

# Musical Melodies

**2022  
CONCERT  
SERIES**

## **Musical Melodies 2022 tickets on sale from Monday 6 December at 10am**

Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) is pleased to present an incredible line-up of daytime entertainment in the 2022 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.

We are thrilled to announce an impressive six shows this year, with the introduction of a very special Christmas Concert, produced by Redland Performing Arts Centre especially for our valued Musical Melodies patrons.

The main concert series features a fresh line-up of impressive new faces who are sure to become Musical Melodies favourites, plus some much-loved stars who make a welcome return with their latest show. Full details for each of these performances is available in this pack and on our website [www.rpac.com.au](http://www.rpac.com.au)

Below is some key information about the 2022 Musical Melodies Concert Series, including our on sale on **Monday 6 December**, and a reminder on how to book and/or contact the Box Office.

- **Musical Melodies Season On Sale**

Tickets will go **on sale on Monday 6 December at 10am** and we invite our loyal patrons to enjoy morning/afternoon tea or coffee with us on this day to celebrate.

Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be available between 9am and 4pm in the RPAC Concert Hall Foyer and our friendly Box Office staff will be available to answer any questions you may have throughout the day. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the 2022 Musical Melodies Concert Series, as well as the group and package options that are available this year. No bookings are required for this morning/afternoon tea.

- **Connecting safely at RPAC**

RPAC is operating at 100% capacity and masks are not mandatory, however we do strongly recommend you bring your mask with you to the theatre for use when physical distancing is not possible.

All patrons are currently required to register on arrival through the Check In Qld App and in line with the Queensland Government's updated health measures, from 17 December 2021 will be required to provide proof of vaccination status or medical exemption.

- **Bookings and enquiries**

Box Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am–4pm. You can discuss seating requirements and check on bookings or credits in person at 2-16 Middle Street, Cleveland, or by phone on 3829 8131.

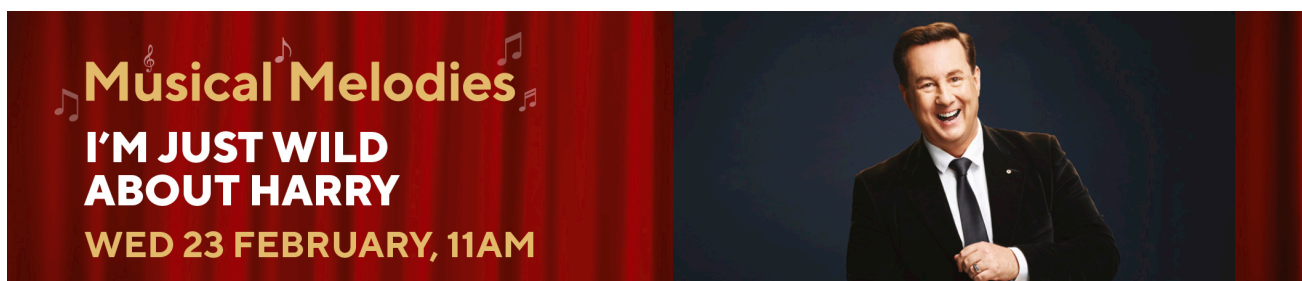
Tickets can also be purchased online 24/7 via [www.rpac.com.au](http://www.rpac.com.au).

Should you have any mobility difficulties or accessibility requirements, please contact the Box Office directly by phone so we can assist.

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



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## Jonathon Welch AM pays tribute to the music and life of Sir Harry Secombe

Don't miss ARIA, Logie and Helpmann award winner **Jonathon Welch AM** when he takes to the RPAC stage for the first time to pay tribute to the life and music of one of the most popular Welsh tenors and comedian, **Sir Harry Secombe**.

Jonathon made his debut with **Dame Joan Sutherland** at the Sydney Opera House in the "Merry Widow" (1988) for Opera Australia and has since performed extensively alongside many of the world's greatest singers, directors and conductors including **kd Lang**, **Baz Lurhmann** and **Richard Bonyng**. He is most recently known for his work creating choirs for the homeless and disadvantaged in Australia and was the subject of an internationally acclaimed, award-winning TV documentary "Choir of Hard Knocks".

Regarded as one of the finest tenors of his generation, Jonathon will thrill you with his stunning renditions of Secombe's greatest hits including *Love, This is My Song, Vienna City of My Dreams, Bless this House, Love is a Many Splendored Thing, I Believe* and his most popular signature song - *If I Ruled the World*, plus many more.

Having grown up in the '60s and '70s listening to the classical music his mother loved to play at home, Jonathon was greatly influenced by many of the wonderful operatic tenors popular during that time. Harry Secombe was a regular favourite.

*"So many of the songs that I studied as a young tenor were the great ballads and pop hits that Harry Secombe made famous, and I always dreamt that one day I would be able to sing them with the beautiful phrasing, expression and brilliant tone that he always imbued in his recordings,"* Jonathon said.

He is thrilled to bring this heart-warming and touching tribute to one of his idols to the stage. His show will be packed with interesting stories about Secombe's life and stunning renditions of the singers' greatest hits on **Wednesday 23 February at 11am**.

