

MEDIA RELEASE 5/12/2013



TIDAL RHYTHMS AT THE BOWL

A celebration of coastal and island cultures

Australia Day concert at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl

Celebrate Australia Day at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl on Australia Day, Sunday 26 January, with **Tidal Rhythms at the Bowl**, an island hopping celebration that will take you on a journey across the oceans highlighting the beauty and diversity of our island home. Headlined by Melbourne's own fun-loving big band experience, **Melbourne Ska Orchestra (MSO)** and drawing from Victoria's rich mosaic of artistic talent, the concert will explode with acrobatics, global percussion and island rhythms.

Assembled from some of Australia's preeminent names in Ska and Reggae and fronted by the inimitable Nicky Bomba (*Bomba, Bustamento, John Butler Trio*), the soaring popularity of Melbourne Ska Orchestra is fast becoming a fixture of Australia's musical landscape. The MSO will be joined by **Grace Barbé** - rising queen of World Music influenced by her Indian Ocean heritage - and also by **Pans on Fire**, a community steel pan band, started in 2009 as a Marysville and Triangle district Black Saturday bushfire recovery project.

Massive Fam's old school beats, traditional choral harmonies and body percussion create an urban-flavoured acoustic landscape powered by diversity and Westside ingenuity. They'll collaborate with Melbourne underground street dance crews **Jigsaw Sneakers, Nomadic Funk, Odorico.a** and **Nacaals** for a one off hip hop extravaganza.

Asanti Dance Theatre and their international guest artists from Ghana and Europe are a troupe which grew from a small group of artists living and training on the beaches of Accra. They now have a repertoire of over 100 dances and drumming rhythms. Also inspired by beach culture, Melbourne's new Brazilian percussion group **Maracatu Estrela Do Mar** will bring the colour and beats of Recife, joined by **Fiesta Kreol**.

Tidal Rhythms at the Bowl brings exuberance and freewheeling colour to this popular outdoor summertime venue. Bring your friends and family, pull up a patch of grass, grab some food from the market place and revel in the pumping island vibes!

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Sunday 26 January 2014
Time: 2.30-5.00pm
Venue: Sidney Myer Music Bowl
Kings Domain, Linlithgow Avenue,
Melbourne (Melway Reference Ref 2F K8)
FREE

Tidal Rhythms at the Bowl is presented by Australia Day Victoria and is produced by Multicultural Arts Victoria in association with Arts Centre Melbourne. More information about Australia Day events across Melbourne and Victoria is available at: australiaday.vic.gov.au

MAV Website multiculturalarts.com.au

Media queries Meg Larkin, Multicultural Arts Victoria, programs@multiculturalarts.com.au
Tel: 9188 3681 Mob: 0422 986 488

Australia Day: Tracey Hull or Natalie Krug, Department of Premier & Cabinet,
tracey.hull@dpc.vic.gov.au or Natalie.krug@dpc.vic.gov.au Tel: 9651 5174 or 9651 1382

