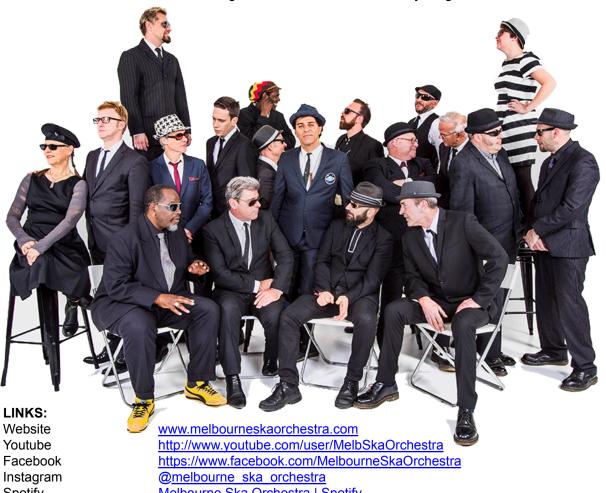
Formed in 2003 Melbourne Ska Orchestra is an orchestra with a difference. Comprising up to 26 members this juggernaut contains some of Australia's finest musicians and performers. Helmed by the energetic and charismatic Nicky Bomba (John Butler Trio, Bomba, Bustamento) Melbourne Ska Orchestra are more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

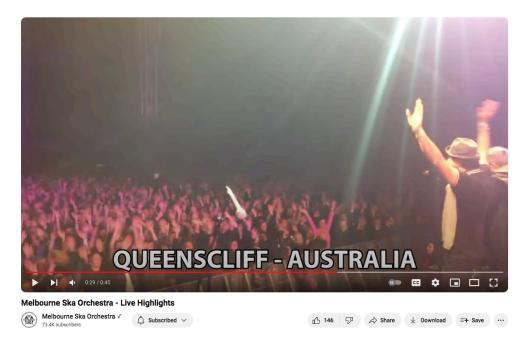
The band's debut self-titled release resulted in sell-out national shows, multiple major festival appearances, three international tours, and many awards and nominations. Their sophomore release Sierra-Kilo-Alpha, secured that band its first ARIA award in 2016. Never shying from a challenge the band 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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Melbourne Ska Orchestra - Live Highlights

## **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