

## Melanie Robinson

*'Fresh and engaging, down-to-earth and bubbling with creative brilliance.'*

**The West Australian**

*'A heart-stopper' (Sydney Morning Herald), with 'a voice that will make your black heart beat again.'* (AdelaideNow)



Cellist, singer, songwriter and arranger Melanie Robinson has carved a niche within contemporary Australian music for her unique and enigmatic style. Along-side her original work with **Mr Sister** and **Mukti**, Melanie tours as cellist/singer with **Tim Rogers** and the **Temperance Union**, **David Ross Macdonald**, **Leah Flanagan**, **The Miles To Go Trio** and **Loren Kate**. Currently working on the 3 Trees Project in Roebourne (WA) and the stage adaption of *The Ghost's Child*, Melanie has also recently co-written and performed the show **SALIGIA**, a cabaret-style treatise on the Deadly Sins, with **Tim Rogers**, for whom she also works as arranger and co-producer. Other Australian artists for whom she has filled this role include **You Am I**, **John Butler**, **The Audreys**, and **Jimmy Barnes**.

**Instrumental credits include:** Recipient of the 2003 ArtsWA Young Artists Creative Fellowship, winner of the Pauline Steele Prize for Solo Cello Performance, two-time WAMI Best Female Instrumentalist, WAAPA/UWA Bachelor of Music (2002).

**Artistic residencies include:** University of Illinois (USA), UCLA (USA). LaSalle University (Singapore), WAAPA in Broome (WA), Dunes Gallery in Exmouth (WA).

**Festivals include:** New Directions in Music (Singapore), NW Electro-Acoustic Music Festival (Portland, USA), Perth International Arts Festival, Brisbane Biennial Festival, Woodford (Queensland), National Folk Festival (ACT), Cygnet Festival (TAS), Fairbridge Festival (WA), Nannup Festival (WA), Shinju Matsuri (Broome).

**Collaborators include:** William Barton, Nova Ensemble, Mal Webb, Tim Rogers, Leah Flanagan, Freya Hanly, Iain Grandage, Claire Edwardes, Anne Norman.

**Releases:** **Mr. Sister's** album *Empty Places* was released nationally in Oct '08 (Same Road Records/Vitamin). **You Am I's** album *Dilettantes* was released in Sept '08 (arrangements/performance). **Tim Rogers' album** *The Luxury of Hysteria* (arrangements/performance/co-production) was released in Oct '07. **Melanie's** solo album *After The Storm* was released in Jan '05. **Loren Kate, John Butler Trio, The Audreys** and **David Ross Macdonald** release new albums in 2010.

**Recent theatrical scores include:** Walk The Fence (Jigsaw Theatre 2009), Cinderella Dressed in Yella (Buzz Dance Theatre 2008), Colourwheel (Buzz Dance Theatre 2006), Rabbit (Buzz Dance Theatre 2005).

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