

WORLD FIRST CONCERT FROM INTERNET PHENOMENON ROBOT MADE IN NZ

Plot Twist a human and robot musical concert will perform at Auckland's Q Theatre on April 14.

In a fascinating collaboration of science meets the arts this multi-genre concert will feature a robotic bass guitar performing live music in harmony with exceptional human musicians.

This will be the first ever concert, worldwide, to utilise such technology.

The Robot *MechBass* was designed and made in New Zealand by engineer James McVay.

MechBass is a multi-stringed modular robotic bass guitar. It was lasercut /3D printed and took over 1000 hours to assemble.

This local creation has received international attention, featuring on the front page of Reddit and on 100+ technology and trend websites including the creatorsproject.com and the Huffington post. *MechBass*' cover of *Hysteria* by Muse had garnered over 600,000 views on youtube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UYMnzXQEtw

Talented instrumentalists Cheryl Grice; internationally acclaimed guitarist, Petr Tomek; pianist and composer from the Czech Republic (and NZ cancer researcher), Sean Clancy; electric guitar virtuoso (and software developer) and Sam Holdon; drummer from indie band *Skinny Hobos* will accompany *MechBass* with very special songs that will feature blues, classical, jazz and some blazing drum solos.

Plot Twist is produced by *Dusk*. *Dusk* is a new design think-tank collective engaged in the creation of products in all categories, through interdisciplinary collaboration and technological innovation. The team consists of industrial designers, mechatronic engineers, architects and computer scientists among others to create holistically and integrated systems.

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Q Theatre Rangatira, 305 Queen Street, Auckland

Performance: Thursday April 14, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$15 - \$30 (booking fees may apply)

Tickets available through Q Theatre – 09 309 9771 or www.qtheatre.co.nz

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