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Ross Ryan 39th Anniversary Tour

Friday, May 27
Albert Park Yacht Club
5 Aquatic Drive, Albert Park

Much to the joy of his scattered but fiercely loyal fan base, Ross Ryan - to celebrate 39 years in show business - will be kicking off his autobiographical Australian tour in Melbourne, at the Albert Park Yacht Club on Friday May 27th 2011.

Drawing on both old and new material, Ross will be accompanied on stage by the Glen Combo; consisting of bassist Roy Zedras and multi-instrumentalist Ken Stephenson.

On the night they will also be joined by special guest Combo-ette Catherine Middleton (known to some as the Duchess of Oakleigh) on sax and accordion.

Expect a night of droll reminiscence and great music.



Doors open 7:30
\$20 Adults - \$15 Concession

Bookings essential through venue promoter Cliff Ellery:

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BIO: ROSS RYAN – 39th Anniversary Tour

2011 sees singer-songwriter Ross Ryan emerging from seclusion to begin an extensive autobiographical Australian tour to commemorate 39 intermittent years as one of this country's most celebrated and well meaning recording and performing artists.

It was in 1972, whilst working in Perth as an audio engineer, that a scruffy hirsute Ryan accidentally stumbled into show business when he was a last minute choice for the local support spot to music legend Roy Orbison. His fumbling, funny, self-effacing and frankly terrified performance won the crowd over to the extent that the promoters asked him to join the tour for a further 13 dates across Australia.

Within a mere 12 months he had signed with EMI and his debut album, '*A Poem You Can Keep*' (soon to be re-released on CD through Aztec Music), achieved gold record status and was selected by the Federation of Australian Radio Stations as Record of the Year. Ross also won the award for Best New Talent.

Then things started to pick up.

Ross's second album, '*My Name Means Horse*', contained the gigantic hit single '*I Am Pegasus*'; a recording that is, to this day, a perennial Gold radio favourite. The song was deemed a National Anthem by ABC TV's 2003 series '*Love Is In The Air*', complete with news footage of Ross's gold record presentation by then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam. He also toured overseas and represented Australia at the Spokane World Fair.

Hell, the guy even won a King of Pop trophy!

Over the years Ross has performed extensively both as a headliner and supporting act; including tours with Van Morrison, Roberta Flack, Dr Hook and most recently Carole King. He has also had material recorded by acts as diverse as John Farnham and Slim Dusty.

In addition to his performing career, there have been many side-projects. Under the umbrella of Coathanger Productions he has worked in record production, radio, television, theatre, standup comedy, computer design and even appeared *twice* on Mr Squiggle!

As for recordings, Ross has continued writing and releasing material - the albums '*One Person Queue*' (2003) and '*The Difficult Third Compilation*' (2009) being the most recent. A new CD is optimistically due out later this year.

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