

VAN DIEMEN'S BAND

SONGS OF THE SEA

SATURDAY 23 MARCH

SUNDAY 24 MARCH

MONDAY 25 MARCH

TUESDAY 26 MARCH

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH

THE HEDBERG , NIPALUNA/HOBART

SPRING BAY MILL, TRIABUNNA

PRINCESS THEATRE, LAUNCESTON

BURNIE ARTS CENTRE

THE PARAGON, QUEENSTOWN

PRESENTED BY
VAN DIEMEN'S BAND

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
VAN DIEMEN'S BAND ACKNOWLEDGES WITH DEEP RESPECT THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE
LAND LUTRUWITA (TASMANIA) ON WHICH WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO MAKE MUSIC.

ARTISTS

MIKELANGELO VOICE, GUITAR, ACCORDION

VAN DIEMEN'S FIDDLES:

JULIA FREDERSDORFF

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
& BAROQUE VIOLIN

RACHEL MEYERS

VIOLIN

KATIE YAP

VIOLA

SPECIAL GUESTS:

LUKE PLUMB

MANDOLIN

DAVE McNAMARA

ACCORDION

CHOIRS:

THE STRANDED WAILERS

NIPALUNA/HOBART

MARIA VOICES

TRIABUNNA

CHOIR IN THE PUB

LAUNCESTON

CRESCENDO YOUTH CHOIR

PATAWAY/BURNIE

QUEENIE QUIOR

QUEENSTOWN

ABOUT SONGS OF THE SEA

Oceans are vast, deep and mysterious. For all of humanity's existence they've sustained our bodies, swallowed them whole and carried people vast distances to foreign lands. Floating on the swell of an ocean's turbulent seas are grand, lyrical narratives that are forever evolving – stories, myth and songs of the sea.

First performed below deck on the James Craig tall ship at the 2023 Australian Wooden Boat Festival in nipaluna/Hobart, Songs of the Sea explores the heart's stormy reaches, indulges in absurd overboard shanties, and catches secrets freed from the sea's breaking tides.

PROGRAM

OLD REINLENDER FROM SØNNDALA
(Trad. Norwegian arr. Danish String Quartet)

SIREN SONG
(Michael Simic arr. Rachel Meyers)

BOAT OF DREAMS
(M. Simic arr. Meyers)

HOOKS & FISH
(M. Simic arr. Meyers)

DA FULL RIGGED SHIP
(Trad. Shetland arr. Meyers)

FAREWELL TO NIGG
(Duncan Johnstone)

STARRY EYED BOY
(M. Simic)

MERMAID SONG
(M. Simic)

CAPTAIN O'KANE
(Turlough O'Carolan)

BOAT OF DREAMS
(Instrumental version)

AM I A SAILOR?
(M. Simic arr. Meyers)

THE HUNT
(M. Simic arr. Meyers)

RIBERS NO. 8 "STERRANDS RAND"
(Trad. Danish arr. Danish String Quartet)

THE PARTING GLASS
(Trad. Scottish)

SET SAIL
(M. Simic arr. Meyers)

DURATION
THIS IS A 65 MINUTE PERFORMANCE WITH NO INTERVAL

ABOUT VAN DIEMEN'S BAND

Founded in 2016 by violinist Julia Fredersdorff, VDB delivers extraordinary performances across lutruwita/Tasmania and beyond.

Always seeking to break new ground, VDB has collaborated with guest artists such as French Baroque specialist Martin Gester, Persian/Afghani musicians Ensemble Kaboul and released a music video, Song of the Birds, in 2021.

VDB has performed for Ten Days on the Island, Dark Mofu and Mona Foma, toured nationally for Musica Viva Australia and internationally for Chamber Music New Zealand, and has recorded for ABC Classic and the prestigious Swedish label BIS.

VDB also presents Lunchbox Concerts in nipaluna/Hobart, Launceston and pataway/Burnie, and undertakes a range of education and community engagement programs each year.

THANKYOU

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