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# SILKROAD ENSEMBLE

To hear **Silkroad Ensemble** perform live once in a lifetime would be lucky, but to be blessed with two performances is nothing short of miraculous. Appearing for the first time in Australia to perform in dance-opera extravaganza *Layla and Manjun*, this stellar line-up of international talent will also grace Melbourne with a standalone concert of works showcasing its peerless style.

Just as the ancient silk road network connected continents, **Silkroad Ensemble's** sonic forays traverse the contemporary musical landscape. Its members hail from more than 20 countries and in the crucible of their meeting is forged a new musical language. Traditional instruments from Armenia, Mongolia or Japan can share the stage with those of the Western classical tradition, reflecting the many-layered fabric of life in the world today.

As opposed to a fixed group, the Ensemble is composed of a dynamic array of members from across the globe who come together to present never-to-be-repeated events of enduring appeal. Powerful virtuosity, cultural nuance and a unique melding of compositional styles amount to something more than the sum of its parts. Be compelled.

Melbourne Festival Artistic Director Jonathan Holloway said: 'The Silkroad Ensemble, founded by Yo-Yo Ma, is a grand all-encompassing world music band, seeking to find meeting points for all musical traditions from China to Europe. I am so excited to be hosting this incredible ensemble of musicians in their Australian premiere performance.'

'One of the 21st century's great ensembles.' – Vancouver Sun

'Vibrant and virtuosic.' – Wall Street Journal

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