

Simon and Ian - dynamic duo

THE Griffith Regional Theatre has experienced something of a double coup, having attracted an inspirational musical duo.

Classical piano maestro Simon Tedeschi and virtuoso jazz violinist Ian Cooper will combine their talents in a four-show national tour. That's right, four shows. One of which will occur at Griffith Regional Theatre on Friday, October 9 at 7.30pm.

Not only is the Griffith Regional Theatre one of the four venues, but they are the only regional venue to be chosen for the concert.

Deputy management committee chairman Peter Taylor said that he was surprised that the Griffith Regional Theatre was chosen as a venue for the tour.

"That was something I was really surprised about, but it's really great," he said.

"These two guys are brilliant."

"I mean, Simon Tedeschi is a protégé without a doubt, but the other guy (Ian Cooper) is even more amazing."

"He started performing at the age of four and was a child star and touring at the age of six."

"It's going to be a fantastic concert."

Mr Taylor said that people of all ages will appreciate the talented performers.

The concert will be a mix of gypsy jazz, tango, classical, basement blues and wild abandon along with some of the works from their latest CD entitled *Simon Tedeschi and Ian Cooper Quintet*.

Together, these talented musicians create musical arrangements that are thoughtfully constructed with the freedom for improvisation and spontaneity finding a balance between surprise and familiarity.

Simon Tedeschi is often described as one of the finest artists in the world.

With a successful career already secured, Tedeschi first performed a Mozart Piano Concerto at the age of nine in the Sydney Opera House.

He has since performed for a string

of top international names.

"Coming from a classically-trained background, I've now been performing jazz for years and relish the opportunity to partner with musicians of Ian's calibre, who bring such a sense of musical freedom in performance," Tedeschi said.

Ian Cooper is Australia's most exciting virtuoso jazz violinist and is a featured member of James Morrison's Sextet. With Ian's own band, he is a regular attraction at many festivals and concert venues throughout the world and his show draws on many musical styles from jazz, classical, gypsy, Latin, Irish, the blues and even cowboy music.

"When I play with Simon, I'm always thinking about how do we best tie classical and jazz music together? We've given the well-known Jerome Kern tune *All The Things You Are* a Bach-ish fugue treatment and *Beethoven's Fifth Symphony*, a rich Latin groove," Cooper said.

"Writing for Simon actually develops bad habits because he can play absolutely anything on the page in front of him."

"I pity the next pianist I have to write for." This dynamic duo will be joined in concert by guitarist

James Muller, Brendan Clark on double bass and Andrew Dickson on drums.

Contact the Regional Theatre on 6962 8444 and save by purchasing your tickets seven days in advance.



DYNAMIC DUO: In a coup for the Griffith Regional Theatre, Simon Tedeschi and Ian Cooper will perform on their stage on Friday, October 9 at 7.30pm.

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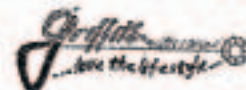
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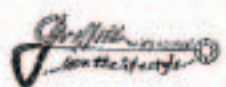
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