

AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND TASMANIA
PERFORMANCE BY *FRONT ROW* WIND ENSEMBLE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALL ROOM, FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2023

VICE-REGAL SALUTE

Good afternoon. I warmly welcome you all to this performance by the Australian Army Band Tasmania's *Front Row* ensemble. We look forward to a full program of music.

I pay my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community and recognise their enduring culture and continued connection to land, sea and waters.

There is a long history of association between this Vice-Regal office and the Australian Army Band in Tasmania. Members regularly perform at Government House for many and varied events. Just last Friday, the Band supported an Investiture for the Order of St John. Live performances of a fanfare Vice-Regal Salute and our Australian National Anthem in this wonderfully acoustic Ball Room added significantly to the atmosphere of the event.

The background to this performance was the exceptionally well received recitals at our two Coronation events held at Government House on in May. At that time, I was in London for the Coronation and other events, representing our Tasmanian people and State. The events here were hosted by the Lieutenant Governor.

At these Coronation recitals, comments were made about how the wind instruments sounded particularly special in this Ball Room. So, the Bandmaster and Band Sergeant Major requested that I host a performance just for the Band.

I was very pleased to accept this request.

Today, we shall listen to a performance by *Front Row*, an ensemble so named because the wind instruments sit in the front row of our Army Band.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all members of the band for your continued support to Government House and our wider Tasmanian community.

From your program, you will see there are 12 pieces to the recital. May I acknowledge most have been arranged by Musician Fiona Hickie. I hope that you enjoy the music and I look forward to speaking with you at our afternoon tea.

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