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PRESS RELEASE

Goethe-Institut presents **KinoKonzert 06:** **Ensemble Offspring & Nosferatu**

Building on the success of its engaging **KinoKonzert** series, the Goethe-Institut is proud to present Sydney's premier contemporary chamber group Ensemble Offspring and Perth-based composer Christopher Tonkin as they create and perform a live soundtrack for the silent film classic *Nosferatu: a Symphony of Horror* (1921).

Nosferatu is often cited as the world's first vampire film. The movie by legendary German director F.W. Murnau is an expressionist adaptation of Bram Stoker's original *Dracula* story. The silent masterpiece has inspired not only legions of filmmakers but also many composers. To this day, the film is highly regarded, holding its IMDB rating at 97% and appearing in many best-of lists.

Ensemble Offspring is an internationally renowned contemporary music ensemble based in Sydney. The group up of virtuoso musicians have performed worldwide and have received a multitude of awards. For this innovative project, they will team up with Western Australian composer Christopher Tonkin who teaches at the UWA Conservatorium of Music in Perth and specialises in electronic music and sound installation.

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Media:

Ensemble Offspring and Christopher Tonkin are available for interviews and other media opportunities. Please contact Jochen Gutsch or Christian Pazzaglia, details below.

Dates:

- Wednesday, 20th of November 2019 Melbourne, Astor Theatre
- Thursday, 21st of November 2019 Brisbane, Queensland Gallery of Modern Art
- Friday, 22nd of November 2019 Sydney, Chauvel Cinema
- Saturday, 23rd of November 2019 Canberra, National Film and Sound Archive

Links:

- goethe.de/australia/kinokonzert
- ensembleoffspring.com
- uwa.edu.au/profile/christopher-tonkin
- murnau-stiftung.de/filmtheater/kinoprogramm/nosferatu (in German)

Partners:

- NFSA, QAGOMA, Palace Cinemas, WA Government DLGSC

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