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COME IN OUT OF THE COLD...TO THE 2007 ADELAIDE CABARET FESTIVAL OPENING WEEKEND!

On Friday 8 June the cats will indeed be out to play at the opening night of the 2007 Adelaide Cabaret Festival!

In this year's festival there are 180 performances of 68 different shows with 450 artists. To date, over 26,000 tickets to have been sold - over 3,000 more than this time last year! 36 performances have sold out, but there are plenty of tickets still available, as well as 26 free events.

Just some of the highlights of the opening weekend are:

- **ASO Plays Cabaret**, featuring the music of Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra, with special guests from the UK: crooner Gary Williams and conductor John Wilson. **8 & 9 June, Festival Theatre.**
- A celebration of a centenary of "travelling Kabarett salons", the Belgian mirror tents, in **Variété: A Homage to the Spiegeltent. 8 & 9 June, Space Theatre.**
- German chanteuse **Eva Meier** in **Love, Loss and Laughter**: a program of classic German repertoire, revealing a dark world of desperate love, pain and hope, including songs by Brecht, Hollaender and Raben. **8 & 9 June, Banquet Room.**
- The ultimate evening of musical theatre when **Jeremy Sams** will host an evening of songs and anecdotes, joined by West End theatre star **Philip Quast** and special guests Simon Burke, Kaye Tuckerman, Johanna Allen and Douglas McNicol.
- Ground-breaking hip-hop comedy act **Sista She** joined by **Busty Beats** and **DJ Jonah**, for a funktastic performance of Sista Philosophy. **8 - 10 June, Artspace**
- Home-grown talent **Janet Seidel**, joined by her brother David on double bass and Chuck Morgan on guitar **for two separate shows: Delovely: The Songs of Cole Porter - 8 & 9 June, Banquet Room;** and **We Get Requests**, where audience members can request their favourite romantic and jazz songs - **10 June, Banquet Room.**

- Australian musical theatre favourites **Julie Anthony** and **Simon Gallaher** are ***Together at Last*** in a sold-out performance where they will perform a variety of their favourite solos and duets - **10 June, Banquet Room.**
- **Tamlyn Henderson** and **Warwick Allsopp** in the hilarious and bizarre concoction of poetry, black comedy and show tunes in ***A Porthole Into The Minds Of The Vanquished.*** **8 - 10 June, JB Room.**
- The delightful **Soubrettes** (Tania Kyriakou and Alice Carter) with a performance of risqué songs and skits that satirise current events and issues. **8 - 10 June, Artspace.**

FREE events:

- UK favourite **Christopher Green** as his alter-ego, a hip-hopping grandmother who mixes Gangsta Rap with Earl Grey at ***High Tea With Ida Barr.*** **10 June, 4:30pm, Lyrics Lounge.**
- Join the crowd to ***Sing Your Own Musical*** with all of your favourite show tunes - songbooks provided! **10 June, 7pm, Lyrics Lounge.**
- Acclaimed US author **James Gavin** will introduce his latest book ***Intimate Nights: The Golden Age of New York Cabaret.*** **9 June, 2:30pm, Lyrics Lounge.**
- **In Conversation With...** Artistic Director **Julia Holt** will chat with invited performers about their artistic and creative impulses at **3:30pm** in the **Piano Bar.** **9 June with Christopher Green, David Bates and Mikelangelo. 10 June with Jeremy Sams.**

The ever-popular **Kool Kat Festival Club** will also kick off on 8 June and is open from **6pm** every night of the Cabaret Festival. Dance the night away, rub shoulders with performers and soak up the unique atmosphere that is Cabaret! Guest music performers are **Brazza (8 June from 10pm), Dwight Adams (9 June from 10:30pm)** and **Lucky 7 (10 June from 8pm)**. Entry is free upon presentation of a ticket to a performance that night.

Adelaide Cabaret Festival Artistic Director, Julia Holt, says, "*There's no better place to be tomorrow night than at the Adelaide Festival Centre for what looks to be the most*

successful Cabaret Festival yet. The performers are here, the wine is ready and your table is waiting - come in and join us in the warmth!"

All tickets can be booked through BASS on 131 246 or www.bass.net.au
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