



Media Release

Bush-Poet to Host Musical Journey Around the World

- Acclaimed bush-poet Dennis Scanlon will join one of Brisbane's most active community bands, the Brisbane Symphonic Band, for a musical journey around the world in their concert *You Know You're In Australia!* on Saturday afternoon the 29th of October. Dennis, an award winning poet, will act as tour guide as the band samples musical styles from around the world, before returning home with the premiere of his new poem *You Know You're In Australia!*.
- Dennis Scanlon is a local poet whose works reflect a love of Australia drawn from a lifetime of rich and colourful experiences. He grew up in country Queensland, living in Warwick, Pittsworth and Dalby and has since spent 45 years working in the livestock and meat industries. His work has allowed him to travel widely both around Australian and throughout Asia. He still enjoys the solitude of the bush and owns a small block on the river at Ballandean with his wife Bev, where he writes most of his poetry. His recent successes include a prize winning performance in the Queensland Bush Poetry Championships and reaching the finals of the prestigious "Oracles of the Bush" competition at Tenterfield for the past two years running.
- The Brisbane Symphonic Band's Musical Director Susan Clarke has assembled an eclectic program for the concert including music from the USA, England, Spain, Belgium, the Caribbean and of course Australia. There will truly be something for all tastes with repertoire ranging from Bach to the Beatles. The band's offshoot the BSB Swing! led by Simon Paxton will swing the afternoon to its conclusion with some great Australian jazz. Dance fans and jazz lovers alike are in for a treat as the band never fails to get crowds excited.
- This will be the second collaboration between Dennis and the Brisbane Symphonic Band after last year's well received performance with prominent local composer Sean O'Boyle. The BSB earlier this year returned from its second successful tour of Taiwan after performing in the 13th International Band Festival in Chia-Yi. They first visited Taiwan in 2002 and were delighted to be invited to return for the 2004 event where they again thrilled the large crowds who came to see them around the country.
- Dennis and the Brisbane Symphonic Band share a passion for community arts, with both frequently offering their services to local events. Dennis appears regularly at a number of local aged care centres in the Redlands and Bayside areas, as well as convening the Redlands Poets Society. The BSB chooses to appear at numerous community events including local festivals, citizenship ceremonies and providing park entertainment around Brisbane.
- Join Dennis Scanlon and the Brisbane Symphonic Band for a guaranteed great afternoon of entertainment!

Concert Details

Date:	Saturday 29 October, 2005
Time:	3pm
Venue:	Concert Hall, Brisbane City Temple 167 Ann St, Brisbane
Tickets:	\$10 General Admission
Bookings:	3263 7995

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