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# JOYOUS COMPOSITION ANNOUNCED ON IWD TO CELEBRATE WOMEN IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY

**Australian Women in Music Awards (AWMA)** finalist and one of Australia’s most prolific and acclaimed contemporary composers Elena Kats-Chernin has created a new work – **Jubilissima** - announced today on International Women’s Day to be the celebratory feature performance at the Awards in May.

The announcement coincides with the nomination of AWMA’s Founding Executive Producer Vicki Gordon for the IWD Bondi Humanitarian of the Year Award due to be announced tonight.

“Elevating the profile of women in our music industry is my passion so it is humbling and a delight to be even be nominated for such a title which helps us shine a further light on so many amazing talents and careers like Elena’s,” said Gordon.

Kats-Chernin said the name **Jubilissima** is her own invented word that evokes the celebration and her own sense of the gutsy, strong women in the music industry.

“Women in the music industry do amazing work. I find them always brave and honest and supportive of each other and there has been a huge shift in consciousness among audiences, artists and ensembles to recognise and elevate women in the industry. This work celebrates that and I was so pleased to be asked to create it,” she said.

The work is a collaboration with Australian Brandenburg Orchestra’s Principal Trumpet Leanne Sullivan, an award winning artist of both modern and baroque trumpet.

Kats-Chernin said the two of them spent some hours during the winter of 2021 lockdown working remotely together on the composition.

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"I wanted to do something that counteracted the dull state of life at the time. The trumpet is so uplifting and full of energy and it felt celebratory – even triumphant – like the sound of angels," she said.

Her starting point was C Major – "the most uplifting key of all time", and then she built out lyrical moments of contrast, light and shade.

The pair have worked together many times before but this commission she described as a happy project and a privilege as to be working with **AWMA**, a program that so powerfully supports women across the musical spectrum.

Kats-Chernin was named a finalist in the Artistic Excellence Award category last year and winners will be announced at the rescheduled ceremony at the Tivoli Theatre in Brisbane on May 18 when **Jubilissima** will have its premier live performance.

"AWMA is such an important initiative that draws attention to the extraordinary work of leading creative women in Australia. I'm delighted to be part of such significant award that highlights and celebrates women's achievements. I'm always amazed at the incredible power of women when they work together to create something new."

Gordon said **Jubilissima** would be a hugely appropriate and uplifting addition to the performances on Awards night.

The **AWMA's** start on May 17 with a First Nations Women's Hip Hop Showcase 2022 ~ Love for my Sisters and a full day conference program. The Awards night is May 18 at the Tivoli in Fortitude Valley.

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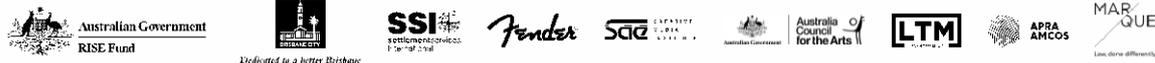
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