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### Booking

You can book by phoning 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](http://www.rpac.com.au)

### Duration

1½ hours without an interval

### Pricing – Main Musical Melodies Shows\*

Seniors/Pensioners \$29

Seniors/Pensioners (groups of 10 or more or booking all 5 main shows) \$25 pp/per show

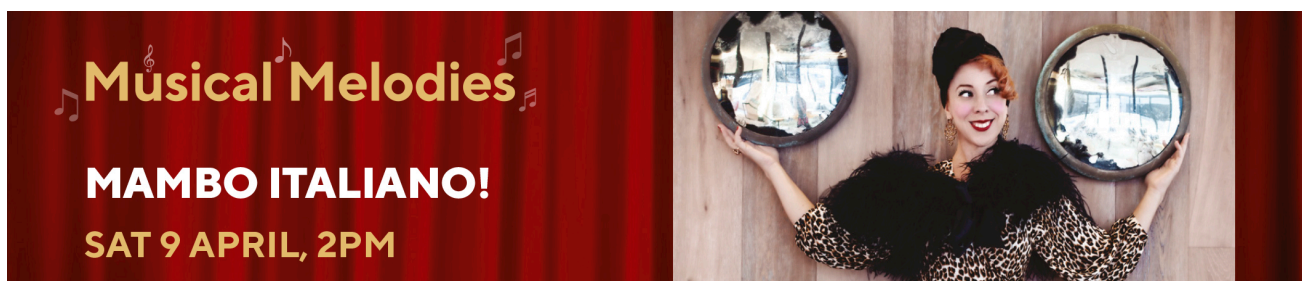
Adults \$35

\*Booking fees are: \$5 by phone and \$6 online per transaction

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**Celebrate the golden age of jazz and swing with the music of Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, Frank Sinatra and many more**

Be swept up in the ambience of Roma when **Mambo Italiano!** celebrates the influence of Italian American musicians on the golden age of 1950s jazz and swing.

In an energetic, romantic and passionate concert, award-winning cabaret artist and chanteuse **Nadia Sunde**, together with an all-star band, takes audiences on a journey into the music of Louis Prima, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Rosemary Clooney, Sophia Loren, Bobby Darin, Perry Como and many more.

An acclaimed cabaret artist, songwriter, theatre actress, comedienne and former ABC radio presenter, Nadia Sunde is a standout performer effortlessly engaging and delighting her audiences with warmth, wit and velvet voice.

To bring this show to life, Nadia Sunde has joined forces with virtuoso jazz pianist and accordionist **John Reeves**. As musical director, John has assembled some of Queensland's finest jazz and swing musicians to pay tribute to the great Italian American singers and songwriters of the 1950s.

Some of the songs you can look forward to include Perry Como's *Accentuate the Positive*, Louis Prima's *Buona Sera*, Tony Bennett's *My Baby Just Cares For Me*, Nat King Cole's *Mona Lisa*, Frank Sinatra's *Witchcraft*, Dean Martin's *Return to Me* and of course Rosemary Clooney's *Mambo Italiano*.

This will be a swinging trip to Roma that will definitely have you dancing in your seat on **Saturday 9 April at 2pm**.

*"Wow! The phrase 'that's entertainment' might have been coined for Nadia Sunde."*  
– **Alan Western, Manager Brisbane Jazz Club.**

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## Decades of Broadway favourites brought together in one spectacular show!

Musical Melodies favourites **Roy Best** and **Alison Jones** return to RPAC for the 2022 season. The pair delighted audiences with *Lanza Sings Again* in 2017 and *Caruso to Carreras* in 2019. Now they are set to take you on a captivating musical journey 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. Featuring songs from musicals by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Lerner and Lowe, Cole Porter, Leonard Bernstein and many more. 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, not to be missed celebration of all things Broadway. We weren't able to enjoy this performance last year due to COVID-19 border restrictions, so we are very pleased that this much-anticipated show has been able to return in 2022. The performance has previously sold out so be sure to book early for this breathtaking musical extravaganza on **Wednesday 1 June at 11am**.

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**A celebration of the world's greatest pianists and showmen ...  
Elton John, Marc Cohn, Nat King Cole, Billy Joel, Ray Charles and more**

Award-winning entertainer **Bradley McCaw** honours the Great American Songbook's legendary piano icons in music history: from Elton John to Nat King Cole, Billy Joel to Ray Charles as well as songs from Bradley's own award-winning career in music, theatre and comedy.

A piano man himself, Bradley will perform iconic hits like *Tiny Dancer* (Elton John), *My Life* (Billy Joel), *Walking In Memphis* (Marc Cohn), *Memphis Stomp* (Dave Grusin), *Unchain My Heart* (Ray Charles) and many more.

You will also be treated to songs handpicked from McCaw's debut album, "Worried Minds", released in October 2021 and featuring his own distinctive mix of blue-eyed soul and Motown vibes. Bradley has recaptured a timeless and old school sound for the modern way of life.

