

FALL IN LOVE WITH INTERNATIONAL JAZZ STAR CHRIS BOTTI AT QPAC

America's highest selling jazz instrumentalist, **Chris Botti** is returning to Brisbane for one night only as part of his *When I Fall In Love* concert tour at Queensland Performing Arts Centre's (QPAC) Concert Hall on **Tuesday 13 March**.

Chris Botti (pronounced Boat-ee) has four No. 1 albums, three gold records and an unprecedented two platinum DVDs to his credit. Renowned for his deft romantic sound - a blend of cool jazz, pop and classical influences, he has cemented his position as one of the world's most popular cross-over artists, covering the works of iconic composers and songwriters as diverse as Schubert, Bacharach, Cole Porter, Miles Davis and Sting.

A virtuoso trumpeter and charming raconteur, Botti has sold nearly three million albums world-wide. Over the past three decades Chris Botti has recorded and performed with the best in music, including Frank Sinatra, Sting, Josh Groban, Michael Buble, Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell, John Mayer, Andrea Bocelli, Joshua Bell and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler.

Botti is joined on stage by his incredible band, including Grammy winning vocalist **Lisa Fischer** (The Rolling Stones, Tina Turner and Roberta Flack), pianist **Andrew Ezrin** (Joe Jackson, Rickey Lee Jones and the Count Basie Orchestra), violinist **Caroline Campbell** (Sting, Andrea Bocelli and Julio Iglesias) Brazilian based guitarist **Leonardo Amuedo** (Herbie Hancock, Dulce Pontes & Billy Hart), bass player **Michael Pope** (Manhattan Transfer, Chick Corea and Joe Locke) and one of the most versatile and explosive drummers on the music scene today, **Billy Kilson** - described by the New York Times as a 'volcanic force just barely contained'.

No stranger to our shores, having played with Sting and Paul Simon during their previous Australasian tours, Chris last toured Australia with his own band in 2011 performing as a featured artist at the Melbourne Jazz Festival. The audiences and media were enthralled by these performances describing them as 'dazzling', 'scintillating' and 'lava-hot' with 'everybody baying for more'.

Chris and his band return to Australia by popular demand in 2012 with guest appearances with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and Sydney Symphony Orchestra. QPAC audiences will delight in the intimacy of an evening of with Chris and his sublime six piece band joined by guest vocalist, Lisa Fischer.

Chris's most recent release *Chris Botti In Boston* was recorded live with the Boston Pops Orchestra and renowned conductor Keith Lockhart. The resulting CD & DVD contains a superb selection of jazz and classical instrumentals and inspired duets performed by some of the most significant musicians of our time including Sting, Josh Groban, Stephen Tyler, Yo Yo Ma and John Mayer. *In Boston* is available through Universal Music.

Chris's live shows have left audiences across the globe spellbound: a journey to the heart of song through the magic of melodies from the soul. Sophisticated, seductive (and, yes, one of People Magazine's Most Beautiful People), Chris Botti is a must see for any true romantic and lover of fine music.

Don't miss Chris Botti and his band performing live in the Concert Hall, QPAC for one night only on Tuesday 13 March. Book at www.qpac.com.au or phone 136 246.

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QPAC Presents

An Evening with Chris Botti

Date: Tuesday 13 March 2012
Time: 8.00pm
Venue: Concert Hall, QPAC, Cultural Centre, South Bank
Tickets: \$75-\$99
Bookings: www.qpac.com.au or 136246

*Ticket price includes GST and Booking Fee. Please note transaction fees will apply

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