

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**THURSDAY 7 MAY 2015**

**SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS**

## **DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE**

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2015, 8.00pm

CONCERT HALL, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

*'Impeccably constructed pop-rock'*

**NPR MUSIC**

A decade on from their classic breakthrough album ***Plans***, **Death Cab For Cutie** return fresh from the release of their eighth album ***Kintsugi*** (2015) for a career-spanning Opera House debut of emotive indie-rock perfection in the Concert Hall on Saturday 1 August 2015.

On ***Kintsugi***, **Death Cab For Cutie** further explore the nostalgic sentiments evident in their earlier recordings, this time with “*warmth like never before, there’s a newly found weight behind every crackle and thud*” (DIY Magazine) – a fitting representation of coming full circle as they begin a new chapter without Chris Walla; their long-term producer-guitarist who last year announced that ***Kintsugi*** would be their final album together.

A certified coming-of-age band since ***Transatlanticism*** (2003) sound-tracked the bitten-lip vulnerability of *The O.C.* – and teenage bedrooms around the world – **Death Cab For Cutie** embraced the Grammy-nominated success of their fifth album ***Plans*** (2005) whilst maintaining an indie-rock ethos with contemporaries such as **Modest Mouse** and **The Shins**.

The Washington State locals have been celebrated for the melodic progression and continued expansion of their sound on each record, most notably on ***Narrow Stairs*** (2008) and ***Codes & Keys*** (2011), the latter of which noted by the BBC as “*subtlety magnificent.*” Both releases adventure into the new depths of driving beats and electronic flourishes, while not veering from the poignant lyrical arrangements and plaintive vocals that has long-defined the essence of the band.

Eighteen years and eight albums strong, **Death Cab For Cutie** will fill the Concert Hall with a timeless songbook to both comfort and break your heart in equal measure – armed once again with the rejuvenating force of something to prove that has only empowered their signature sound.

Watch the official video for Death Cab For Cutie’s ‘Black Sun’ [here](#)



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#### **EVENT DETAILS**

**WHAT:** Death Cab For Cutie

**WHEN:** Saturday 1 August 2015, 8.00pm

**WHERE:** Sydney Opera House, Concert Hall

**TICKETS:** From \$59 + booking fee

**BOOKINGS:** Tickets on sale to the general public Thursday 14 May, 9am  
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