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### Ben Lee to Perform with the ASO

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The **Adelaide Symphony Orchestra** will present **Ben Lee** in concert performing songs from his forthcoming album *The Rebirth of Venus* together with favourites such as *Gamble Everything for Love*, *We're all in this Together* and *Catch My Disease* on **Friday 13 March, 8.00pm** and **Saturday 14 March, 8.00pm** at **Festival Theatre**.

Six-time ARIA winner, Lee, has won fans around the globe with his trademark pop craftsmanship, sense of humour and uncontainable passion for life. Known for his simple instrumentation and melodies the ASO will add a new dimension to Lee's evolving songbook.

"The power of an orchestra playing one chord is pretty immense, and suddenly hearing music that was written in your bedroom played by a 60 piece orchestra...it was like 'oh my god, I really came a long way', " Lee said in a recent press interview.

His break through came with the 1999 single *Cigarettes Will Kill You* from the *Breathing Tornados* album. Lee has since released bestseller albums including *Hey you. Yes you* (2002) *Awake is the New Sleep* (2005) and *Ripe* (2007)

Ben will perform with the ASO hot off the heels of the release of the *Rebirth of Venus*, an album which the performer dedicates to Venus, the Goddess of Love and Beauty. A bold move for a man, but Ben recognizes that the strongest feminine qualities "such as compassion, nurturing, creativity, spontaneity, intuition, playfulness, tenderness and warmth...are qualities that we all, men and women, need to cultivate."

Born in Sydney, Lee's career began at the age of 14 with pop band *Noise Addict*.

Now based in Los Angeles, Lee maintains an ever-widening group of friends and fans around the globe, a sure testament to the universal appeal of his music.

The ASO have enjoyed successful collaborations with Hilltop Hoods, Ben Folds, Herbie Hancock, Burt Bacharach and The Whitlams among others.

Bookings for Ben Lee and the ASO can be made through BASS outlets, online, [www.bass.net.au](http://www.bass.net.au) or by phone, 131 246.

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