

Redland Performing Arts Centre presents

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2021 CONCERT SERIES



SENSATIONAL SWING

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SAT 20 FEBRUARY, 2PM



BEAUTIFUL NOISE

The Life and Music of Neil Diamond

Starring Ludy Sigrist and an eight-piece band.

WED 21 APRIL, 11AM



LEGENDARY LADIES OF SHOWBIZ

Sharon Rowntree celebrates the music of Cher, Patsy, Karen, Edith, Dolly and more.

SAT 26 JUNE, 2PM



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WED 18 AUGUST, 11AM



PIRATES, PINAFORE, MIKADO AND MORE

The complete works of Gilbert and Sullivan in only 89 minutes and with a cast of only 5!

WED 15 SEPTEMBER, 11AM



DARREN COGGAN'S CAMPFIRE

Enjoy the legendary hits of Glen Campbell, John Denver, James Taylor and Cat Stevens.

WED 27 OCTOBER, 11AM

TICKETS: Snrs/Pens \$25, Snrs/Pens booking 4+ shows \$22 per show, Snrs/Pens (grps 10+ \$22pp), Adults \$31

BOOKINGS: Phone 3829 8131 or visit www.rpac.com.au

BOOKING FEES: \$4.50 by phone and \$5.20 online per transaction (subject to increase on 1 July)
BOX OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 10am-4pm



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Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) is pleased to present an incredible line-up of daytime entertainment in the 2021 Musical Melodies Concert Series.

Our Musical Melodies program is extremely popular with our 'young at heart' audiences, offering a great range of shows across the year at very affordable prices.

The 2021 series brings together a wonderful range of new musical experiences you won't want to miss! We are thrilled to announce an unprecedented 6 shows, with an extra concert to make up for missing out on concerts in 2020.

The 2021 series includes performances from much-loved Musical Melodies favourites with new shows and the return of shows that weren't able to go ahead during our closure in 2020, together with some new stars to keep you entertained throughout the year. Full details for each of these performances is available in this pack and can also be found on our website www.rpac.com.au

Below is some key information about the 2021 Musical Melodies Concert Series, including our launch on Monday 7 December, ticket transfers from last year and a reminder on how to book and/or contact the Box Office.

- **Musical Melodies season launch and morning/afternoon tea**

Musical Melodies tickets go **on sale on Monday 7 December at 10am** and to celebrate we would like to invite our loyal patrons to enjoy morning/afternoon tea with us on this day.

Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be available between 9am and 4pm and our friendly Box Office staff will be available to answer any questions you may have throughout the day.

This will be a great opportunity to find out more about the 2021 concert series, check what bookings, reservations or credits you have on your account from the 2020 series, and to re-familiarise yourself with RPAC and the systems and processes we have in place to keep everyone safe during COVID-19.

No bookings are required for this morning/afternoon tea.

- **Ticket transfers and credits from the 2020 Concert Series**

Two of the productions in the 2021 concert series are rescheduled shows from 2020 and many of our regular Musical Melodies patrons already have tickets for these performances. Please note: the performance of *The Broadway I Love* has been rescheduled a second time and will now take place on Wednesday 18 August at 11am. Any patrons that have tickets to this performance have the option to keep their current seats and booking, receive a full refund or take a credit note to use against another performance at RPAC.

Our friendly Box Office staff are here to help and will be able to check the credits you have on your account and confirm the bookings and reservations that have been carried over from 2020. You can chat to our staff at our season launch morning/afternoon tea or any time during our opening hours by phone or in person at the Box Office.

- **Bookings and enquiries**

Box Office hours are Monday to Friday 10am–4pm, where you will be able to discuss specific seating requirements and check on bookings or credits:

- in person: 2-16 Middle Street, Cleveland, or
- by phone: 3829 8131

Tickets can also be purchased online 24/7 via www.rpac.com.au, however, should you have any mobility difficulties or a disability, please contact the Box Office directly by phone or in person.

We hope that everyone enjoys this exciting concert program and we all look forward to seeing you at the Centre so on.



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Miss Mandy and her eight-piece band bring the swing with music from Natalie Cole and Ella Fitzgerald plus showstoppers from Liza Minelli, Bette Midler and more.

