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Melbourne Ska Orchestra presents... "THE DIPLOMAT TOUR"

Melbourne Ska Orchestra (MSO) hit the road earlier this year to celebrate the release of their debut self-titled album. Managing to fill venues with hoards of smiling faces and dancing bodies. . A 100% strike rate of rave reviews, packed venues with hoards of smiling faces and dancing bodies, the grand adventure is well and truly underway.

Although touring 30+ members is no mean feat, the time has come to hit the road again and take this unique ramshackle train a little farther afield. Starting in **Brisbane** at the **BigSound** conference in September, MSO will then travel to **Adelaide** and **Western Australia**, before heading back to the East Coast for a **Sydney** show and run of festivals including; **Caloundra** and **Queenscliff**.

An explosive celebration of music unfolds on stage with some of Australia's finest musicians, when the 30-odd piece orchestra hits the stage. Imagine the force of an 18 piece horn section, a mean rhythm section, percussionist, organist and 4 singers and you may only begin to understand the life force that is the Melbourne Ska Orchestra.

Fronted by **Nicky Bomba** (Bomba, John Butler Trio, Bustamento), with his professional, energetic and impulsive conducting style, Melbourne Ska Orchestra is a fun-loving big band experience. Influenced by the golden ska period of the 60's, the 2Tone jump up from the UK, their new album of original material showcases the international quality of their songs. A massive hit at festivals; the MSO is fast becoming a must-see institution with members hailing from some of the best ska and reggae bands in Australia.

Out now on FOUR|FOUR, the self-titled debut album from the Melbourne Ska Orchestra is the culmination of years of passion and performance from one of the most energetic and inspired ensembles currently winning over audiences right across the country. This is music at its most entertaining; vibrant, surprising, and with a beat to shame the Devil. This is Ska.

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for the new single release, late August. *"The Diplomat"*. Featuring vocals by Nicky Bomba, the sultry **Rebecca Ari** and **Pat Powell** ('Best Things In Life Are Free', as seen on the National Freeview TVC), and with that distinctive Big Band sound, the song is sure to get your money maker skankin.

"The gig was amazing". – Lachlan Douglas, Scene Magazine

"The sheer amount of manic movement and spirited skanking evident at the show simply proves the power of Ska and Reggae. There's something in the music that makes people move without thinking, seemingly hypnotized." – Jon Jobbagy – AU Review

"It's a crime that the Melbourne Ska Orchestra are not more popular... The MSO put on an outstanding show that lit up the room and they wrung every ounce of enjoyment out of a crowd that ignored any specific demographic and who were all there together to skank Friday into oblivion. Mission accomplished." – Matt MacMaster – The Music/Drum Media

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Presented by: dB Magazine, X-PRESS Magazine & The BRAG

- Saturday 21st Sep** **The Gov, Adelaide SA**
www.thegov.com.au
59 Port Rd HINDMARSH
Tickets \$35 + bf from , www.oztix.com.au & www.moshtix.com.au
- Friday 27th Sep** **Fly By Night, Fremantle WA**
www.flybynight.org
Parry St, FREMANTLE
Tickets \$35 + bf from www.flybynight.org
Doors open 8pm
- Saturday 28th Sep** **Astor Theatre, Perth WA**
www.liveattheastor.com.au
659 Beaufort St, Mt Lawley, PERTH
Tickets \$35 + bf from the venue, www.showticketing.com.au & (08) 9370
5888
18+ unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
Doors open 7.30pm
- Sunday 29th Sep** **Wave Rock Weekender, WA**
For all ticketing and bill info go to www.soulhighway.com.au
- Saturday 9th Nov** **Factory Theatre, Sydney NSW**
www.factorytheatre.com.au
105 Victoria Road, Marrickville, SYDNEY
Tickets \$30 + bf from www.ticketek.com.au
Doors open 8pm
- ALSO PLAYING:**
Thursday 12th Sep **BIGSOUND, Brisbane**
For all details go to: www.qmusic.com.au/bigsound/2013/

Saturday 5th Oct

Caloundra Music Festival

Kings Beach, CALOUNDRA

with Boy and Bear, Xavier Rudd, Katchafire, The Basics + many more

For all ticketing and line up info go to www.caloundramusicfestival.com

Saturday 23rd Nov

Queenscliff Music Festival

with The Living End, John Butler Trio, The Grates, Spiderbait + many more.

For full line up and ticketing details go to www.qmf.net.au

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