

# Musical Renegades

the talented stars of 'the best chamber orchestra on earth'



Musical Renegades explores the life and music of the Australian Chamber Orchestra, widely regarded as one of the world's best small orchestras.

Called 'ACO' for short, the orchestra is made up of 17 highly talented young string players from all corners of the globe, who undergo a rigorous audition and trial process, lasting between 18 months and 3 years, to become a core member of the group.

This long and sometimes unforgiving probation ensures the orchestra maintains the qualities that set it apart; the richness and flexibility of their sound, and their ability to play as if they were one player on one indescribably beautiful instrument.

Led by the energetic and fiery Richard Tognetti, the orchestra looks good and sounds even better; they are a publicist's dream. The film looks at how

an orchestra playing 17th century music is 'sold' in the 21st century, and what these young people must do to ensure the survival of their group in a competitive marketplace.

A hectic and unrelenting tour schedule takes the ACO around Australia and the world, in an effort to secure a global audience. Despite this schedule, and its tiring effect, the ACO play each concert with total dedication; driving them are the incredibly high standards they set themselves.

**Duration** 1 x 52'

**Producer** Kylie du Fresne

**Director** Tim Slade

**Production Company** RB Films

A DVD with extended musical performances and a CD of Live Recordings are available from ABC Classics

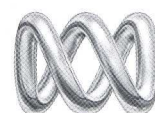
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