



## RADF PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**RADF Grant**  
**Major Round 2017-2018**  
 \$10,000 funding approved

# Cairns Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir Concert

Gondwana Choirs forms renowned Songfest choirs to engage with diverse communities throughout Australia. Leading artists and ensembles provide interested young people with an engaging social experience and the opportunity to learn and perform music that reflects languages, stories, and values of other cultures, particularly those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

In this project, non-Indigenous children from the Cairns region had the unique opportunity to collaborate with the internationally-acclaimed ensembles Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir and Gondwana Voices, The Australian Chamber Orchestra Inspire Quartet and Gerib Sik Torres Strait Islanders Dance Troupe, culminating in a public performance at St Monica's Cathedral.

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Large production bringing together children and people of diverse backgrounds
- Public performance at St Monica's Cathedral featuring song, music and dance

### OUTCOMES

- Community building involving local Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people from both public and private schools
- Significant professional development of local conductors and school music teachers
- Multicultural artistic development, performing in seven languages and premiering a major new work Trochus Shell Suite, consisting of two new songs and four traditional Mer (Murray Island) songs



## St Monica's Cathedral OCTOBER 2018

Audience:	680
Performers:	140
World premiere:	1
Languages performed:	7

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