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'An excellent recording of rarely-heard concerti, and a must for all fans of Baroque.' - Limelight Magazine

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Van Diemen's Band

Music flowed like sunlight through every corner of the eighteenth-century sea port of Naples - from the church to the court, the mountains to the shore. Now a ravishing new ensemble from the southern tip of Australia offers a window into this much-neglected artistic culture.

Under the direction of Melbourne-born violinist **Julia Fredersdorff**, **Van Diemen's Band** is a handpicked who's who of Baroque music today, its members having played with the most celebrated ensembles of Europe and Australia.

The program's highlight is the music of composer and violinist Nicola Fiorenza, whose famously eccentric and hot-blooded temperament echoes through this stirring music. Complemented by the music of Alessandro Scarlatti and Francesco Geminiani, these compositions are redolent with the passion and fire of the Italian opera of the era, while retaining a mystery and charm all of their own.

Melbourne Recital Centre, Elisabeth Murdoch Hall

Mon 8 Oct

7.30pm

\$39 - \$69

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Melbourne Festival Artistic Director Jonathan Holloway said: 'Van Diemen's Band is a great Australian ensemble, their debut album received incredible reviews and we are thrilled to provide the platform for their first Melbourne performance. They have simply just exploded onto the scene!'