Miss Mandy and her swinging band of horn players will bring classic tunes that survived the war, the depression and now the pandemic to the RPAC stage.

This stellar show pays tribute to the 1940's swing era and the stars of stage and screen from Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and Natalie Cole to showbiz legends like Bette Midler, Judy Garland and Liza Minelli. With cheeky banter and onstage costume changes, Miss Mandy and The Horns will blow you away with their first class musicianship, arrangements and high energy entertainment.

You will be dancing in your seats as Miss Mandy sizzles, sings and dances her way through jazz standards and showstoppers including *At Last*, *Route 66*, *Sway*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *The Way You Look Tonight*, *Stuff Like That There*, *Cabaret*, *Careless Whisper*, *Le Jazz Hot*, *Hold Me*, *Thrill Me*, *Kiss Me* and many more.

Miss Mandy has been kicking those legs and swinging her head off from a young age and combines Jazz and Cabaret to coin her own style of "jazzaret". With an early career in variety television, Mandy went on to perform as singer/dancer/acrobat in two productions at Jupiters Casino. She has also performed leading roles in dinner shows at the Tivoli Theatre Brisbane, Club Tropicana Cairns, Paradise Follies on the Gold Coast and the Za Za Club in Japan.

Joining Miss Mandy on stage will be Jon Woodend (Music Director), Leon Wensley, Shannon Marshall, Malcolm Wood and Trevor Beyer. Backed by her rhythm section Nick Woodend, Ashely Higgins and Shane Calderbank.

So '*forget your troubles and just get happy*' and book now for a swing-sational afternoon of music, dance and great stories on **Saturday 20 February at 2pm**.

Booking

You can book by telephone 3829 8131 or in person at the Box Office where you can discuss specific seating requirements. Open Monday to Friday 10am– 4pm. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.rpac.com.au.

Duration

1½ hours without an interval

Pricing*

Seniors/Pensioners \$25

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A tribute to the life and the music of one of the world's greatest artists, Neil Diamond

Ludy Sigrist's sell-out performance *Shilo* – has been upgraded to a whole new show, ***Beautiful Noise – The Life and Music of Neil Diamond***. Accompanied by his live eight-piece band, Ludy takes audiences on a journey of Neil Diamond's life as he recounts the life experiences of the man and details the motivations behind each of his songs.

The new show is jam-packed with over 30 of Neil Diamond's greatest hits and features a new line-up of virtuosic Conservatorium-trained musicians plus two fabulous 'go-go' dancers. Audiences can look forward to a great selection of songs that are new to the show's repertoire like *Desirée*, *New Orleans* and *The Boat That I Row*, among many other new numbers. The show will also be packed with favourites like *Cherry, Cherry*, *Holly Holy*, *America*, *Sweet Caroline*, *I Am I Said*, *September Morn* and of course, *Shilo*. As you sing along to all of these great hits, you will step back into the history of the 20th century with a multi-media show of images of social and political change spanning Diamond's career from his childhood in Brooklyn to now.

With 40 years' experience performing Neil Diamond shows, Ludy is hands-down Australia's favourite tribute to the man with his gold-standard show. His experience, intimate knowledge and the virtuosity of the band have brought audiences back to shows time after time to relive his impressive performances. So much does Ludy reflect the true essence of Diamond that audience members will often declare that when they close their eyes, they could have sworn they were listening to Neil Diamond live!

We weren't able to enjoy this performance last year due to COVID-19 closures, so we are very pleased that this much-anticipated show has been able to return in 2021. Join us for a journey through the life and music of one of the world's greatest artists and experience the sound of Neil Diamond up close and personal on **Wednesday 21 April at 11am**.

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**LEGENDARY LADIES
OF SHOWBIZ**
SAT 26 JUNE, 2PM



**Cher, Patsy Cline, Karen Carpenter, Edith Piaf, Dolly Parton, Shirley Bassey, Lulu,
Julie Andrews and so much more ...**

Much-loved Musical Melodies favourite **Sharon Rowntree** returns after her sell-out performance of *Dusty and the Divas* with another fabulous line-up in ***Legendary Ladies of Showbiz***.

