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Arts Centre Melbourne
Fairfax Studio

Thursday 15 – Saturday 17 October

Thu — Sat at 7.30pm

1 hr 15 mins, no interval

\$35 / \$25

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World Premiere

Outer Urban Projects, Newsboys Foundation and Arts Centre Melbourne in association with Melbourne Festival present

GRAND DIVISIONS: A Moved Urban Cantata

Outer Urban Projects

Director/Composer Irine Vela

Conductor Mary Johnson

Harpist Natalia Mann

Lighting Designer Gina Gasgoigne

How do we come to live in a particular suburb, a nation? How did wealth end up on the other side of the river, on the other side of the ocean?

Outer Urban Projects vocalists, dancers and string orchestra, cohealth Arts Generator, Neil Ieremia—Black Grace and guest artists combine forces to create *Grand DiVisions*—an urban cantata with tales of wealth, poverty, privilege, neglect and unexpected journeys of falling in and out of love with Australia.

Grand DiVisions is balletic and symphonic in concept and communal in execution. Beat boxing, Indian tabla, darabuka and gospel collide with a string orchestra, vocalists from hip hop and classical genres support and drive contemporary dance as rappers and spoken word artists strive to make sense of the grand divisions that haunt and enchant us.

Outer Urban Projects is a bold not for profit performing arts organisation that collaborates with young people and their communities in Melbourne’s culturally diverse, artistically starved, ‘hardcore’ outer northern suburbs. The Company specialises in producing and presenting high calibre arts projects that seamlessly combine street, cultural, contemporary and classical forms, and is driven by the vibrant cultural mix and stories of the outer northern suburbs and the racial, social and class inequities that challenge young people.