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THE SWINGLES



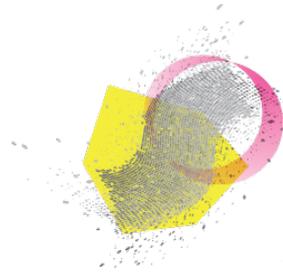
A CAPPELLA STARS SWING INTO MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

For more than five decades, **The Swingles** has pushed the boundaries of music. The seven young singers that make up today's London-based group are driven by the same innovative spirit that has defined the five-time Grammy winner since it first made waves in the 1960s. In a time when pop acts seem to come and go, the history of vocal ensemble The Swingles is unique.

The Swingles performs a concert of classical, pop and jazz selections, arranged especially for its singers. The program, *Look Back (ForWard)*, was designed to celebrate the ensemble's late, great founder Ward Swingle, with music from the singer-songwriters of the 1960s and '70s, as well as current British favourites.

'We are so excited to be returning to Australia after so many years, and particularly thrilled to be performing at Melbourne Recital Centre. For many of us it will be our first time visiting Melbourne. We can't wait to bring our music to you and share an evening of song and story. September can't come soon enough!' said group member Oliver Griffiths.

Founded in Paris in 1963 the group - originally known as The Swingle Singers - is remarkably now in its sixth decade. Relocated to London, the youthfulness of the current line-up both informs and belies its musical influences. At its heart The Swingles is a world-class a cappella group. The contrasting tones and phrasing of the four male and three female voices blend perfectly together, combining power, lyricism and gymnastic control.



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The Swingles has proved that the human voice is a musician's most vital and versatile instrument. Whether adding an unlikely scat vocal to a J.S. Bach work or replacing a guitar lead in Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody' with a buoyant and playful harmony, this master of a cappella has bridged music's ever-changing genres through an uncanny emotional connection to sounds of all kinds.

'The Swingle Singers pitched those mysteriously lovely chords with laser-like precision ... a triumph.'
The Daily Telegraph (U.K.)

'Superhero singing to truly raise goosebumps.' *The Guardian* (U.K.)

CONCERT DETAILS

Friday 6 September 7.30pm

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall (Two hours incl. interval)

The Swingles (U.K.)

Tickets from \$65

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