



MEDIA RELEASE – TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2017

PERFORMANCE AT THE PEAK SERIES

This inaugural season of four live events celebrating the cream of Australia's performance and fine arts will be showcased at Spicers Peak Lodge during 2017. Encompassing dance, drama, opera, music, circus and burlesque, audiences will be immersed in spectacular art forms at a truly remarkable destination, Peak Lodge, overlooking the stunning Scenic Rim.

Superb dining, luxe beverages and unique artistic performances will mesh to create unforgettable experiences; from select intimate recitals for in-house guests during the winter months, to mid-scale concerts on the manicured lawn where audiences can indulge in local produce and fine wines.

'At Spicers Peak Lodge, we truly believe that art is a visible and audible endorsement of our cultural identity, and look we forward to enhancing Australia's vibrant and diverse arts community' comments Simon Magnus, Peak Lodge General Manager.

1ST PERFORMANCE AT THE PEAK

'Collusion' - Music and Dance on the Mountaintop at Spicers Peak Lodge

All are invited to escape to the 'theatre in the clouds' at Spicers Peak Lodge with the first arts performance of a pending four-part series.

On Sunday April 23, Queensland's acclaimed music and dance ensemble, **Collusion** will incorporate music from Australian and International composers Elena Kats-Chernin and Peteris Vasks. Four award winning chamber music musicians and four acclaimed dancers will perform a high-quality repertoire underpinned by programming with heart, beauty and warmth. Collusion's concerts and performances are enjoyed by audiences of all ages and cultural persuasions.



To prepare for an afternoon of sublime performance, guests are encouraged pack their picnic rugs for essential lounging on Spicers Peak's lush green lawn, where the stunning vista across the Scenic Rim mountaintops will mesmerize.

To quench thirsty palates, a pop-up bar serving Veuve Clicquot Champagne plus a wide range of beverages will be available from 11.30am. To satisfy hunger pangs, scrumptious picnic food will be on-hand – think pulled pork baguettes, cheese plates and charcuterie with all the accompaniments. The produce is predominantly sourced from the local bountiful Scenic Rim region.

Escape to another world for this extraordinary relaxed 'Sunday session' style afternoon of world-class music and dance!



ESSENTIALS

WHERE The Front Lawn, Spicers Peak Lodge, 1 Wilkinsons Road, Maryvale Queensland

WHEN April Sunday 23, 2017

ACCESS From 11.30am

PERFORMANCE 2pm – 3.30pm

FOOD and BEVERAGE From 11.30am (no food or beverage is allowed be bought onto the property)

GUESTS In-house and visitors (All ticketed)

TICKETING Call 07 4666 1083. Search 'Spicers Peak Lodge' on Eventbrite.com

TICKET PRICING

- **Solo** – Performance for one \$125 per ticket
- **Duo** – Performance for two includes cheese board and bottle of Prosecco \$330
- **Duo Luxe** – Performance for two includes picnic hamper and one bottle of Veuve Clicquot Champagne \$465

PEAK LODGE ACCOMMODATION Room rates from \$999 includes 2 performance tickets

SEATING Guests to BYO picnic rugs, cushions, hats, clothing suitable for the outdoor elements Limited seating will be available for disabled guests only

TRANSPORT Private vehicles to Spicers Peak Lodge | Heli-pads limited to 5

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COLLUSION BIO

Collusion is Queensland's own original fine art music and dance ensemble. Together for 14 years, this group of award-winning chamber music musicians, in collaboration with composers and a choreographer and dancers, bring together exceptionally strong performances. Collusion is continually developing new repertoire of very high quality while underpinning its programming with heart, beauty and warmth. Flexible in size and content, collaborating to make large shows, and bespoke intimate experiences as well, Collusion fits its performances to suit its audiences.

Collusion enjoys sharing its concerts and performances with audiences of all ages and cultural persuasions. From the smart end of town, with Queensland Ballet, at the Australasian Clarinet and Saxophone Convention, International Music Council World Music Forum,

and Crossbows Festival to the magical world of imagination and joy at centres for people with disabilities and other community settings and schools. In 2014, Collusion had several shows on tour from the core quartet to our largest ensemble work, *Transient Beauty*.

In 2015 Collusion partnered with the Brisbane Festival and the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts to present the spellbinding *DESIRELINES*. This Chamber Ballet for 3 musicians and 4 dancers by Australia's leading contemporary ballet Choreographer Gareth Belling; with concept design by Collusion's Benjamin Greaves was a finalist in the 2016 Australian Dance Awards. It returns in 2017 with a season at Hawthorne Arts Centre, 25 - 27 July.

In 2017 Collusion and its members look forward to dynamic live music and dance collaborations with Okareka Dance Company in February, CoCA Cairns and New Move Network in March, and a new season of 'Muscle Memory' in August (details coming soon).

"Collusion performed throughout with intense engagement and finesse. Their precise ensemble playing detailed the works... Dramatic opportunities (and there were many) never went to waste." Alan Lawrence, Reviewer Australian Modern Magazine

In 2012 Collusion Music released two CDs. The first, *Flashpoint* featured masterworks by Messiaen and Hindemith. The second, *I read the old dream slowly* was an all-Australian recording featuring music by Joseph Twist, Susan Hawkins, Thomas Green, Andrew Ball, Nigel Sabin and Gerard Brophy. It continues on high rotation with public broadcaster, ABC.