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A DAY ON THE GREEN

ELTON JOHN & HIS BAND RETURN TO AUSTRALIA **“All The Hits Tour”** **Including A Day On The Green Mt Duneed Estate Geelong**

“Elton played and sang awesomely, with gale-force gusto. Lord knows how many times he’s performed these songs, but somehow he still manages to sound as if he means every word of them.” - The Telegraph UK

Sir Elton John and his band return to Australia from 5 December as part of his international “All The Hits Tour.”

The tour will include a very special **a day on the green** performance at Mt Duneed Estate, Geelong on Saturday December 12. The concert is the second to be announced at Mt Duneed for the 2015/2016 summer season following the sold-out Fleetwood Mac concert and is another huge coup for the region.

Elton John first performed in Australia on 17 October, 1971 at Subiaco Oval, Perth. Having played 179 concerts across the country to in excess of 1.5 million people, Elton John makes a triumphant return to the country that has welcomed him for many years. As part of this tour Elton John will play at the Qantas Credit Union Arena (formerly Sydney Entertainment Centre) on 19 December which will be the final concert in that arena prior to its scheduled closure. Elton has set a house record for performing in that venue with 45 shows to in excess of 475,000 people.

Elton John said, “Australia has been one of my favourite countries to tour in ever since my first visit there at the start of my world-wide career in 1971 (it is incredible to think that my drummer on that tour, Nigel Olsson, is still with me today). Some of my most memorable concerts have taken place in venues all across the continent. The Australian audiences always seem to bring out the best in us, and I am certain there will be many more fantastic evenings when we visit in December.”

The tour will feature iconic hits and classic album tracks from throughout his incredible five-decade career, including a selection of songs from his highly acclaimed album, *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*, which recently celebrated its 40th anniversary with a Deluxe Edition.

Elton John’s band includes Nigel Olsson on drums, part of Elton’s original three-piece band, as well as musical director Davey Johnstone (who first recorded with Elton in 1971 and joined the band in a year later) on guitar, Matt Bissonette on bass, John Mahon on percussion, and Kim Bullard on keyboards.

Undeniably one of the most acclaimed and adored artists of all time, Elton’s spectacular stage shows are sought after by audiences worldwide. Since his career began in 1969 Elton has played more than 3,500 concerts in over 80 countries.

Elton is one of the top-selling solo artists of all time, with 37 gold and 27 multi-platinum albums as well as 58 Billboard Top 40 singles in the United States, and he has sold more than 250 million records worldwide. Elton holds the record for the biggest-selling single of all time, **Candle in the Wind 1997**, which sold 33 million copies.

He has also written the music for stage and screen successes *Billy Elliot: The Musical*, *Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida*, and *The Lion King*, which was recently named the highest-grossing stage show or film release in the world.

Among the many awards and honours bestowed upon him are five Grammys, a Grammy Legend award, a Tony and an Oscar, a Best British Male Artist BRIT Award, induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Kennedy Center Honor, Legend of Live Award, 12 Ivor Novello Awards and a knighthood from HM Queen Elizabeth II for "services to music and charitable services." Elton has recently been named the first recipient of the BRITs Icon Award, which recognizes the very highest level of British music achievement, presented only to iconic artists whose writing, recording and performances set them apart as having made a lasting impact on the nation's culture.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear one of the world's greatest pop musicians in spectacular form when Elton John returns to Australia this December. Special guest support artists will be announced soon.

For full national tour dates go to www.chuggentertainment.com.

a day on the green members can secure tickets first during the exclusive pre-sale beginning 2.00pm Thursday May 7 – 2.00pm Sunday May 10. To become a member visit: www.adayonthegreen.com.au.

EVENT INFORMATION:

a day on the green is a fully licensed event. Strictly no BYO alcohol. Food will be available on site or BYO picnic. Deck chairs and picnic rugs are recommended. For all event information, go to adayonthegreen.com.au.

For Concert and Dining Packages call Ticketmaster on 136 100.

TRANSPORT & ACCOM INFORMATION:

For coach and shuttle bus enquiries, contact Melbourne On The Move 1300 558 686 and locally McHarry's Coaches on 03 5223 2111.



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From ticketmaster.com.au & 136 100

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Sir Elton Hercules John, CBE, is one of the most highly acclaimed and successful solo artists of all time. He has achieved 37 gold and 27 multi-platinum albums, has sold more than 250 million records worldwide, and holds the record for the biggest selling single of all time. Over the five decades since his career began in 1969, Elton has played more than 3,500 concerts in over 80 countries

Elton is the third most successful artist in the history of the American charts, behind only Elvis Presley and the Beatles. He has had 56 top 40 singles in the United States, a total second only to Elvis Presley. He achieved seven #1 albums in the three-and-a-half-year period from 1972 to 1975 — a period of concentrated success surpassed only by the Beatles.

Elton was born on March 25, 1947, in Pinner, Middlesex, England, and given the name Reginald Kenneth Dwight. At the age of three he astonished his family by sitting at the piano and playing **The Skater's Waltz** by ear. At the age of 11 he was awarded a scholarship as a Junior Exhibitor at the Royal Academy of Music and he attended the Academy on Saturday mornings for the next four years.

Besides his knighthood, Elton's landmark awards include Best British Male Artist BRIT Award, 1991; Songwriters Hall of Fame (with Bernie Taupin), 1992; Officer of Arts & Letters (France) 1993; induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, 1994; Polar Music Prize, 1995; MusiCares Person of the Year, 2000; Kennedy Center Honor, 2004; Billboard Magazine Legend of Live Award, 2006; Songwriters Hall of Fame Johnny Mercer Award (with Bernie Taupin), 2013; BRITs Icon Award, 2013; Rockefeller Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award, 2013 and the Harvard School of Public Health AIDS Initiative Leadership Award, 2013. In 2002, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Royal Academy of Music and in 2004 he became a Fellow of the British Academy of Songwriters and Composers.

Elton has won 12 Ivor Novello Awards between 1973 and 2000, been nominated for a Grammy Award 11 times (winning in 1986, 1991, 1994, 1997 and 2000), and received the Grammy Legend Award in 2001. Three of his albums have been inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame, including his 1970 eponymous album. Elton has 3 Oscar Award nominations (winning in 1995), and a Tony Award (with 4 nominations) for Best Original Score for *Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida* in 2000