

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE BY ARRANGEMENT WITH HANDSOME TOURS PRESENTS

BAND OF HORSES

MONDAY 25 JULY 2016, 9.00pm

CONCERT HALL, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

"Modern American torchbearers."

CLASH MUSIC

"Guitars that sound like bells dipped in honey."

THE GUARDIAN

Grammy-nominated rock mavericks **Band of Horses** make their Sydney Opera House debut on Monday 25 July 2016 in the Concert Hall as part of the Sydney Opera House's Contemporary Music program.

Fresh from its ground-breaking 2016 **Vivid LIVE** line-up (27 May to 13 June), the Opera House will continue its year-long program of the best contemporary music from around the world with the rich melodies of 'The Funeral', organ-drenched ballads like 'No One's Gonna Love You' and the karaoke-inspired single 'Casual Party' from their unreleased fifth album, *Why Are You OK*.

Ben Marshall, Head of Contemporary Music at Sydney Opera House, said: *"We're honoured to finally welcome the mighty Band of Horses to the Sydney Opera House. Their majestic, evocative sound beautifully balances contrasting qualities to create a grandiose yet relatable body of work which will sound simply amazing in the Concert Hall this July."*

It's three years since Band of Horses have been to Australia. A lot has happened in that time. Rather than leaving home for a secluded cabin in the woods to write, as had been his habit, lead singer Ben Bridwell balanced late-night songwriting in the garage of his North Carolina home with raising four young daughters for *Why Are You OK*.

Song after song, however, the quintet struggled to fully realise the tracks. It was executive producer Rick Rubin – who heard the band over the radio and pulled over to make the call – who gave Bridwell the final touches they needed to finish the record.

The Seattle natives began on the iconic Sub Pop label with *Everything All the Time* (2006) and *Cease to Begin* (2007), which led to them touring with friends and Opera House alumni Iron & Wine, performing on David Letterman, and receiving a nomination for the Shortlist Music Prize. Signing a new deal with the legendary Columbia Records, the quintet flexed their signature American road trip sounds with the Grammy-nominated *Infinite Arms* (2010) and *Mirage Rock* (2012).

Taking the Concert Hall stage for the first time, Band of Horses will explore their epic rock narrative of pure guitar-driven anthems.

This performance is part of the contemporary music program presented by Sydney Opera House, which includes this year's annual **Vivid LIVE**, featuring **New Order + ACO**, **Anohni**, **Bon Iver presents 'Cercle'**, **Max Richter** *Sleep* and more. Visit sydneyoperahouse.com/music for more information.

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT:	Band of Horses
WHEN:	Monday 25 July 2016, 9.00pm
WHERE:	Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House
TICKETS:	From \$69 + booking fee
BOOKINGS:	Tickets on sale to the general public 9am AEST, Friday 13 May 2016

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