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TOPOLOGY PROUDLY PERFORMS WORLD PREMIERE COMPOSITION 'DROUGHT STORIES TEXAS' AT QAGOMA'S WATER UP LATE

Aria-nominated Topology, established leaders of musical creativity in Australia, operating successfully out of Brisbane for 23-years, will perform a World Premiere composition *Drought Stories Texas* at Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art on Friday March 20.

Composed by Topology principal, virtuoso musician/composer, John Babbage, Topology will perform *Drought Stories Texas* at Water Up Late, an after-dark event in conjunction with 'Water', a major exhibition of contemporary Australian and international art now showing at Brisbane's [Gallery of Modern Art \(GOMA\)](#).

The stories of Texas are featured in this World Premiere first instalment of a Topology produced seven-episodic performance piece titled *Drought Stories*. *Drought Stories Texas* includes a micro-doc of conversations with Texas locals, interviewed and produced by local creative house TheStoryBoxes.

Topology's musical program for Water Up Late includes:

- *Lady from the Sea* – composed by Robert Davidson (a collaboration with Abinaya Theatre Company)
- *Ocean's Skin* – composed by John Babbage (a collaboration with Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre)
- *From the Depths* – composed by John Rotar (Bundaberg collaboration with filmmaker and local Bundaberg composers)
- *Crystal Clear* – composed by Robert Davidson
- *Drought Stories Texas* – World Premiere - composed by John Babbage and micro-doc by StoryBoxes

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- *Lost at Sea* – composed by John Babbage
- *Illumination, The Right One* – composed by Bernard Hoey and John Babbage

Drought Stories Texas is the first creative instalment of what will be seven chapters titled *Drought Stories* that delves creatively, using multi-media including documentary and audio clips, into the climatic hardships faced by individuals and regional Queensland towns from the long-form drought of the last five-years.

Within their extensive regional and national touring program for 2020, Topology, will act as cultural ambassadors bringing musical prowess, education and inspiration via their TOP UP music education program of workshops and Boot Camps to Queensland regional towns who have suffered hardships during the drought and will develop the remaining six-chapters of *Drought Stories* in the process.

Announcing the World Premiere of *Drought Stories Texas* Creative Director Christa Powell said, "This is a very exciting work for us. We have been working with these communities in regional Queensland for many years and have developed close relationships. It is fantastic to be able to premiere *Drought Stories* at such a significant exhibition. These stories from regional Queensland are stories the world needs to hear."

ABOUT: WATER UP LATE

6.00 - 10.30pm | Friday 20 & 21 Saturday 2020 March | GOMA | Ticketed

Over two massive nights audiences can experience the major exhibition 'Water' along with live music by cutting-edge musicians performing on indoor and outdoor stages, pop-up performances, playful science activations, karaoke, bars & dining, and more! *Water Up Late* is presented as part of *Curiosity Brisbane 2020*.

Fri 20 Mar: Gordon Koang | Miiesha | Montaigne | Topology | DJs: Sweaty Baby & Boom Boom Bean Selecta

Sat 21 Mar: Adrian Eagle | LÂLKA | Mildlife | Robert Forster | DJs: Paolo & Hannah D

Every night: Pop-up performances: Casus Circus | Bathroom Beats: Shower Karaoke | Science+Chill Lounge

MORE INFO + BUY TICKETS: qaogma.qld.gov.au/uptate

EVENT: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2624106807697108/>



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ABOUT: WATER

Until 26 April 2020 | GOMA | Ticketed

Be part of something extraordinary. Walk across a vast, rocky, indoor riverbed created by Olafur Eliasson. See animals from around the world gather together to drink from Cai Guo-Qiang's brilliant blue waterhole. Gaze at Peter Fischli and David Weiss's snowman, frozen despite Brisbane's summer heat. Reflect on the cultural traditions of bodies of water, including the Brisbane River, with Judy Watson; and consider the long history of our reliance on water, illustrated by Megan Cope's re-created midden. From major immersive experiences to smaller-scale treasures by Australian and international artists, 'Water' highlights this precious resource and aims to spark conversations on the environmental and social challenges faced by the world today.

MORE INFO + BUY TICKETS: qagoma.qld.gov.au/water

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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 15 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/>

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