The album was helmed by legendary American producer and guitarist Louie Shelton, whose credits include years of performing on or producing for The Jackson 5, Lionel Richie, Marvin Gaye, Whitney Houston, The Monkees, Neil Diamond, Seals & Crofts, Art Garfunkel and Barbara Streisand, among others.

Bradley has worked onstage playing lead roles in countless musicals and toured the world with international singing group 'The Ten Tenors'. He was the winner of the 2012 International Cabaret Showcase with his one-man show, *Cabaret: The Complete Unauthorised Biography*, which premiered at the 2013 Adelaide Cabaret Festival, followed by performances across Australia and a sell-out performance on Broadway's 42nd Street.

Bradley's charming stage presence, magnificent voice and skill on the piano will blow you away on **Wednesday 6 July at 11am.**

*"McCaw's versatility is actually astounding. Unmistakable confidence and showmanship of a true Piano Man."* – **Adelaide Now**

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### **Duration**

1 hour and 20 minutes without an interval

### **Pricing – Main Musical Melodies Shows\***

Seniors/Pensioners \$29

Seniors/Pensioners (groups of 10 or more or booking all 5 main shows) \$25 pp/per show

Adults \$35

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**Australia's most beautiful voices perform a mix of songs and arias from your favourite musicals and operas**

**The 7 Sopranos** are an all-female ensemble of Australia's leading voices from musical theatre and opera.

Expect breathtaking voices and high glamour from **The 7 Sopranos** with musical highlights including excerpts from *Carmen*, *La Bohème* and *The Tales of Hoffman*, plus much loved favourites such as *Danny Boy*, *I could have danced all night* from *My Fair Lady* and *La Vie en Rose*. With a full musical bouquet—covering everything from operatic arias, classic songs, to show tunes and musical theatre highlights and contemporary songs—this is a concert not to be missed!

Named as "Australia's most beautiful voices" by The Sydney Morning Herald and Limelight Magazine, the individual singing pedigree of each of the artists is impressive and world-class. They are performers who are all graduates of Australia's finest conservatories, winners of Australia's most prestigious singing competitions and solo artists from major opera companies and orchestras internationally. Individually they are all impressive – collectively they form an outstanding world-class ensemble.

**The 7 Sopranos** have thrilled audiences internationally with their unique look and sound that bridges the gap across all ages. Their debut album, released by ABC Music, went to the top of the ARIA charts when it was released in the cross-over and classical categories. Their calling card is their versatility and vocal quality of rare distinction.

This is your opportunity to experience a magical morning of pleasure and delight with **The 7 Sopranos** on **Wednesday 19 October at 11am**.

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### Duration

1½ hours without an interval

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Adults \$35

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## Franky Smart and the Sweet Thunder Jazz Orchestra will swing into year's end with this very special Christmas concert

This year our very special Christmas gift to you will be a festive Musical Melodies concert featuring a hand-picked selection of some of the finest talent Queensland has to offer.

Your host for the concert is the utterly charming international songstress and dancer **Franky Smart**. She will be backed by the incredible sounds of the 13-piece **Sweet Thunder Jazz Orchestra**, who have been wowing Redlands Coast audiences with their legendary Springtime Swing concerts on Sunday afternoons.

Franky and the band will be playing a stocking-full of big-band Christmas classics, from the timeless magic of *Silent Night* and *Oh Come all Ye Faithful*, to rollicking renditions of *Let it Snow* and *Jingle Bell Rock* and so many more Christmas favourites.

Franky will be joined on stage by some very special guests, including RPAC's very own Creative Services Manager Mr. Bradley Rush, as well as some other familiar faces from the Redlands Coast community. You can also look forward to some surprise guests, who will be announced soon, that we're sure you won't have seen before. We promise this will be a concert to remember!

Gather your family and friends, book your tickets and join us in the Concert Hall for a delightful Christmas concert filled to the brim with laughter and song!

This will be a joyous way to kick-off December as we all head towards the end of another year and *Swing into Christmas* on **Saturday 3 December at 2pm**.

### Booking

You can book by phoning 3829 8131 or in person at the Box Office where you can discuss specific seating requirements. Open Monday to Friday 9am–4pm. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.rpac.com.au](http://www.rpac.com.au)

### Duration

1½ hours without an interval

### Pricing – Bonus Musical Melodies Christmas Show\*

Seniors/Pensioners \$35

Seniors/Pensioners (groups of 10 or more) \$30 pp

Seniors/Pensioners (booking this show, in addition to the 5 main shows) \$30

Adults \$45

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# Redland Performing Arts Centre Information

## BOX OFFICE

**Location:** 2 – 16 Middle Street,  
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](http://www.rpac.com.au)

**Hours:** Monday– Friday 9am– 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.

## ACCESSIBLE PARKING

There are two accessible 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.

## KEEPING YOU COVID-SAFE

All patrons are currently required to register on arrival at RPAC through the Check In Qld App and from 17 December 2021 will be required to provide proof of vaccination status or medical exemption.

## 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.

### ***We're here to help!***

Call us on **3829 8131** or visit us at **2-16 Middle Street** during Box Office open hours:

**Monday to Friday 9am–4pm**

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