

# A MUSICAL JOURNEY TO REMEMBER



Peter Roberts at work in *From Music Into Silence*.

## FROM MUSIC INTO SILENCE [E]

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Director Farshid Akhlaghipour (*The Drowned Dreams*) Starring Peter Roberts

**The healing power of hearing**

A low-key, yet highly moving documentary, *From Music Into Silence* offers a genuinely special journey to those seeking a little something more from their

next trip to the cinema.

This is the fascinating story of a man and a profession — both utterly unique — combining to answer a truly inspirational calling.

Peter Roberts is Australia's only music thanatologist, specialising in an intimately healing form of performance therapy revolving around the playing of music to the terminally ill.

Based in suburban Geelong, Roberts brings his harp, voice and serenely supportive personality into hospitals and homes where lives are coming to an end.

A majority of these performances are for an audience of one. Many patients are in a state where this will be the last time they hear from this world before they venture into another.

The doco does little more than let us get to know Roberts, and witness him at work. Always in an understated way that never overwhelms the viewer.

Understandably, considering the all too human nature of his job, Roberts has moments where he has cause to wonder how long he can keep going in an environment that gives so much, but also takes in kind.

It is virtually impossible not to be moved by what we see in *From Music Into Silence*. Sure, there is sorrow, pain and despair captured by the cameras, but with it all comes a lightness and spirit that both comforts and lifts the viewer.

A humble, and humbling experience.

**From Music Into Silence is now showing exclusively at the Cinema Nova, Carlton**