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SPINIFEX GUM

CHEVRON LIGHTHOUSE

SAT 8 FEB 8:30PM

TICKETS: \$39

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Musical snapshots of life in the Pilbara, north Western Australia, performed by the lush voices of Marliya from Gondwana Choirs, young Indigenous women singing in English and Yindjibarndi. Joining the choir are Felix Riebl and Ollie McGill of The Cat Empire, who wrote and produced the music, and special guest Emma Donovan. Commissioned to write a song cycle for the choir, Riebl spent several years visiting the Pilbara to build relationships and gather stories. He and Ollie McGill went on to write album *Spinifex Gum* about the region's local tales and characters, true stories of racism and injustice, and the legacies of colonisation with music production that's staunchly modern, built from found sound samples of the Pilbara – rustling leaves, bouncing basketballs and chugging trains.

An Australian made collaboration of voice, sound, movement and change, *Spinifex Gum* is a musical collaboration that celebrates the talent of our Indigenous youth. One that examines the problems and preconceived ideas of this country. It's one that ignites change through a united collective voice. It has the power to disarm, inspire and speak to us in a way that no individual voice can.

Created by the Cat Empire's Felix Riebl and Ollie McGill for the Cairns-based Indigenous choir Marliya, of Gondwana Choirs, and featuring guest vocalists Adam Briggs, Peter Garrett and Emma Donovan in a song cycle reflecting the dramatic contrasts of the Pilbara region of northern WA.

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