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## The Whitlams

WHEN: Saturday, 11th September, 2010

TICKETS: \$45 VIP available \$79

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The Whitlams are one of Australia's favourite bands whose appeal reaches audiences of all ages and tastes. With lyrics described as having a "charming cynicism" and enhanced by an instinct for poignant melody, they have become a staple of the local music scene.

The Whitlams' success has always been about the emotional clout of the songs, so it was no surprise when demand rocketed for the performances where the songs were presented without their rock adornments. After a run of shows backed by Australia's best Symphony Orchestras, December saw The Whitlams playing three sold out shows at the Opera House with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

Late 2008, The Whitlams released "Truth, Beauty & A Picture of You – Best Of The Whitlams" & it has been described by Tim Freedman as his "ultimate Whitlams mixtape". Complete with detailed liner notes telling the stories behind the songs The Whitlams' Best Of debuted at number 3 in the ARIA Album Charts and remained in the Top 10 for six weeks running.

The Whitlams formed in late 1992 in Newtown, Australia. As a three piece with no drummer, Tim Freedman, Stevie Plunder and Andy Lewis developed their songs acoustically on Saturday afternoons at the Sandringham Hotel in King Street. So followed the usual formative months of beer, bonding and bad shows. In early 1993 they discovered that with their gear, they could all fit into a Kingswood station wagon. Taking turns lying on the piano in the back, they headed off every six weeks to Byron Bay and Brisbane and became a real band.

The current lineup has remained unchanged for the last 8 years and 4 albums, and consists of Tim Freedman on piano and vocals, Jak Housden on guitar, Warwick Hornby on bass guitar and Terepai Richmond on drums.