

AMOS ROACH EPK

A bold new commission by First Nations artist residency program recipient Amos Roach.

Award-winning musician, dancer, director and proud Djab Wurrung/Gunditjmara and Ngarrindjeri man **Amos Roach** premieres his new commission 'Six Seasons' as part of MIJF and the Australian Art Orchestra's (AAO) inaugural First Nations artist residency program.

BIOS

Amos Roach is an Award-winning musician, dancer, director and proud Djab Wurrung/Gunditjmara and Ngarrindjeri man. Amos has played the keyboard, guitar, bass and Yidaki since the age of eight, and is acknowledged as one of Australia's finest Yidaki players. Performing alongside members of the AAO and the Murrundaya Yepengna Dancers, his new show is informed by his practice using traditional instruments, songs, music and dance to tell stories of Songlines, Family and Country.

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He has performed at festivals including Yirramboi, Bilyani Folk Rhythm and Life, Queenscliff Music and the Australasian World Music Expo. He was awarded Best Emerging Indigenous Artist /Director / Choreographer & Dancer for Neon Corroboree at Melbourne Fringe Festival, and was the music Director at Share the Spirit Festival in 2017. In 2021 he made his Melbourne International Jazz Festival debut, premiering his new performance as the recipient of the MIJF and Australian Art Orchestra's (AAO) inaugural First Nations artist residency program. Performing alongside members of the AAO and the Murrundaya Yepengna Dancers, this new work is informed by his practice using traditional instruments, songs, music and dance to tell stories of Songlines, Family and Country.

Staging: Venue to provide backline, adequate room for dance group

Show Duration: 60min

Touring Party: 9 (8 artists plus tour manager)

Genre: World/Jazz

Available: 2022

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Resources:

- Bio (as above)
- [Tech specs](#)
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