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Celebration of Word and Song sets tone for Easter

Bible Society NSW's 'Celebration of Word and Song' once again set the tone for Easter as the story of the first Easter unfolded on the stage of the Sydney Town Hall on Saturday. (March 17th)

Using only words from the New Testament, spoken by five talented actors, together with singer Sancha Prowse, the Redeemer Baptist Church Choir and the Celebration orchestra conducted by Steve Wyatt, the audience was able to experience the drama, passion and then the joy of the resurrection in the performance.

Stage Director Andrew Filmer adapted the script used in the previous two years and together with the actors, created an ensemble performance with each actor taking various parts as the story unfolded.

"We imagined what it might be like if five friends gathered around a table and told each other the story of Easter," Andrew said. "They used the table with its cloth and table setting together with the five chairs to re-create each scene," he said.

Luke Smith, Sarah Frost, Peter Wright, Fraser Tustian and Jo Kenny played the five friends with each scene depicting an aspect of the life of Jesus interspersed with a musical performance.

Sancha performed three songs including one with the choir. Included in the choir was a ten member madrigal group called Cailini De, which means 'girls of God'. The music, chosen by Steve Wyatt, included five congregational hymns and an organ solo played by Mark Quarmby on the magnificent Town Hall organ.

Funds raised at the event will support the work of Bible Society NSW in Rwanda and Cambodia.

Executive Producer, Martin Johnson, said the Celebration is the largest event that Bible Society NSW holds. "We feel very privileged to be able to present the story of Easter in such a powerful and moving way," he said.

The Celebration of Word and Song can be heard on FM 103.2 in Sydney on Easter Sunday evening.

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