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THE PIANO TAKES CENTER STAGE IN SALON: SOUTHERN CROSS SOLOISTS WITH ALEX RAINERI

Leading Australian chamber ensemble Southern Cross Soloists, together with special guest Australian pianist Alex Raineri, will present *Salon*, a dynamic program exploring the intimate relationship between composers and the evolution of the piano on 24 July 2015, as part of this year's Queensland Music Festival (QMF).

Held at the Queensland Conservatorium, *Salon* traces the piano's rise to fame in the 18th century through to the present day, featuring music from Bach to Oscar-winning film composer Dario Marianelli, hosted by ABC Classic FM's Damien Beaumont.

Southern Cross Soloists is a chamber ensemble of acclaimed Australian musicians, educators and entrepreneurs, who in the past two decades have established an outstanding reputation for musical excellence. In 2015, the organisation celebrates its 20th anniversary of music making as an ensemble.

Twenty-two year-old Alex Raineri spends his time between Brisbane and Melbourne and has performed a vast amount of recital and chamber music throughout the country, including regular broadcasts on ABC Classic FM and the 4MBS network.

Alex has also toured in the USA, South-East Asia, UK, New Zealand and Germany, and won significant prizes nationally and internationally, including the Australian National Piano Award and the Kerikeri International Piano Competition.

QMF Artistic Director James Morrison said *Salon* would be an evening for lovers of divine music, and above all, the piano.

"Southern Cross Soloists is one of Australia's most respected chamber music ensembles and continues to produce music at the highest level," Mr Morrison said.

"Southern Cross Soloists teamed with Alex Raineri, who at only 22 already has a remarkable number of career achievements behind him, guarantees an extraordinary concert, delivering sheer musical brilliance that will take the audience on an unforgettable journey."

Salon is presented by QMF, Brisbane City Council and Southern Cross Soloists, and is proudly supported by Queensland Conservatorium and 612 ABC Brisbane.

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Fri 24 Jul 7pm
Ian Hanger Recital Hall
Queensland Conservatorium

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