



## MEDIA RELEASE

# RIDE A SUMMER WAVE WITH THE BEACH BOYS AND THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY

**4, 5 and 6 February at 8pm – Sydney Opera House, concert hall**

Celebrate the sounds of summer with one of America's greatest rock and roll bands, The Beach Boys, when they join forces for the first time with Australia's premier orchestra, the Sydney Symphony, in February 2010.

With their sunny harmonies and surf rock sensibilities, the multi-awarding winning Beach Boys, are widely considered to be America's finest and most important rock and roll band with more than 100 million album sales and a multitude of hit songs. In 1988 they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and in 2001 they were honoured in the Grammys with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

From their first song *Surfin'* released in 1961, a string of hits followed including *Fun, Fun Fun, I Get Around, Help Me Rhonda, California Girls* and *Good Vibrations*, all penned by Mike Love and Brian Wilson in a prolific five year span. But the biggest hit of band's career came in 1988 in *Kokomo* which was written for the quintessential 80s film, *Cocktail* featuring Tom Cruise. This represents one of the longest spans of time between number one records in history, demonstrating the timeless appeal of The Beach Boys.

These songs and more are just some of the unforgettable tunes to be performed in concert accompanied by the Sydney Symphony.

The Beach Boys perform more than 150 shows annually and on one day alone – July 4, 1985 – they played to nearly 2 million fans at shows in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., earning them a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The current line-up features founding Beach Boy Mike Love (lead vocals) and Beach Boy-vet Bruce Johnston (vocals/keyboards), Christian Love (guitar/vocals), Randell Kirsch (bass/vocals), Tim Bonhomme (keyboards/vocals), John Cowsill of The Cowsills (percussion /vocals) and Scott Totten (guitar/vocals) round out the band.

The Sydney Symphony is well-known to popular music fans for its performances with artists such as Roberta Flack, Air Supply, Harry Connick, Jr., and Ben Folds. Upcoming collaborations include the Sydney Symphony with The Whitlams (3 -5 Dec) and Burt Bacharach (4 & 5 March 2010).

**Tickets for 'The Beach Boys with the Sydney Symphony' start at \$35.**

**Bookings: Sydney Symphony box office – 02 8215 4600 or [sydneyorchestra.com](http://sydneyorchestra.com)**

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