

Arts Centre Melbourne presents

Tubular Bells for Two

One Album. Two Men. Too Many Instruments.



MELBOURNE, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Arts Centre Melbourne is extremely excited to present the multi-award winning ***Tubular Bells for Two*** - one of the most innovative musical performances to grace the stage in many years - in the Playhouse Theatre this June.

Ask anyone who grew up through the 70s and they'll be able to tell you exactly where they were when they first heard ***Tubular Bells*** by **Mike Oldfield**. The album was the first release on **Richard Branson's** fledgling record label, **Virgin Records**, selling over 30 million copies, kick-starting the Virgin empire, and becoming the soundtrack to the cult-classic film ***The Exorcist***.

Now, more than 40 years on, two talented multi-instrumentalists - **Daniel Holdsworth** (who co-created the show with **Aidan Roberts** in 2010) and **Thomas Bamford** - will juggle over 20 instruments live on stage during the spellbinding performance of Oldfield's 1973 classic composition.

The pair are literally rushed off their feet as they dash around a sea of instruments. It is an intricately choreographed, thrilling piece of tightrope theatre and musicianship, where the slightest mistake or misplaced limb can bring the entire show crashing to a halt.

Beginning as a one-off performance conjured up after one too many bottles of wine, the show has grown and developed to critical acclaim. Creators Holdsworth and Roberts premiered ***Tubular Bells for Two*** at the Sydney Fringe Festival in 2010, where they impressively won the Best Music Moment award.

In 2012 - after a sold-out Australian tour - the show travelled to Edinburgh Fringe, where it enjoyed a sell-out season, five star reviews and was awarded the prestigious Herald Angel Award. In the years that have followed, ***Tubular Bells for Two*** has performed all over the UK, Europe and the USA.

Regardless of whether you're a Tubular Bells virgin or long-time fan, this much-loved work by two very accomplished musicians is guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat.

"A tour de force in every sense of the phrase" ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ - Edinburgh Evening News

"Mesmerising to watch" ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ - Sydney Morning Herald

"The musical equivalent to the triathlon, a must see and hear!" ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ - The Scotsman



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Playhouse Theatre, Arts Centre Melbourne

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