



Concert to feature music from *Under our Southern Cross*

- The Australian landscape has inspired music as diverse as the people who inhabit it. But despite this diversity, all great Australian music shares the ability to evoke the stories and events which have shaped the country we live in. All this will be on display when Rotary Gympie presents *Under our Southern Cross*, a concert celebrating Australian culture through music and poetry on Saturday September 30 at the Heritage Theatre.
- The concert will feature the Brisbane Symphonic Band, under the baton of Stefanie Smith, performing the most celebrated repertoire about Australia and by Australians. Joining the BSB and guests will be bush-poet Dennis Scanlon who will share his own award-winning outback yarns.
- The Brisbane Symphonic Band is well versed in performing home-grown repertoire, having showcased Australian music in concerts locally and internationally. In recent years the band has twice successfully toured Taiwan where they introduced Australian musicians and compositions to a new audience. The band is one of Brisbane's most prominent community ensembles with numerous performance highlights in its 30 year history. Last year the band collaborated with Dennis Scanlon for a concert event in Brisbane, and they look forward to again working with Dennis in *Under our Southern Cross*.
- Dennis Scanlon is a poet whose work captures what it means to be Australian. He is a three-time finalist in the Oracles of the Bush competition at Tenterfield and has recently released a book of his poetry called *You Know You're in Australia*. Dennis' work draws from his experiences growing up in country Queensland and from travelling widely while working in the livestock and meat industries. He is no stranger to Gympie and will be in town at the end of August for the Muster and will return to perform his poetry in *Under our Southern Cross*.
- Rotary presents *Under our Southern Cross* on Saturday 30 September 2006 at the Heritage Theatre, Gympie Civic Centre. Join Dennis, the band and guests for a great night of music and entertainment.

Concert Details:

Date: Saturday, 30 September 2006
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Heritage Theatre, Mellor St
Gympie Civic Centre, Gympie
Tickets: Adults \$25, Children < 15yrs \$15
...or \$60 – 2 Adult & 1 Child / \$70 – 2 Adult & 2 Child
Bookings: 5483 7393 or in person at Kingsway Computers
2/2 Mount Pleasant Rd, Gympie (opp Phoenix Hotel)
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