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TOPOLOGY'S MUSICIANS AND COMPOSERS SET TO BRING CREATIVE RELIEF AND POSITIVE IMPACT TO DROUGHT HARDENED TEXAS

During their Queensland regional WE WILL RISE RECOVERY TOUR which kicked off in Stanthorpe last week, Aria nominated Topology, operating successfully out of Brisbane for 23-years, are set to act as cultural ambassadors bringing musical prowess and inspiration to Texas. With the announcement of the Topology Creative and Backstage Bootcamp, Wednesday November 4 to Saturday November 7, 2020, Topology will bring together community partners from the communities of Texas and the surrounding catchments in the Goondiwindi region. Venues for the 4-day Creative and Backstage Bootcamp are the Texas State School and the Texas Memorial Hall.

The Creative and Backstage Bootcamp culminates with the WE WILL RISE RECOVERY TOUR one-off Texas concert at 6:00pm, Saturday November 7, Texas Memorial Hall. The Texas WE WILL RISE RECOVERY show includes special guest, percussionist extraordinaire Grant Collins, legendary guitarists John Rush and Lucas Montgomery, dance and multi-media artist Nadia Milford all performing alongside Topology and Creative Bootcamp participants. Tickets are limited due to COVID-19 safety requirements and can be purchased from <https://www.topologymusic.com/live-shows/>.

The tour comes off the back of Topology releasing their 16th EP, WE WILL RISE. The stories of Texas will be featured in the WE WILL RISE RECOVERY TOUR show, through Topology's micro-doc and performance of *Drought Stories Texas* which world premiered earlier this year. Registration for the Texas Topology Creative and Backstage Bootcamp is at www.trybooking.com/BMGGO.

Topology have an energetic community engagement and education program called Top Up, and since 1998 they have worked closely with schools and communities to compose, mentor and perform with young people, emerging artists and the greater community. The State Award Winner for Excellence in Music Education at the APRA AMCOS Art Music Awards 2015, Top Up has grown exponentially over two decades reaching thousands of participants across regional Australia each year. The primary goal of Top Up is to build the creative

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capacity of participants and to help reinvigorate much needed community based social events by binding and connecting with, in this instance, the people of South Western Queensland who have struggled with the effects of drought and a world pandemic. The participants of Creative and Backstage Bootcamps will include school students and community groups who will work with Topology over four days in creative workshops celebrating the uniqueness of this community along with the individual challenges that this township has faced.

Topology are established leaders in musical creativity in Australia, prolific creators of new original work, expert collaborators across genres and art forms and award-winning music educators. Topology have been delivering Creative Bootcamps to Queensland to new, emerging and established musicians for thirteen years. To date, in 2020, Topology have conducted under their TOP UP education brand, 210 Top Up workshops and events to over 5140 participants. A rigorous Top Up workshop schedule continues in regional Queensland throughout October to December.

John Babbage (saxophone) founding member and principal virtuoso musician and composer along with special guests Grant Collins (drums, djembe) John Rush (bass guitar), Lucas Montgomery (guitar, ukulele) and Nadia Milford (dance) is set to return with his unique expertise to Texas with a series of workshops across the 4-day immersive Creative and Backstage Bootcamp and community showcase performance.

Top Up is an important opportunity to train the trainer and also provides participating individuals and established creative groups/organisations market-ready upskilling in order to self-determine projects successfully.

Topology affirms that regional artists are critical to a vibrant arts sector that reflects Australia's depth and diversity. Through Topology's strong commitment to educational programs, the creativity of music, enriches and empowers the individual human spirit in these regional communities who have borne the brunt of prolonged climate and on-flow economic hardships. The workshops and programs, accessible to all, are important avenues providing opportunities to harness how to bring creativity into the lives of individuals and the collective regional communities, who do not benefit from the enriched cultural programs that metropolises afford. Acting as a vital bridge for skills sharing from established renowned creative practitioners and educators, individuals and organisations are supported to reach full potential in order to establish and deliver successful creative ventures for themselves and their town. It is well documented that arts

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and the creative pursuits, broaden the mind and assist with individual and community well-being.

Announcing the Texas Bootcamp program, Creative Director Christa Powell said, "We are committed to building on our past work in this exceptional rural community. It is important to authentically work in regional towns rather than just one-off, standalone cultural events. Topology is committed to supporting and collaborating with cultural leaders and individuals in the town of Texas and its surrounds for positive impact, in order for creative sustainable eco-systems to thrive."

CREATIVE and BACKSTAGE BOOTCAMP

4 – 7 November

6pm Saturday 7 November Showcase performance and WE WILL RISE

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Topology is a Brisbane-based not for profit organisation, operating successfully for 23 years. Established in 1997, Topology are established leaders in musical creativity in Australia, prolific creators of new original work, expert collaborators across genres and art forms and award-winning music educators. Nominated for a 2014 ARIA Award for Best Classical Album (Share House), Topology has a well-established reputation for their signature work. The quintet experiments with surprising combinations of music genres, theatrical staging and cross art form collaborations to create exciting, thought-provoking music experiences for audiences of all ages, backgrounds and tastes. Resident Artist at Brisbane Powerhouse for 18 years, Topology has released 16 albums, produced countless evening-length works, presented an award-winning concert series, and toured extensively nationally and internationally.

Topology's website <https://www.topologymusic.com/>

TOPOLOGY | John Babbage (Co-Artistic Director, Composer/Saxophone), Dr Robert Davidson (Co-Artistic Director, Composer/Bass), Christa Powell (Creative Director, Violin), Bernard Hoey (Viola), Therese Milanovic (Piano).

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