

# MELBOURNE SKA ORCHESTRA

Formed in 2003 **Melbourne Ska Orchestra** is an orchestra with a difference. Comprising up to 26 members this juggernaut contains some of Australia's finest musicians and performers. Helmed by the energetic and charismatic Nicky Bomba (John Butler Trio, Bomba, Bustamento) Melbourne Ska Orchestra are more than just a band, they are an experience to behold.

The band's debut self-titled release resulted in sell-out national shows, multiple major festival appearances, three international tours, and many awards and nominations. Their sophomore release **Sierra-Kilo-Alpha**, secured that band its first ARIA award in 2016. Never shying from a challenge the band set a high bar by undertaking the mammoth mission to release a song every week - for an entire year. The resulting 52 songs compiled into a four-album box set, **One Year Of Ska** earned the band a second ARIA award in 2019.

**Melbourne Ska Orchestra's** live performance is explosive and infectious. Their unique take on the genre of Ska has wowed audiences all over the world. From Montreal to New York, Istanbul to London, Tokyo to Mexico and with the approval of Reggae and Ska pioneers like Stranger Cole, Owen Gray, Carlos Malcolm, Ranking Roger and Neville Staples the **Melbourne Ska Orchestra** sound is resonating with audiences worldwide – young and old.



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### **Festival Performances – Australia:**

WOMAdelaide, SA 2012, 2022

Byron Bay Bluesfest, NSW 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2019, 2022, 2023

Golden Plains Festival, VIC, 2013

Caloundra Festival, QLD, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2023

Queenscliff Festival, VIC 2013 & 2015

AWME (Australasian World Music Expo), VIC 2013, 2014 & 2016

Bigsound, Brisbane QLD 2013

Wave Rock Weekender, WA 2013

VIVID Festival, Sydney Opera House NSW 2015

Falls Festival, VIC 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015

Splendour In The Grass, Byron Bay NSW 2016

TEDx Melbourne VIC 2019

### **International Festival performances:**

Global Ska, Mexico City, Mexico 2023

Guama Festival, Mare Island, New Caledonia 2020

WOMADNZ, New Zealand 2013

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival, New Zealand 2014

Glastonbury, United Kingdom 2014

Montreal International Jazz Festival, Canada 2014

Festival D'ete de Quebec, Canada 2014

Dundas Square Toronto, Canada 2014

Northern Lights Festival Boreal, Ontario Canada 2014, 2015

Beaches Jazz Festival, Toronto Canada 2015

Vancouver Folk Festival, Canada 2015

Sierra Nevada World Music Festival, California US 2015

Boomtown Fair, Winchester UK 2016

Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Scotland UK 2016

Kaya Festival, Wales UK 2016

### **International headline shows:**

The Forge, Camden London UK – SOLD OUT 2014

The Garage, London UK 2015 & 2016

Garaj Istanbul, Turkey 2015

The Observatory, Orange County US, 2015

BB King's Blues Bar & Grill, New York US 2015

