



MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE

# Media Alert

**Melbourne Recital Centre announces a dazzling spring season of diverse artists from near and far.**



A variety of exceptional programming and exciting new projects including the **Melbourne Festival** will fill Melbourne Recital Centre over the next three months. Discover below the classical, jazz, pop and world music highlights for the coming season.

The Centre's signature recital series, *Great Performers* brings the illuminating voice of **Dame Emma Kirkby** (U.K.) and Swedish lutenist **Jakob Lindberg** together to perform jewels of the Renaissance and Baroque. Well known to Melbourne audiences and much-loved is pianist **Paul Lewis** (U.K.) who embarks on a journey into the soul of the piano, playing great keyboard works by Haydn, Beethoven and Brahms - a journey he continues in 2018.

Find inspiration this year from the extraordinary Melbourne Festival program featuring local, national and international artists. The stunning young American soprano **Brenda Rae** makes her Australian debut with **Benjamin Bayl** and the **ANAM Orchestra** performing exquisite arias and orchestral works from the master of the French Baroque Jean-Philippe Rameau. *Like Running Water* is the world premiere of a spell-binding concert of sound, sight and scent by Melbourne artist **Ella Thompson**. Award-winning local pianist **Peter de Jager** has carefully chosen five works from the world of Iannis Xenakis illustrating the composer's genius and offering a succinct history of new music from 1961 to 1984 - all in the space of one evening's performance.

At the forefront of contemporary Americana, **Justin Townes Earle** (U.S.A.) returns to Australia with full band to introduce his new album *Kids In The Street* and revisit some fan favourites, in a mesmerizing performance of melancholic eloquence. Earle will be supported by **Joshua Hedley** (U.S.A.). Also travelling from State-side is L.A.'s prodigal song-writing son **Ariel Pink**. Another artist with a long connection to touring Australia, Pink and band bring their 11th studio album *Dedicated to Bobby Jameson* to the Centre as part of Melbourne Music Week.



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Not forgetting the incredible pool of Australian talent, one of the country's defining female singers **Megan Washington** performs her new album in full and past favourites with orchestra, London-based multi-platinum chart toppers **The Temper Trap** return for a stripped-back 'unplugged' concert, and our favourite set of brothers the **Grigoryan** and **Tawadros**, better known as Band of Brothers, are one super group that crosses cultural and stylistic barriers.

Details regarding these performances and the complete program of more than 100 events during October, November and December at Melbourne Recital Centre can be found in the enclosed brochure.

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