



Tumbulgum and the Countdown to Midnight at the First Supper Between Now and Forever

The Anthony Gallery

Friday 17 February – Sunday 21 May

This exhibition draws from documentation gathered from *If These Halls Could Talk*; a multi-arts project managed by Arts Northern Rivers celebrating halls and the role they play in our communities. The Northern Rivers is a region of villages, most with a hall at the centre of its community heart. Some sit proud on hills, some tilted with age, but all are places of stories and keepers of secrets. Seven halls from across the Northern Rivers were selected to have a renowned artist collaborate with their community to create a site-specific work inspired by the unique narrative of their hall.

Opera Queensland was commissioned by Arts Northern Rivers to tell the 102-year-old tale of Tumbulgum Hall. Nestled on the banks of the Tweed River, Tumbulgum Hall has an amazing history. Built in 1914 the hall has many stories contained within its walls. In their show *Tumbulgum and the Countdown to Midnight at the First Supper Between Now and Forever*, the major performing arts company focused on the halls connection to the river. The hall was transformed by Opera Queensland into an other-worldly place and in collaboration with the community they created a musical journey that led audiences into the next world and onto forever.

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Still from *If These Halls Could Talk* (detail) 2016

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