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STORY 5

RICHARD WALLEY



FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2025 | SATURDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2025

CREATIVE NOTES



It is an extraordinary honour to present Dr Richard Walley OAM as the first living legend featured in our WA Stories series.

Working closely with Richard, who is not only a cultural leader, but also a gifted musician and artist, has been a rare and rewarding experience. Together, we've taken the time to reflect, to listen, and to choose music that holds deep personal meaning for him. Every piece you'll hear tonight is connected to a memory, a moment, or a part of his journey.

Some of the works performed are Richard's own compositions, a powerful reminder that he is not only a storyteller, but a creator of new music that speaks from and for this place. These works are a significant contribution to the broadening landscape of West Australian compositions, and it's a privilege to be able to present them live, in his presence.

All of the paintings featured tonight are Richard's, just a small selection from his extraordinary creative output. His art, like his music and his story, is full of connection, energy, and spirit.

It has also been a joy to collaborate with Iain Grandage AM, brilliant composer, music director, and a dear friend of Richard's. Iain's artistry, insight, and gentle guidance have been essential to bringing this performance to life with depth and beauty.

And it's a testament to the kind, generous, and much-loved man that Richard is, that so many people have come forward to help, offering photos, film, and support along the way. This is truly a community effort, inspired by someone who continues to give so much to his culture, his people, and this place we all call home.

We'd like to extend huge thank you to Richard for sharing his time so generously with us, for guiding this process with heart and wisdom, and for allowing us to showcase his stunning artwork as part of tonight's presentation and even in this program!

To tell this story with Richard, not just about him, has been a rare and meaningful experience. We hope you feel that beautiful spirit in every note.

Fiona Campbell OAM

Creative Director, Perth Symphony Orchestra

Producer, WA Stories

PROGRAM

Wardandi

Richard WALLEY *arr. Iain Grandage*

Mockin' Bird Hill

Patti PAGE *arr. Jonathon Yang*

I Can't Stop Loving You

Ray CHARLES *arr. Jonathon Yang*

Massacre at Pinjarra

Richard WALLEY *arr. Iain Grandage*

Sailor

LOLITA *arr. Jonathon Yang*

I'm Too Solid

Fred PENNY *arr. Iain Grandage*

Ginnigen Bo

Traditional Nyoongar
arr. Iain Grandage/ Adrian Soares

Ngarning Yey

Traditional Nyoongar
arr. Iain Grandage

Bilya

Traditional Nyoongar

My Baby Just Cares For Me

Nina SIMONE

Middar Dawgs in Mexico

Richard WALLEY *arr. Iain Grandage*

Don't Hassle Me When I'm Stoned

Richard WALLEY *arr. Iain Grandage*

Blue Danube Waltz

Johann STRAUSS *arr. Jonathon Yang*

Blue Blue

Jimmy LITTLE *arr. Kieran Hurley*

That's Amore

Harry WARREN/ Jack BROOKS
arr. Jonathon Yang

Mamong

Richard WALLEY *arr. Iain Grandage*

Born Wild and Free

Richard WALLEY *arr. Iain Grandage*

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MUSICAL DIRECTOR, PIANO

Iain Grandage

NARRATORS

Olman Walley
Rickeeta Walley

VIOLIN I

Paul Wright
Concertmaster

VIOLIN II

Pascale Whiting

VIOLA

Sally Boud

CELLO

Melinda Forsythe

DOUBLE BASS

Karl Florrison

CLARINET/ BASS CLARINET

Ashley William Smith

TRUMPET

Mark Underwood

TROMBONE

Kieran Hurley

GUITAR

Rick Webster

PERCUSSION

Paul Tanner

GUEST PERFORMERS

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Robyn Smith-Walley
Alton Walley
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