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Hear ABBA with a Twist!

Australia loves ABBA – millions of album sales, sellout tours, hit musicals, the blockbuster movie and now the orchestra show!

Direct from Finland international vocal sensation Rajaton will dazzle Adelaide in May in **ASO plays ABBA** on Friday 22 May, 8.00pm and Saturday 23 May, 8.00pm at Festival Theatre.

Experience the countless hits of ABBA as you have never heard them before with the power of the full Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. Loose yourself in Dancing Queen, Waterloo, Money, Money, Money, Fernando and many others with a rich orchestral sound and the timeless vocal melodies of ABBA.

In their native Finland, Rajaton are a bona fide pop phenomenon. In 2006, the album *Rajaton sings ABBA with Lahti Symphony Orchestra* topped the charts in Finland and sold platinum in a month. It was Rajaton's first album featuring other than a cappella songs, and also the first one consisting solely of cover material. Altogether, Rajaton has one double platinum, two platinum and six gold records in Finland, and their albums have sold nearly 300,000 copies worldwide.

Founded in Helsinki in 1997, Rajaton consists of *Essi Wuorela* (soprano), *Virpi Moskari* (soprano), *Soila Sariola* (alto), *Jussi Chydenius* (bass), *Hannu Lepola* (tenor), and *Ahti Paunu* (baritone).

The Finnish word Rajaton translates as "boundless" – and that's precisely the right word to describe the way this vocal ensemble approaches music. The six-piece a cappella group has performed around the world at concert halls, churches, and jazz festivals, singing everything from spiritual music to pop hits. In fact, it's hard to imagine an audience that Rajaton could not reach with its music, or a type of music Rajaton could not make its own.

The ASO has performed the music of Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Deep Purple and Queen to sellout audiences time and time again. The orchestra's genre bending Showcase Series of which this ABBA concert is part of, has seen the ASO reach new audiences beyond its core classical Masters Series.

Tickets for ASO plays ABBA will SELL OUT so best secure yours now through www.bass.net.au or 131 246.

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