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SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE AND FBI RADIO BY ARRANGEMENT WITH SECRET SOUNDS PRESENT

FATHER JOHN MISTY

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2015, 9.00PM
CONCERT HALL, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

******** *"A mix of withering standup comic, energetic showboater and country-soul crooner."*

THE GUARDIAN

"Passionate and disillusioned, tender and angry, so cynical it's repulsive and so openhearted it hurts."

PITCHFORK

"If there's a funnier, stranger and more touchingly bizarre album released this year, it will be a very good year indeed."

BILLBOARD

Following the release of his second album, the critically acclaimed *I Love You, Honeybear*, Sydney Opera House welcomes the devastating showman Josh Tillman, aka **Father John Misty**, for his debut performance on Tuesday 8 December 2015.

Ben Marshall, Head of Contemporary Music at Sydney Opera House, said *"I'm proud to welcome Father John Misty's inimitable blend of intelligence, candour, conflict and intimacy to the Sydney Opera House. He is a consummate performer who balances his sincere, close examinations of the nature of love with a sometimes caustic wit and jaundiced view of human behaviour. His appearance on the Concert Hall stage this summer will be nothing less than utterly compelling."*

Described by Pitchfork as *"A personality unlike any other in indie rock...some strange hybrid of Harry Nilsson, Tom Jones and Will Oldham,"* and inspired by the warts-and-all honesty of solo era **John Lennon**, **Scott Walker** and **Randy Newman**, the American artist has trumped the wild folk odyssey of his 2012 debut *Fear Fun* with the flawed misadventures in love and marriage of this year's LP.

With the *"dreamy Lauren Canyon melodies"* of *I Love You, Honeybear* (*Entertainment Weekly*), Misty attains a heightened melodrama that is both heartbreaking and hilarious in equal measure.

An enthralling performer - *"by the end you feel drunk on Tillman's infectious charisma"* (*The Guardian*) - Father John Misty will bring his unique songbook to the symphony-ready surrounds of the Opera House Concert Hall for what promises to be one of the most original and disarming set of the year.

This performance is part of the contemporary music program presented by Sydney Opera House, which includes **Chet Faker**, **Florence + The Machine** and the annual **Vivid LIVE** festival, which has featured **Morrissey**, **Sufjan Stevens**, **Bill Callahan**, **TV on the Radio** and more. Visit sydneyoperahouse.com/music for further information.

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT: Father John Misty

WHEN: Tuesday 8 December, 2015, 9.00pm

WHERE: Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

TICKETS: From \$49 + booking fee

BOOKINGS: Tickets on sale to the general public 9am, Friday 28 August

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