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**SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS**  
**OF MONSTERS AND MEN**

**SUNDAY 1 MAY 2016**  
CONCERT HALL, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

\*\*\*\* *"Sky-scraping anthems."*

**THE GUARDIAN**

Icelandic sensations **Of Monsters and Men** return to Sydney to play the Concert Hall on Sunday 1 May 2016.

They extend the Icelandic legacy of Opera House alumni **Björk** and **Ásgeir**, who have also topped the American charts, adding to a spectacular season of contemporary music at the Opera House, which presents **Brian Wilson performing *Pet Sounds*, *Four Tet (LIVE)*, *Kurt Vile & the Violators*, *Hot Chip*** and more.

**Ben Marshall, Head of Contemporary Music at Sydney Opera House**, said: *"Of Monsters and Men's performances are full to the brim with charging euphoria, sing-along joy and thunderous percussion punctuated by their understated, underlying ripples of melancholic unease, leading them to massive international success and a fearsome live reputation. This band's inherent dynamic tension and sheer energy will make their appearance here unforgettable — we are very proud to finally welcome them to the Sydney Opera House."*

With their storming second album *Beneath The Skin*, the enthralling quintet continues their whirlwind ascent since 2012's global hit single 'Little Talks'. Of Monsters and Men guide their ethereal anthems into more intimate communion on this year's return single 'Crystals'. *The Huffington Post* calls the experience *"an elegant and pulse pounding show"*, as folkloric narratives are weaved through layers of guitar, heart-thudding drums, glorious brass and accordion. *The Guardian* calls them *"unbridled joy"*, praising the marriage of *"darkness and light"* as they reel their audience into the vast landscapes of Iceland.

Following a sold-out European and UK tour, Of Monsters and Men return to Australia for an Opera House debut that promises to deliver resounding charm and a colossal wall of sound, veering from the joyous to the heart-wrenching and everything in between.

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This performance is part of the contemporary music program presented by Sydney Opera House, which includes **Brian Wilson, Father John Misty, Four Tet (LIVE), Kurt Vile, José González, Hot Chip, Beach House, Sleater-Kinney** and the annual **Vivid LIVE** festival, which has featured **Morrissey, Sufjan Stevens, Bill Callahan, TV on the Radio** and more.

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**EVENT DETAILS**

**WHAT:** Of Monsters and Men  
**WHEN:** Sunday 1 May 2016  
**WHERE:** Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House  
**TICKETS:** Tickets from \$69 + bf  
**BOOKINGS:** Tickets on sale to the general public 10am AEDT, Friday 4 December 2015

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\* A booking fee of \$5.00 – \$8.50 applies per transaction.

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