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Sneak Peek at the 10th Adelaide Cabaret Festival

Adelaide Festival Centre has announced a number of shows for next year's 10th Adelaide Cabaret Festival as part of its Season 2010 program.

After the tremendous success of the first **Variety Gala Performance**, this glamorous event will return in spectacular style, to open the Adelaide Cabaret Festival on 11 June in the Festival Theatre, giving audiences the opportunity to sample an enticing array of local and international cabaret stars in the 2010 program, with the full line-up revealed on the night. Last year's event sold out in record time, so next year's Gala is set to be one of the "must have" tickets for the year.

Described as a one-man-living-cartoon-factory, Italian artist **Ennio Marchetto** will be making his Australian debut at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival. Marchetto is the ultimate quick change artist, revolutionising the art of origami into theatrical magic. His screamingly funny and wildly entertaining solo performances feature a whirlwind of superb paper costumes and split second transformations, backed by an eclectic soundtrack. In his 18 year career, Marchetto has performed in over 60 countries and his show has received international critical acclaim, numerous awards and nominations including the Golden Lion, Drama Desk and the Olivier. Marchetto has performed with many well-known artists including the Spice Girls, Bryan Adams, Nancy Sinatra, Morrissey and at numerous festivals around the world. He uses his dynamic and physical comedy and ingenious costumes to magically morph into parodies of our favourite cultural icons, including Queen Elizabeth II, Freddie Mercury and Tina Turner and has more recently added Lady Gaga, Kanye West and Susan Boyle to his repertoire. No celebrity is safe!

Another artist making his Adelaide Cabaret Festival debut in 2010 is one of Australia's most recognised and respected actors, **John Waters**, performing a night of French Cabaret in **BREL**. Waters will perform a concert that highlights the songs of the great French Chanson singer-songwriter, Jacques Brel. While many of Brel's songs were recorded in English translation in the '60s and '70s by artists including Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond, Dusty Springfield and Ray Charles, Waters will perform them as the original French versions, highlighting their significance along the way - sometimes comic, sometimes tragic, sometimes painfully romantic, but always engrossing and compelling. A skilled interpreter of the legendary Belgian's work, Waters has put

together a dynamic six-piece band of his favourite musicians to flood the stage with the sounds of the very heartbeat of “La Belle France”.

Adelaide Cabaret Festival Artistic Director David Campbell says *“It’s really exciting to announce these shows early for next year. We’re currently finalising the 2010 program and believe me this is just a sample of some of the incredible performers coming to Adelaide next year. In 2010 audiences can expect an even higher calibre than we’ve had before – plus a couple of exciting new initiatives to establish cabaret as one of the major artistic mediums.”*

Tickets for these shows are now on sale at BASS on 131 246 or www.bass.net.au

The full Adelaide Cabaret Festival program will be announced on 24 March 2010. For more information on the Festival visit the website at www.adelaidecabaretfestival.com

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