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Loosely Woven wizardry

Imagine a bunch of top-flight musicians on holiday, touring the country and giving concerts for charity in little towns along the way - all just for the joy of it.

That's what Loosely Woven is all about and, while they are a very relaxed bunch, their musicianship is of the highest order.

Indeed their singing harmonies are enough to stand up the hairs on the back of your neck.

So says Ken Rubeli who, with several other local musicians, will join the Loosely Woven performers on stage for some of their numbers - and one or two of their own.

"You are gambling on nothing with these people," Rubeli said.

"It's an absolute guaranteed great night out, sort of folksy with a

country flavour, fiddles and piano and African drums and some brilliant voices."

Getting Dungog on the map for the Loosely Woven tour was the triumph of Pauline Cambourne, a choir singer and traditional dancer.

"Loosely Woven are passionate performers who really connect with an audience," Cambourne said.

"They do everything from love songs to rollicking country dances, and their concerts get rave reviews wherever they go."

There are about 20 members in the group, singers and acoustic instrumentalists, and their tour takes them through much of northern NSW.

With dozens of performances

already to their credit, their shows are professional and polished, but with an informality that allows some audience involvement and plenty of foot-tapping encouragement.

Loosely Woven has also produced a CD of performance pieces.

Next Wednesday night's concert at Dungog is in the Baptist Church hall (because it has "the best piano in town").

Tickets are \$5, in aid of the Dungog High School musical equipment fund and the Cancer Council.

Tickets are on sale now at the Dungog Visitor Information Centre.

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