTE TO LOVE

A unique collaboration by a journalist, photographer, guitarist, quintet and drop-in centre will present a powerful cinematic experience to share the tender stories often hidden in the darkness of homelessness, on 23 July 2015 as part of Queensland Music Festival (QMF).

Love Stories, created by award-winning journalist and filmmaker Trent Dalton, acclaimed director of photography David Kelly, internationally renowned guitarist Karin Schaupp, ARIA nominated quintet Topology and Fortitude Valley's 139 Club, will premiere for two screenings only at New Farm Cinemas.

Sharing true stories, including those of a woman who was saved from suicide by her pet budgie, the unexpected love of strangers in the street, and a baby born on the edge of homelessness, *Love Stories* is a contemporary tribute to love.

It reveals that amid the pain, loss, isolation and desperation on the streets, there is often warmth and kindness, strong community and love.

QMF Artistic Director James Morrison said *Love Stories* interwove film, photography and live original music to present a distinctive and important work.

"More often than not, homelessness is portrayed in a stereotypically negative light, yet there are incredible acts of love and compassion within this community, and these stories are unfortunately rarely heard," Mr Morrison said.

"Homelessness is an issue faced by many people in Brisbane and across the country, and it is important to discuss it publicly. *Love Stories* is a clever and gentle way to start a positive conversation about a typically taboo subject.

"It is a way of humanising the issue of homelessness; providing an accessible way for the community to gain a deeper understanding of the issue by revealing real stories of real people that focus on emotive accounts of hope, kindness and love.

"There is an extremely talented group of people behind this project who are highly respected nationally and internationally, and QMF is proud to be associated with such a passionate, creative, and empathetic project."

Love Stories is presented by QMF, Brisbane City Council and Topology, and is proudly supported by Australia Council for the Arts, Queensland Government, Boyds - The Piano Shop, Simmers Violins, New Farm Cinemas and 612 ABC Brisbane.

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Love Stories

Brisbane

Thu 23 Jul 6.30pm & 9pm
New Farm Cinemas

Tickets \$21.50 - \$31.50

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