

The Gifts of the Furies

Words & music by Glenda Cloughley Directed by Johanna McBride
CANBERRA'S MYTHIC STORY-SONG ABOUT PEOPLE AND EARTH
FOR ETHOS AND THE CHORUS OF CITIZENS



CITY UNITING CHURCH 69 NORTHBOURNE AVENUE, CNR RUDD ST
10am Sunday 30 October 2011 as an act of worship

A STORY SONG FOR CITIZENS IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

The Gifts of the Furies

We change lightbulbs and showerheads to turn back the weather

We reduce re-use recycle our things

But our children's nightmares Who will stop those?

And our sterile anguish Who will shift that?

A citizens' chorus of Canberra men and women will bring the mythic scale of the climate change crisis to City Uniting Church's 10am Sunday service on 30 October.

Based on ancient European wisdom, our Canberra-grown story-song shows what happens when people raise the mortal laws of cities above the immortal laws of nature. We invite you to join the 35 singers and instrumentalists and discover that we could move from tragedy to reconciliation as we sound our voice in the Chorus of Citizens. The play is shown by Ethos, spirit of the community, whose image was created 50 years ago for Canberra's Civic Square by Australian sculptor Tom Bass. Our big story comes from the teachings about cultural decay and renewal of the Greek poet Aeschylus, whose law songs of 458BC were motivated by the same hard questions and longing for harmony that hum beneath our days.

Presented as an act of worship by A Chorus of Women and directed by Johanna McBride, *The Gifts of the Furies* is part of City Church's Caring for Creation program.

STORYTELLER Glenda Cloughley **ETHOS** Judith Clingan

THE FURIES of EARTH Jenny Sawer, Margaret Sim, Fay D'Elmaine

LORD REASON Ben Bairstow **CANTOR** John Inglis

VIOLIN Rowan Harvey-Martin **CELLO** David Pereira

PIANO Johanna McBride **FLUTES** John Smiles & Meg Rigby

DULCIMER Catherine Ross **PERCUSSION** Andrew Purdham

DIDGERIDOO Andrew Horne **GUITAR** Meg Rigby & Glenda Cloughley

Donations will be welcome

What Bob Hawke said: "I want to say to you Glenda and all those associated with you how profoundly I appreciated and enjoyed the production. That you have had the imagination and the vision to present this issue as a challenge in such an imaginative way – we are all indebted to you." — The former Prime Minister at *The Gifts of the Furies* performance by an 80-strong Citizens' Chorus in the Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House, Canberra, 25 September 2010

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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