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Seven-Time Grammy Nominee Kurt Elling Returns to Australia in April

One of the jazz world's most invigorating male singers, Chicago native Kurt Elling is making a much anticipated return to Australian shores in April hot on the heels of a 2008 Grammy nomination for Best Jazz Vocal Album for his newly released seventh album *Nightmoves*.

With only four performances possible as part of this limited Australian tour, Kurt Elling and his jazz trio will perform with the Sydney Symphony and Adelaide Symphony Orchestra before concluding the tour with an intimate trio only performance as part of the Melbourne Jazz Festival.



Seven time Grammy nominee, Kurt Elling is a talking point with audiences and critics alike. Kurt was recently voted Male Vocalist of the Year by the *DownBeat* Critics Poll and Best Male Vocalist by the *Jazz Times* Readers Poll. The New York Times has also proclaimed Elling to be 'the standout male jazz vocalist of our time' He continues to expand the art of vocalese, redrawing the boundaries between jazz singing and the spoken word and furthering his scat singing prowess captivating audiences time and time again.

Kurt's new CD, his debut with Concord Records, *Nightmoves*, was described by Elling as 'a soundtrack for a film which hasn't been made yet'. *Nightmoves* offers a diverse collection of tunes associated with the likes of greats such as Frank Sinatra, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Irving Berlin, Betty Carter, Duke Ellington, Dexter Gordon and Keith Jarrett. *Nightmoves* explores a common theme in Elling's work, the notion of night and dawn with a mixture of beautiful balladry and seductive melodies.

In the last decade, Elling has released seven albums for the Blue Note label. He has also performed and recorded with many musicians, including David Amram, Bob Belden, Joanne Brackeen, Oscar Brown, Jr., Billy Corgan, Orbert Davis, George Freeman Buddy Guy, Jon Hendricks, Charlie Hunter, Bob Mintzer and Rex Richardson. For his April Australian tour Elling will be joined by his acclaimed trio: Robert Amster, bass, Laurence Hobgood, piano and drummer Willie Jones.

Whether it's with a live orchestra or in concert with his acclaimed trio, Kurt Elling will have Australia talking when he dazzles audiences in Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne this April.

Further reading and viewing on Kurt Elling

For answers to frequently asked questions about Kurt Elling visit <http://www.kurtelling.com/news/faq.html>

View a promotional video of Kurt Elling speaking about *Nightmoves* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9O9YNvMNub0&feature=related>

To read an August 2007 feature interview with Kurt Elling and band which featured in Downbeat Magazine visit http://kurtelling.com/news/press/act_3_kurt_elling_works_to_bal_1.html

KURT ELLING - APRIL 2008 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TOUR

SYDNEY

Kurt Elling jazz trio with SYDNEY SYMPHONY

Thurs 17 April, 8pm and Sat 19 April, 8pm

Sydney Opera House, Concert Hall

Bookings: (02) 8215 4600 www.sydneyphilharmonic.com

ADELAIDE

Kurt Elling jazz trio with ADELAIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sat 26 April, 8pm

Adelaide Festival Theatre

Bookings: BASS 131 246 www.bass.net.au

MELBOURNE

Kurt Elling jazz trio with special guest Les Enfants de Django

Wed 30 April, 8pm

Regent Theatre

Bookings: www.melbournejazz.com