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Mark Isaacs Resurgence Band visits Araluen Arts Centre

As part of their 15 show Australian 'Aurora' tour, the *Mark Isaacs Resurgence Band* will be visiting the Araluen Arts Centre on Saturday 21 May, 2011.

Araluen Cultural Precinct Director, Tim Rollason said that this is a great opportunity for people to witness such well known musicians in action.

"The *Mark Isaacs Resurgence Band* is gaining international acclaim for its virtuoso performances of composition by jazz/classical pianist and composer Mark Isaacs and we are thrilled to have them perform here as part of their tour," Mr Rollason said.

Australian-based musician/composer Mark Isaacs discovered he had perfect pitch at age five.

His father is an accomplished jazz guitarist and songwriter who had one of his songs recorded and released by Petula Clark and his mother was a trained classical pianist and singer.

At age nine Mark began to experiment with improvising on jazz standards and at age 14 he performed part of his own piano concerto on national Australian television.

He went on to study classical piano among other things and travel extensively, whilst playing with and composing numerous pieces for Orchestra's around the world. His teachers in classical music included many internationally recognised composers and pianists such as Peter Sculthorpe, Isadore Goodman, Alexander Tamir, David Burge, Joseph Tal, Igor Hemelnitsky and Samuel Adler.

Mr Rollason said Mark Isaacs teamed up with four other musicians to form the Mark Isaacs Resurgence Band with James Muller on guitar, Matt Keegan on saxophone, Brett Hirst on bass and Tim Firth on drums.

"The four talented band mates have had their own individual successes, recording and touring with such people as The Beautiful Girls, Thirsty Merc, Maroon 5, Katie Noonan and Lior to name a few," Mr Rollason said.

They will be entertaining audiences across Australia on their 'Aurora' tour and will be playing at the Araluen Art Centre on 8pm on Saturday 21 May 2011.

To book tickets phone the Araluen Box Office on (08) 8951 1122

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Image – The Mark Isaacs Resurgence Band

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