

MEDIA RELEASE  
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**POLIÇA**  
SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE DEBUT  
FRIDAY 3 JUNE, 7:30pm, JOAN SUTHERLAND THEATRE

*"They're the best band I've ever heard"*  
JUSTIN VERNON (BON IVER)

*"Excitingly upbeat electronica"*  
THE GUARDIAN

Joining their Midwestern contemporaries and sometimes collaborators Bon Iver for **Vivid LIVE**, the synth-driven five-piece **Poliça** makes its Sydney Opera House debut in the Joan Sutherland Theatre on Friday 3 June as part of this year's **Vivid Sydney**, the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas.

An electronic experiment that resulted from the unlikely pairing of folk singer Channy Leaneagh and soft-rock Gayngs producer Ryan Olson, **Poliça** is an acclaimed and exciting voice in modern protest music. Their latest release, *Wedding*, crafts synthesised vocals, bass and dueling drummers into a powerful response to the 2015 rioting in the Minneapolis band's hometown..

Combining protest with the personal, the group's third album, *United Crushers* traces struggles of all kinds – against social injustice, urban decline and self-doubt. To *NME Magazine* the group has "*excelled themselves with the most intimate and empowering album of their career*".

Celebrated by Justin Vernon of Bon Iver as "*the best band I've ever heard*" and following up a sold-out Sydney debut in 2012, frontwoman Leaneagh channels escapist dance, drum 'n' bass, hip-hop and synth-pop into a passionate performance ready for the Joan Sutherland Theatre Stage.

**Tickets on sale now**  
[sydneyoperahouse.com/vividLIVE](http://sydneyoperahouse.com/vividLIVE) +61 2 9250 7777

**EVENT DETAILS**

**WHAT:** Poliça  
**WHEN:** Friday 3 June, 7.30pm  
**WHERE:** Joan Sutherland Theatre  
**TICKETS:** From \$39 + bf

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### **ABOUT VIVID LIVE AT VIVID SYDNEY**

From 27 May – 13 June, Sydney Opera House will welcome some of the most ambitious and innovative local and international artists for Vivid LIVE - a celebration of music on the nation's most famous stages – held as part of Vivid Sydney, the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas.

Vivid LIVE invites the world's leading music artists and performers to raise the roof of the Sydney Opera House's theatres, rehearsal spaces, recording studios and most famously, its iconic sails, which are transformed into a unique lighting canvas each year for Vivid Sydney.

Now in its eighth year, Vivid Sydney, features large scale light installations and projections (Vivid Light); music performances and collaborations (Vivid Music including Vivid LIVE at the Sydney Opera House); and creative ideas, discussion and debate (Vivid Ideas), celebrating Sydney as the creative hub of the Asia-Pacific.

Vivid Sydney is owned, managed and produced by Destination NSW, the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency and will run from 27 May to 18 June 2016. For more information visit [www.vividsydney.com](http://www.vividsydney.com).