

ARCHIE ROACH TO REIMAGINE 'LET LOVE RULE' AT THIS YEAR'S QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Australian living legend, singer / songwriter **Archie Roach** will create a special moment in this year's **Queensland Music Festival opening night**. Drawing from his latest release entitled "**The Concert Collection 2012-2018**", **Archie Roach** will reimagine his repertoire spanning the last 30 years.

Accompanied by the lush strings of the **Tinalley String Quartet**, vocals by **Sally Dastey** (Tiddas) and **ARIA**

Award winner Bruce Haymes on keys, *Let Love Rule* breathes new life into Archie Roach's iconic songs, showcasing the poignancy and soulful lyricism of his work.



The concert at the **Tivoli on 5 July** will be a celebration of one of Australia's fathers of Indigenous song; a recreation of some of Archie Roach's most important songs from his thirty-year musical contribution to Australia.

In November 2012, Archie Roach walked on-stage at the Playhouse Theatre, Arts Centre Melbourne, for the Australasian World Music Expo. And so began his extraordinary return to the concert stage.

With a thirteen-piece band and ten-voice gospel choir, Archie launched *Into The Bloodstream*, his first album of new music in five years.

In the two years preceding the release, the singer faced unimaginable challenges, including a stroke, lung cancer and the loss of his partner in life and in music, Ruby Hunter.

Hailed by many as a rebirth, *Into The Bloodstream* was acclaimed as his strongest in years with shows being recorded from both the Arts Centre Melbourne concert in November 2012 and from the State Theatre for the Sydney Festival in January 2013.

Then in 2016 Archie made another triumphant record with a title that resonated everywhere – *Let Love Rule* – entirely written around the concept of love, “a willingness to love all people”.

'*Let Love Rule*' was Uncle Archie's first album in four years, debuting at #24 on the ARIA Charts and being described by Rolling Stone Magazine as a “gem” which “oozes soul and honesty”. Featuring the singles “It's Not Too Late” and “Get Back To the Land”, Roach continues to provide guidance, hope and inspiration for all Australians through song.

The event will open with Archie's friend and collaborator **Jessie Lloyd** who will also present her groundbreaking project **Mission Songs Project** to Brisbane audiences. Praised as profoundly moving, the **Mission Songs Project** reveals what daily life was like for Indigenous Australians on Christian Missions and state-run settlements from 1900 to 1990 through their music, demonstrating the importance, evolution and continuation of song traditions across a tumultuous century of Australian history.

Queensland Music Festival are profoundly honoured to open the festival with a celebration of Archie Roach's incredible body of work - work that speaks for all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike.

"Let Love Rule" is at the Tivoli on 5 July for one special performance only. Tickets are from \$49 and available now from www.qmf.org.au.

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