

# CONCERT HONOURS COMPOSER

**F**or decades, Margaret Brandman has enriched the Penrith community and now her music will be honoured in a spectacular concert.

The composer, who has lived in Glenbrook since 1988, will have her music played by world-class performers in 'The Music of Margaret Brandman', held at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre on Saturday, November 9.

The show, which will be hosted by local celebrity and radio host Ross Hutchison, will explore Brandman's impressive and varied repertoire of compositions, from the magical rhapsodies of contemporary works to the feisty rhythms of her Latin and jazz pieces.

Brandman is a talented and experienced composer, who has written many songs including the theme song for the Penrith City Festival in 1996, and she has performed at public events including the Children's Charity Ball Penrith 2011.

She has also passed on her skills through

teaching music to many young people in western Sydney, including Penrith's 'Pavarotti', Lorenzo Rositano, and publishing music education materials.

In recognition of her significant contributions to the Penrith area, a piece of Brandman's piano music 'Evanescence' was featured in a tapestry that records the history of women living in the district.

Her work features a range of inspirations and emotions, depicting sounds of the Australian bush, expressive art music, catchy melodies and lively jazz works scored for instrumental ensembles.

An array of musicians will perform Brandman's songs, including Desiree Regina, a dramatic mezzo soprano from the Netherlands, Duo Deconet from Venezuela and Mexico, Australian jazz vocalist Yyani Rose, the Brandmanburg Saxophone Quartet and Jazz Ensemble as well as Brandman herself.

Her music has been published in Europe and the United States, and has been



performed and recorded across the globe, as well as winning awards and accolades.

Brandman has been named the International Woman of the Year for Music, the Inner West TrueLocal Business Professional Service Award for services to music, the World Piano Teacher's Association Diploma of Excellence and World Forum's Distinguished

Intellectual Contribution award for 2012.

'The Music of Margaret Brandman' will be held at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre on Saturday, November 9 at 7pm. There will be a pre-concert talk at 6.15pm. Tickets range from \$35-\$39, or \$15 for students. For bookings or more information, call 4723 7600 or visit [www.jspac.com.au](http://www.jspac.com.au).