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## **HATS OFF BrizVegas 2010** **ONE NIGHT ONLY!**

Back by popular demand, **HATS OFF BrizVegas** returns, after a three year absence, for an amazing one night only concert at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC).

**HATS OFF BrizVegas** features a star-studded line-up of Australian musical theatre, comedy, dance and cabaret performers, all donating their time and talent to help raise much-needed funds for **The HOPE Fund**.

**HATS OFF BrizVegas** has always been a highlight of the Brisbane performing arts calendar and this year the concert will be hosted by Australian television icon, the Prince of Polyester, the one and only **BOB DOWNE** – making his second appearance in Brisbane this year.

Directed by Paul Dellit, the concert will star the cast of **MAMMA MIA!** featuring stars **ANNE WOOD**, **MICHAEL CORMICK** and **DAVID SOMMERVILLE**.

The concert will also feature two of Queensland's favourite tenors **LUKE KENNEDY** and **GREGORY MOORE** (who have both just released new solo CDs); radio 4BC and television personality 'Mr. Showbiz' **IAN MAURICE**; the cast of **Harvest Rain Theatre Company** will perform two exciting musical numbers from their next production **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

and sensational aerialist, **MARK WINMILL** will amaze audiences performing his Tissu routine high above the Playhouse stage.

Popera group **LA FORZA** will sing up a storm and the Matilda Award-winning **OSCAR THEATRE COMPANY** (Liz Buchanan, Kynan Francis, Dash Kruck) will perform songs from their next production – the Queensland Premiere of the hit off-Broadway musical ***Title Of Show***.

The multi-talented **DIVAS** (Leisa-Barry Smith, Julie Cotterell, Angela Harding, Belinda Heit, Naomi Price) will make a special one-off appearance; as will the cast of the new musical ***HANDLE WITH CARE*** (Rachael Dunham, Penny Farrow Judy Hainsworth, Katherine McIntyre, Megan Shorey); the high energy dance group **VELOCITY**; comic opera diva **JUDY GLEN**; the magnificent voices of the **QPAC CHOIR**; and some of Brisbane's favourite **DRAG QUEENS** – **Lidia Box** and **Penny Clifford** with their hilarious take on the musical ***FAME***.

PLUS enjoy a special comedy performance of ***The Prisoner Sketch***, starring original TV cast member **CAROL BURNS**, recreating her famous role as Frankie Doyle. Carol will also be joined on stage by some of Brisbane's most popular female actors – including Karen Crone, Sue Dwyer and Penny Everingham.

***HATS OFF BrizVegas*** will also feature the magnificent voices of the QPAC Choir.

Songs will include: *Seasons of Love* from RENT, *One Night Only* from Dreamgirls, *Defying Gravity* from Wicked, *Superstar* from Jesus Christ Superstar, *One* from A Chorus Line, songs from Title of Show; *Making A Difference* from Suddenly Single, *You Raise Me Up* .....and many more!

Proceeds from the concert will benefit **The HOPE Fund** to assist people living with HIV/AIDS in Queensland.

Major supporters of this event include :: QPAC :: Harvest Rain Theatre Company :: MEAA :: The Printing Office :: Posterbill :: Wine & Dine'M Catering :: Urban Hotel Brisbane :: QNews ::

(\*Artists correct at time of release - subject to change without notice)

**Oz Showbiz Cares/Equity Fights AIDS presents HATS OFF BrizVegas 2010**

**Date:** Monday 23 August

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Venue:** Playhouse, QPAC, Cultural Centre, South Bank

**Tickets:** \$40 \*

**Bookings:** Qtix 136 246 or [www.qpac.com.au](http://www.qpac.com.au)

**Check Out:** [www.oscefa.org.au](http://www.oscefa.org.au)

(\*Ticket price includes GST and Booking Fee. Please note transaction fees may apply)

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