

MEDIA RELEASE

# Classical Mystery Tour

Relive the hits of The Beatles with the backing of a live symphony orchestra

9, 10 & 11 July: Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

23, 24 & 25 July: Sydney Symphony

***"Audiences stood and bellowed for more."* LA Times**

Travel back in time to an era when four lads from Liverpool ruled the musical world! This July, the original members of the Broadway sensation 'Beatlemania', perform The Beatles' classic hits as they were originally written – with the backing of a live symphony orchestra.

Find out why the *Classical Mystery Tour* concerts have been a sell-out success across the US when the boys perform live in concert with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the Sydney Symphony.

The four musicians in *Classical Mystery Tour* look and sound just like The Beatles, but the performances are more than just a rock concert. The shows present some 20 Beatles tunes sung, played, and performed exactly as they were written. Hear 'Penny Lane' with a live trumpet section; experience the beauty of 'Yesterday' with an acoustic guitar and string quartet; enjoy the rock/classical blend on the hard edged 'I Am the Walrus'. From early Beatles music through to the solo years, *Classical Mystery Tour* is the best of The Beatles, totally live.



*Classical Mystery Tour* features Jim Owen (John Lennon) on rhythm guitar, piano, and vocals; Tony Kishman (Paul McCartney) on bass guitar, piano, and vocals; Tom Teeley (George Harrison) on lead guitar and vocals; and Chris Camilleri (Ringo Starr) on drums and vocals.

"We really make an effort to sound exactly like the originals", explains Owen. "The orchestra score is exact, right down to every note and instrument that was on the original recording. On 'Got to Get You Into My Life', we have two tenor saxes and three trumpets. That's what it was written for, and that's what we use. "

Now, 45 years after The Beatles' only tour to Australia, the demand for Beatles material is greater than ever. Many fans never had the opportunity to experience a live Beatles show; *Classical Mystery Tour* offers that experience.

"We have some real show-stopping numbers," says Owen. "I wish I could actually be in the audience to see and hear this show. The power of the emotional and nostalgic connection back to each of our individual experiences with The Beatles is hard to put into words."

## **CONCERT DETAILS**

### **CLASSICAL MYSTERY TOUR**

#### **Melbourne Symphony Orchestra**

Thu 9 July, 8pm

Fri 10 July, 8pm

Sat 11 July, 8pm

The Arts Centre, Hamer Hall

Tickets from \$50.

Bookings through Ticketmaster on 1300 136 166 or [www.mso.com.au](http://www.mso.com.au)

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#### **Sydney Symphony**

Thu 23 July, 8pm

Fri 24 July, 8pm

Sat 25 July, 8pm

Sydney Opera House, Concert Hall

Tickets from \$35 (booking fee may apply).

Bookings through Sydney Symphony on 8215 4600 or [www.sydneyorchestra.com](http://www.sydneyorchestra.com)

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