Prepare to be dazzled by Sharon's glitz and glamour and her amazing interpretations of a whole range of new divas plus a few special encore performances from last year's show. Joining Sharon on stage will be her equally sensational daughter, Jessica, plus her talented backing pianist and horn players.

With fast-paced changes and stunning gowns, Sharon and Jessica will embrace each character in costume and song, as you re-live the magic of the '60s and '70s. You can look forward to favourites such as *Lipstick on Your Collar*, *Stupid Cupid*, *Always Something There to Remind Me*, *Shout*, *Big Spender* and *I Who Have Nothing*, all delivered with their signature engaging smile and clever wit.

So *Turn Back Time* as Sharon and Jessica pay tribute to some of these *Legendary Ladies of Showbiz* in a show that is packed with unforgettable songs that will leave you feeling on *Top of the World*.

This show will be filled with fun and fabulous music that will have you dancing in your seat. If you loved *Dusty and the Divas* make sure you don't miss your chance to enjoy this brand-new diva-licious show on **Saturday 26 June at 2pm**.

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THE BROADWAY I LOVE

WED 18 AUGUST, 11AM



Decades of Broadway favourites brought together in one spectacular show!

Musical Melodies favourites, **Roy Best** and **Alison Jones**, return to RPAC for the 2021 season. The pair delighted audiences with *Lanza Sings Again* in 2017 and *Caruso to Carreras* in 2019 and are set to take you on a captivating musical journey once again this year with ***The Broadway I Love***.

Roy Best has always had a love of Broadway and in this show he gets to sing all of his favourite songs from some of the most-loved musicals of all time. Songs from musicals by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Lerner and Lowe, Cole Porter, Leonard Bernstein and many more will all feature. You can look forward to stunning performances of legendary songs including *Music of the Night* from *Phantom of The Opera*, *Bring Him Home* from *Les Misérables* plus selections from *The Sound of Music* and *Cats*, to name but a few.

One of Australia's finest tenors, Best, has recorded albums for ABC Classics, performed in lead roles with Opera Australia and Victorian Opera and is currently a guest soloist with the Australian Pops Orchestra. His leading lady for this production will once again be the incredibly versatile international soprano, Alison Jones, who has firmly established her talent and popularity on the RPAC stage. Best and Jones are joined by the ever-popular, **Chris McKenna**, who will narrate and compere this fabulous musical performance.

With beautiful music and nostalgic memories, this will be a delightful celebration of all things Broadway not to be missed. This performance has been rescheduled from our 2020 Musical Melodies Concert Series and many of our patrons have transferred to this new date, so be sure to get one of the last tickets to this breathtaking musical extravaganza on **Wednesday 18 August at 11am**.

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The best of the best of Gilbert and Sullivan in a special silver anniversary production

Get ready to see the spectacular that is ***Pirates, Pinafore, Mikado and More*** in Promac Production's special silver anniversary tour of their brand-new production. Bringing together all your favourite Gilbert and Sullivan musicals in one sensationally fast-paced, hilarious, hit show, ***Pirates, Pinafore, Mikado and More*** will fill your morning with music and laughter.

Led by comic baritone **Chris McKenna** and the very popular tenor **Roy Best**, get set for a roller coaster ride through the best moments and music from all 13 Gilbert and Sullivan musicals, as well as the usual great surprises! Opera Australia Director Hugh Halliday will also take charge of directing this high-energy and beautifully sung production that will be performed on a touring set from Scenic Studios Melbourne.

This unique performance reflects on the hits and highlights of Gilbert and Sullivan's successful career through the eyes of the two men themselves as it takes you through the best songs and scenes from *The Mikado*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Gondoliers*, *HMS Pinafore*, *Trial by Jury*, *Iolanthe* and many more. The audience won't be left out either with a wonderful singalong of the famous *A Policeman's Lot is Not a Happy One*.

This show truly is the best of the best of Gilbert and Sullivan and tickets won't last long, so make sure you book early to enjoy the complete works of Gilbert and Sullivan in only 89 minutes on **Wednesday 15 September at 11am**.

