



## **murundak The Black Arm Band**

The Black Arm Band 'murundak' has won the 2007 Helpmann Award for Best Australian Contemporary Concert!

The Helpmann Awards recognise outstanding achievement in the Performing Arts. Congratulations to the entire mob!

The Black Arm Band is a 32-piece ensemble featuring a line up of exceptional soloists performing works from the inspirational songbook of contemporary Indigenous life.

The Black Arm Band was created to perform MURUNDAK (meaning 'alive' in woirrurung) for the 2006 Melbourne International Arts Festival. MURUNDAK is an extraordinary musical event that celebrates music as an instrument of identity, resistance, resilience and a call to freedom.

The Black Arm Band are amongst the most respected names in Australian indigenous music and include David Arden, Dan Sultan, Lou Bennett, Ursula Yovich, Rachael Maza-Long, Shellie Morris, Ruby Hunter, Peter Rotumah, Joe Geia, Kutcha Edwards, Archie Roach, Stephen Pigram, Emma Donovan, Mark Atkins, Bart Willoughby and Shane Howard.

These artists were joined by musicians that have added their own unique artistic voices to Indigenous musical history. A blistering band led by pianist Aaron Choulai features some of Melbourne's finest jazz instrumentalists.

In the West Australian premiere of murundak The Black Arm Band are joined by special guests John Butler, Jessie Lloyd and Della Rae Morrison.

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### Special guests:

John Butler, Jessie Lloyd and Della Rae Morrison

***Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are warned that this production may contain images and voices of people that have passed away and that could cause sorrow.***