



“Virtuosic and adventurous.”
– *New York Times*

“Breathtakingly impressive.”
– *The West Australian*

Arts House
Meat Market

Thursday 15 – Saturday 17 October

Thu – Sat 7.30pm

1 hr 15 mins, no interval

\$29 / \$19

Transaction fees may apply

www.festival.melbourne
Ticketmaster 136 100

Post Show Talk - Friday 16 October

Michael Pisaro & Greg Stuart
FREE

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World Premiere

Melbourne Festival and Speak Percussion present

A WAVE AND WAVES

Speak Percussion

Composer Michael Pisaro (USA)

Director Eugene Ughetti

Guest Artist Greg Stuart (USA)

Sonic pioneers **Speak Percussion** return to Melbourne Festival with a bold and ambitious new work for 100 percussionists.

Last seen at Melbourne Festival in 2013 with its cosmic avant-garde masterpiece *The Black of the Star*, this innovative Australian ensemble deliver a startling, monumental and compelling work composed by **Michael Pisaro**.

In this rare, deep listening experience the audience sits among the performers to experience the music as if part of an ocean of sound. Colossal percussive waves are created by layers of imperceptibly soft sounds— sandpaper on stone, seeds falling on glass, bowed bells—forming a textural landscape bristling with detail.

Renowned US percussionist **Greg Stuart** will join community members from **Speak Percussion** and **Future Music Victoria**, along with community music organisations, community music enthusiasts, and students aged 12-100.

This unique collective of performers will together transform the performance space into a sonic and visual ocean of instruments and performers, literally filled to the brim with percussive sounds and textures. The audience will add to this completely absorbing production, being invited to weave among the performers and their instruments.

In this epic composition Pisaro realises the duality between the small and the large by employing 100 individual percussive sounds in an ever-evolving 74-minute soundscape.

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Like listening to the ocean, *A Wave and Waves* is a massive organism. It is a space for meditation and a stage for untarnished, natural beauty.

Connected event:

Music Workshop - Sat 17 Oct at 2pm

Arts House, Meat Market // FREE

Experience a rare insight into the creative mind of Michael Pisaro—one of America's most important living composers.

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