



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Musical Premiere of Elegy

The Australian War Memorial will tomorrow hold the moving musical performance *Gallipoli Remembered* in the Commemorative Area.

Performed by the Canberra Festival Camerata and the Band of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, *Gallipoli Remembered* will include the premiere of *Elegy for Rupert Brooke*, written by Australian composer and British soldier Frederick Septimus Kelly in the trenches of Gallipoli.

“Kelly’s *Elegy* is plaintiff, melancholy and contemplative and will be one of the highlights of the *Gallipoli Remembered* performance,” said Director of the Australian War Memorial, Steve Gower.

“I extend an open invitation for all Canberrans to join us for this rare performance in our Commemorative Area.”

Kelly was wounded during a Turkish attack and while recovering in a military hospital in Alexandria, he made a copy of the manuscript. He was decorated for bravery after the Gallipoli campaign. He died on the last day of the Somme campaign while leading an attack on a machine gun post.

*Gallipoli Remembered* is part of the Canberra International Music Festival.

Wednesday 13 May, 4pm. \$35/adult and \$28/concession.

Tickets from [www.canberraticketing.com.au](http://www.canberraticketing.com.au) or from the Memorial at 3.30pm.

<b>What:</b>	<i>Gallipoli Remembered</i>
<b>When:</b>	2pm for rehearsal (see details below) 4pm for performance (see details below) Wednesday 13 May 2009
<b>Where:</b>	Commemorative Area, Australian War Memorial Treloar Crescent, Campbell, ACT
<b>Photo Opps:</b>	Musicians in the Hall of Memory only available during rehearsals between 2pm and 3pm.  Access to cloisters and parapet during performance. Arrive by 4pm for briefing. Performance will conclude at 5.10pm.

**Further information:**

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