

## AUSTRALIA / MUSIC



## LIKE RUNNING WATER

Melbourne based musician **Ella Thompson** has teamed up with fellow Victorian based artists, Clio Renner, Sui Zhen, Prue Stent and Sydney-based Honey Long, to create the ultimate super-group on Thompson's newest performance piece, **Like Running Water**.

Known for her infectious pop vocals, dreamy, synth-heavy melancholia and heaving rhythms, **Like Running Water** will intertwine Thompson's distinctive sound with the classically oriented modes of contemporary composition. Featuring a strings and woodwind quartet and the electronically charged forces of Sui Zhen and emotive pianist Clio Renner, **Like Running Water** explores the deconstruction of pop music in a multi-sensory performance encompassing sound, sight and scent.

Following on from Ella's highly praised 2015 release *Janus*, **Like Running Water** takes in the surrounds of the sophisticated Elisabeth Murdoch Hall to create a multi-dimensional experience of what contemporary composition can become.

Together with Clio Renner, lauded by Tim Rogers as 'a star whose intelligence runs bewitchingly with her powers', and creative-shape shifter Sui Zhen, whose latest album and alter-ego *Secretly Susan* landed her an impressive 7.8 rating by Pitchfork, combining with the 'dreamy, gruesome and beautiful' (Vice) visuals of

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Prue Stent and Honey Long, **Like Running Water** builds on the group's long oeuvre, to explore themes of water, and that which is strong is also soft, fluid and moves in cycles.

This performance will take place at Melbourne Recital Centre, a unique Australian venue, adding to the history of collaborative voices in the Australian music scene.

**Ella Thompson** vocals/sampler  
**Clio Renner** piano/synthesizer/vocals  
**Sui Zhen** samplers/synthesizer/vocals  
**Prue Stent & Honey Long** visual art  
**Samuel Boon** string arrangements

"[Ella Thompson] is like **The Velvet Underground and Nico heading to Montmartre with AIR to reshoot an English version of Amelie.**" Herald Sun

"**Refined and heart stealing.**" DIY Mag

"**One of the most exciting acts in Australia at the moment.**" Purple Sneakers

**Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre**  
**Fri 20 Oct**  
**8pm**  
**1hr, no interval**  
**\$29**

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