

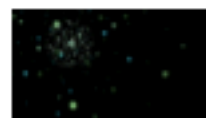
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## ***ELEMENTAL***



### **Poetry + Music + Video at the Melbourne Planetarium**

#### ***Part of the Melbourne International Arts Festival***

**World Premiere 7.30pm, Thursday 15 October**

Plus shows at 7.30pm on Sunday 18 and Thursday 22nd of October

Featuring:

- a new work by world renowned musicians **Nurse with Wound**
- the voices of international scientists **John Gribbin & Carl Sagan**
- four spoken word performers/ four video artists/ four sound artists

*Elemental* is a unique exploration of science, mind and the infinite universe showcased under the spectacular dome theatre of the planetarium. Poets, musicians, sound and video artists – and world renowned science writer **John Gribbin** – have collaborated to present the world of the most literary, dazzling and passionate stars.

The artists involved in this show explore four different theories of the beginnings of the universe: The Big Bang, The Theory of Everything, Dark Matter and M Theory. Are these the lost poetic lectures of the beginning of time?

Legendary UK experimental musicians **Nurse with Wound** have contributed a new piece commissioned especially for *Elemental*, based on the theory that the resonant frequency of the Big Bang was F#. The memorable voice of the late **Dr Carl Sagan** – the writer and creator of the award-winning series *Cosmos* – is on loan for one of the works. **Martin Bush**, the curator of Science Communication at the Melbourne Planetarium, uses his astronomical artistry to guide us through the night sky to where poets, sound artists and video artists await. Directed by **Alicia Sometimes** Australian poet, performer and broadcaster at 3RRR.

Other artists include: **Alice Garner**, Emilie Zoey Baker, **Sean M Whelan**, Paul Mitchell, **Ai Yamamoto**, Mim Whiting, **Nat Bates**, Ruben Hilario, **Lawrence English**, Rob Kennedy, **Andrew Watson**, Chris Nelms, **Claire Fischer**, and costume design by **Sootie Barczak**

For centuries, poets have looked to the skies and attempted to scribble meaning into the galaxies. The novelist Peter de Vries once wrote, 'The universe is like a safe to which there is a combination, but the combination is locked up in the safe.' What if we had a key, even if only for a moment?

**TICKETS: \$30.00/\$22.50**

**Book at Ticketmaster: 1300 136 166**