

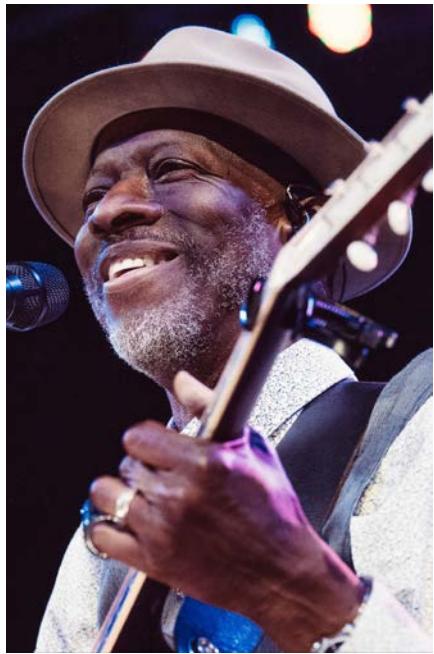
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Melbourne Recital Centre presents

ARLO GUTHRIE, I'M WITH HER & KEB' MO'

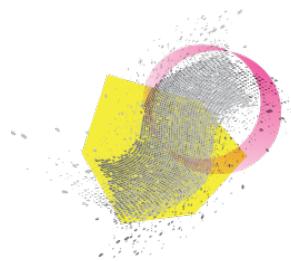
Three Artists. Three One-Night Performances. One Venue.



Celebrations abound in 2019 when Melbourne Recital Centre celebrates its 10th Anniversary year and the iconic Byron Bay Music Festival celebrates its 30th Anniversary. The Bluesfest sideshows are much anticipated music events at Melbourne Recital Centre and 2019 will be no different. From music royalty Arlo Guthrie to the exquisite harmonies of female folk trio I'm With Her and American Roots master Keb' Mo', over three nights Elisabeth Murdoch Hall comes alive with powerful and inspiring voices from Australia's premier music festival.

In an intimate solo performance on Monday 15 April, listeners get closer to the soul-stirring Americana of four-time Grammy-winner **Keb' Mo'**. His many Grammy nominations and awards include Country Song of the Year for 'I Hope', co-written with The Dixie Chicks, and three alone for 2014's *BLUESAmericana*, which took out Americana Album of the Year. He is celebrated for a string of successful collaborations such as those with Bonnie Raitt, Taj Mahal and Vince Gill, as well as his performances on film and TV, yet a solo evening with the bluesman promises to be an essential experience for all appreciators of his rich, distinctive voice and understated ability to spin humorous and passionate and stories on the guitar.

'In its own quiet way, **I'm With Her** is a supergroup' (*The New York Times*). An all-female line-up, band members Sara Watkins, Sarah Jarosz and Aoife O'Donovan have individually made their names in the male dominated field of American roots and country music. Though they collectively



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launched nine solo projects prior to 2018's *See You Around*, this group is sparked with extraordinary chemistry and a deeply collaborative approach to making music. *The Guardian* called its sound 'ethereal and purposeful' and *NPR* praised its members as they 'gather around a microphone and sing directly from their heart to yours'. I'm With Her's angelic voices come to Elisabeth Murdoch Hall on Thursday 18 April.

Arlo Guthrie (Tuesday 23 April) eldest son of America's most beloved singer, songwriter, philosopher and artist Woody Guthrie grew up surrounded by renowned artists such as Pete Seeger, Ronnie Gilbert, Terry, Brownie McGhee and Ramblin' Jack Elliot. Not surprisingly, Arlo drew from these influences and in turn became a delineative artist, bridging generations of folk with songs of protest. Guthrie's humorous persona embellishes original and favourite tunes with his inimitable style, drawn from a mix of folk, rock, country, blues and gospel styles. 'The most enjoyable and authoritative master class on 20th-century American folk music one could possibly have' *The Independent U.K.*

With the transformation of Southbank and the Melbourne Recital Centre celebrating 10 years it is an exciting time to be have these legends of blues and folk perform in Melbourne's Art Precinct.

CONCERT DETAILS:

Keb' Mo'

Monday 15 April 2019, 7.30pm

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall (90-mins no interval)

A reserve \$80 (\$70 concession)

B reserve \$70 (\$60 concession)

I'm With Her

Thursday 18 April 2019, 7.30pm

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall (Two hours & 30-mins incl. interval)

Tickets \$59

Arlo Guthrie

Tuesday 23 April 2019, 7.30pm

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall (Two hours incl. interval)

A reserve \$89

B reserve \$79

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For more information and to book tickets visit: melbournerecital.com.au | 03 9699 3333

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