

Lying, cheating and stealing, Topology grapples with some *Big Decisions* on their upcoming tour *Corridors of Power*

Topology are five of Australia's leading innovators in contemporary music and they take to the road in August, proudly supported by Sound Travellers. The **Corridors of Power** tour will see **Topology** play music from their new album **Big Decisions** which uses the voices of famous politicians such as Gough Whitlam and Joh Bjelke-Peterson to illustrate how our *big decisions* characterise us as a nation. The **Corridors of Power** tour will play dates in Townsville, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Newcastle and Byron Bay.

Reflecting on the past 36 years since Whitlam's sacking, **Big Decisions** features media samples from iconic political leaders such as Bob Hawke and Malcolm Fraser to create what **Big Decisions** composer Robert Davidson calls *voice portraits*. "Everyone uses particular musical patterns that distinguish a personal style – for example Bob Hawke's characteristic 'ahh' and 'errr' or Joh Bjelke-Peterson's choppy stop-start rhythm, have musical qualities in themselves that become even more interesting when blended with different instruments" said Davidson. To watch a clip from the new album please visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14ZccNjrVk&feature=channel_page.

Recognised as one of Australia's leading new music groups, this playful five-piece outfit rewards audiences with their energetic performances. Working with the same line-up since their inception in 1997, **Topology** displays perfectly timed musical intelligence by combining the group's creative experience to travel to unexplored territories and create new genres.

Currently artists-in-residence at the Brisbane Powerhouse, **Topology's** principals are Christa Powell (violin), Bernard Hoey (viola), Kylie Davidson (piano), Robert Davidson (bass), and John Babbage (saxophone). **Topology** regularly collaborates with artists across all genres with the group's concerts and recordings broadcast nationally on ABC radio. **Topology** has performed with the likes of Kate Miller-Heidke, The Kransky Sisters, Katie Noonan, drummer Grant Collins, percussion duo Karak and TaikOz.

National Dates:

Townsville: Riverway Arts Centre, 16 August, 6pm (\$25/\$20)

Sydney: The Sound Lounge at the Seymour Centre, 20 August, 8pm (\$22/\$20)

Canberra: The National Film and Sound Archive, 21 August, 7.30pm (\$20/\$15)

Byron Bay: Community Centre, 28 August, 7.30pm (\$22/\$20)

Newcastle: Conservatorium Concert Hall, 3 September (\$20/\$15/\$10)

Melbourne: Chapel off Chapel, 21 October, 8pm (\$30/\$25)

Tickets are available through individual venues. For more information, interviews, images, CDs or tickets please contact Ann McLean, Manager, Topology: 0419 021011 or (07) 3254 1492, manager@topologymusic.com or visit <http://www.topologymusic.com/index.php/shows/tour-dates/>.

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