"The Capacity Audience Loved it" - The AGE Melbourne

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Take a seat by the campfire for a morning of sing-along classics

Darren Coggan is one of Australia's most exciting and diverse artists, a masterful storyteller with a knack of weaving fascinating and perceptive tales through his songs. He is renowned for his critically-acclaimed portrait of Cat Stevens in *Peace Train – The Cat Stevens Story* which played to packed theatres across Australia including a sold-out performance at The Sydney Opera House. More recently he wowed audiences with his moving tribute to Glen Campbell in *Like a Rhinestone Cowboy*.

This year, the Golden Guitar winner makes a rescheduled return to the RPAC stage with his new show ***Darren Coggan's Campfire***. This will be an intimate performance around a campfire, with moments of laughter and reflection, as he shares timeless tunes that so many of us have sung along with.

You can look forward to a fabulous selection of songs Darren has embraced and remarkably re-created throughout his career, celebrating artists such as Glen Campbell, James Taylor, John Denver and of course, Cat Stevens. *Try A Little Kindness, Rhinestone Cowboy, You've Got a Friend, Country Roads, Father and Son* and *Moonshadow* are just some of the legendary songs that will feature in the show.

From humble beginnings, strumming a guitar by the 'Bidgee River in his beloved hometown of Wagga Wagga, to touring the world with *Peace Train*, Darren has forged a unique and diverse career across the music and television industries.

He welcomes you to warm yourself at his campfire for an entertaining morning of story and song; so grab a cuppa and settle in for a sing-along on **Wednesday 27 October at 11am**.

"Coggan's musical story-telling is outstanding, as is his singing and playing."
- Sunday Herald Sun

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BOX OFFICE

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Cleveland, QLD 4163
(located opposite the Cleveland Police Station and Courthouse)

Tel: (07) 3829 8131

Website: Visit our website 24/7 www.rpac.com.au

Hours: Monday– Friday 10am– 4pm; and open from one hour prior to the start of performances



TICKET COLLECTION

Tickets can be collected from the Box Office at the times above. Tickets not collected half an hour after the start of the performance can be collected in the foyer. Tickets can also be posted for a fee of \$2.30.

INFRARED HEARING SYSTEM

An Infrared Hearing Assistance system is provided in the Concert Hall for patrons who require hearing assistance. Please advise ticketing staff at the time of ticket purchase if you require this service.

MOBILITY ASSISTANCE

If you require mobility assistance please advise the Box Office so your needs can be accommodated, for example if you require end of row seating, need to avoid stairs or require wheelchair seating. There is lift access to Level 2 in the Concert Hall. Wheelchair seating can be provided on the upper and middle sections of the Concert Hall in rows E and R.

DISABLED PARKING

There are two disabled parking spaces located at the front of the Centre on Middle Street and two in the patrons' car park at the rear of the Concert Hall. There is also a curb-side drop off point located to the right as you enter the patrons' car park.

PARKING

Parking is available at the rear of the Concert Hall accessible from Middle Street. The car park can fill up quickly so please allow plenty of time to park. If the car park is full, guests can be dropped off at the curb-side drop off point located to the right as you enter the patron car park. Alternatively, there is a public car park nearby between Doig and Waterloo Streets around 100 metres easy walking distance from the Centre.

CONCESSION POLICY

Proof of eligibility of concession must be presented to RPAC staff upon request when showing tickets to enter a performance. **Seniors** discounts apply only to holders of QLD Government Seniors cards or QLD Government Seniors Business Discount Cards. **Pensioner** discounts apply to holders of Centrelink Pension Cards and Veterans Affairs Repatriation Health Care Cards. Concession availability is at the discretion of the production promoter.

LATE ARRIVAL

Latecomers will be admitted into the performance when there is a suitable break. If not all of your group has arrived and the performance is due to start, the tickets for any members of your group yet to arrive can be left at the Box Office for their collection. Please provide the Box Office staff with your group name and the names of people due to collect these tickets.

COMPLIMENTARY TEA AND COFFEE

The health, safety and comfort of our patrons, staff and performers is our highest priority. To avoid unnecessary social gatherings, complimentary tea and coffee is currently not available at our Musical Melodies concerts. We hope to bring this service back in the future as COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease.

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