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Exhibition celebrates 25 years of live performance

Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) has announced a new photographic portrait exhibition as part of the celebrations for its 25th Anniversary.

The free exhibition, *QPAC 25*, opens next week at QPAC's Tony Gould Gallery.

The exhibition features intimate portrait photographs of 25 artists who have performed at the Centre over the past quarter of a century as well as an account of their memories of QPAC.

QPAC commissioned Brisbane photographer Justine Walpole to capture images of the artists, all born or raised in Queensland. The 25 featured artists are:

William Barton, Bille Brown, Diane Cilento, Judi Connelli, Gerry Connolly, Graeme Connors, Paul Dean, Diana Doherty, Wesley Enoch, Simon Gallaher, Lisa Gasteen, Eugene Gilfedder, Clare Hansson, Christine Johnston, Bryan Nason, Katie Noonan, Stephen Page, Leah Purcell, Geoffrey Rush, Karin Schaupp, Donald Shanks, Sigrid Thornton, Natalie Weir, Garth Welch, and Quan Yeomans.

QPAC Chief Executive John Kotzas said 2010 was a significant milestone and throughout the year QPAC would present special events to celebrate, starting with the *QPAC 25* exhibition.

"Since opening in 1985, QPAC has grown to become one of the leading performing arts centres in the Asia Pacific region. *QPAC 25* features some of the incredibly talented and generous artists who have been part of this evolution.

"We're very proud of our exceptional theatres but this exhibition reminds us that it's people who really make the experience of live performance a unique one," said Mr Kotzas.

QPAC 25 will be opened by Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Ms Penelope Wensley AO at an evening function on Tuesday 23 February 2010.

QPAC was officially opened by His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent on 20 April 1985.

Since the first major public performance in the Lyric Theatre, *The Pirates of Penzance*, more than 13 million people have attended ticketed events at QPAC, with thousands more participating in free performances, workshops and outdoor events.

For more information on *QPAC 25*, QPAC's 25th Anniversary program and to access the dedicated 25th Anniversary blog, go to www.qpac.com.au

**QPAC presents
QPAC 25 exhibition**

WHERE: Tony Gould Gallery, QPAC, South Bank (entry via the Cremorne Theatre)

WHEN: 23 February – 22 May 2010

DAYS: Tuesday to Saturday

HOURS: 10am to 4pm

ENTRY: FREE

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