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SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE AND THE MUSIC HOUSE PRESENT
BEN FOLDS WITH yMUSIC

SATURDAY 20 AUGUST 2016
CONCERT HALL, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

"Folds' risky move paid off... his 20-year career hitting a crescendo yet again."
LA TIMES

*"**** A lush and sweeping sound that works magnificently."*
THE TELEGRAPH UK

Piano-pop innovator **Ben Folds** returns victorious to the country that championed him from the start with a career-spanning set in the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall on Saturday **20 August** 2016.

Ben Marshall, Head of Contemporary Music at Sydney Opera House, says "Ben Folds' considerable narrative and compositional abilities are displayed marvellously on 'So There', his latest record with **yMusic**, the indie-classical ensemble du jour (collaborators with Bon Iver, Antony & the Johnsons, The National, Jose Gonzalez et al). No stranger to the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall stage, Ben Folds' upcoming performances with yMusic will unfurl these majestic, layered orchestral arrangements blended with Ben's unique and direct pop sensibility and will be unmissable moments."

Known for his range and fluency – from power-pop brilliance and laugh-out-loud ballads to genre-hopping projects with **Amanda Palmer, Nick Hornby, Neil Gaiman, Regina Spektor** and **William Shatner**— Folds will perform songs from his latest chamber rock album 'So There' as well as other hit favourites. 'So There', which has garnered global critical acclaim, debuted #1 on Billboard's Classical and Classical Crossover charts.

The last tryst in Australia's 20-year love affair with Folds was his three-night stand with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in the Concert Hall in 2014. Now his collaborators on 'So There', Brooklyn's critically acclaimed **yMusic**, who have performed with the likes of **Beck, José González** and **Dirty Projectors**, join the party to punch up the chamber-pop and add layers to his hits.

The evening promises to be another high note in the Opera House contemporary music program that also features performances this year by artists **Brian Wilson, José González** and **Sleater Kinney**, following acclaimed Forecourt concerts from **Florence + the Machine, Chet Faker** and **Tame Impala** at the end of 2015.

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

WHAT: Ben Folds with yMusic
WHEN: Saturday 20 August 2016, 8PM
WHERE: Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House
TICKETS: From \$89 + booking fee
BOOKINGS: Tickets on sale to the general public 9AM, FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY
sydneyoperahouse.com/music or 02 9250 7777

PRESALE REGISTRATION: Register for Sydney Opera House 'What's On' eNews before midnight Tuesday 16 February to access the Ben Folds Pre-Sale. Register at: sydneyoperahouse.com/BENFOLDSpresale



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