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## **Two Scot Icons meet - the fabulous Eddi Reader and The Songs of Robert Burns**

Melbourne, 19 December 2012 – Two Scot icons meet when renowned singer-songwriter **Eddi Reader** sings the songs of legendary bard Robert Burns. A national hero and the author of such lyrics such as *Auld Lang Syne* and *My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose*, Burns is toasted each year on his birthday (25 January) with whisky and haggis.

Eddi's career has traversed both traditional and contemporary songs, and she is widely recognised as one of Britain's most thrilling and affecting contemporary performers and never fails to bring her trademark depth of emotion and passion to her performances. [www.eddiereader.co.uk](http://www.eddiereader.co.uk)

**Eddi Reader** is a unique figure in the British music scene, a singer with a 'spine-tingling voice' (BBC.co.uk) and enough stage energy to 'power a wee village on the outskirts of her native Glasgow' (*The Scotsman*). It was her time with the band Fairground Attraction that really brought her into the limelight – the group's single 'Perfect' topped the British charts. Her seventh solo album was released early this year and continues to set Reader apart through her ability not only to move the listener but to connect her experience to that of her audience.

It's fitting that **Eddi Reader** pays tribute to the legend with an evening of song and revelry that has earned her world-wide acclaim and an MBE. In a Melbourne exclusive, Eddi Reader, her band and orchestra sing Burn's best-loved songs.

*"The Songs of Robert Burns is a project that is extremely close to my heart. I am so thrilled that I have the opportunity to perform the concert in its entirety with an orchestra exclusively for the Melbourne Recital Centre. It has been ten years since I first toured Australia, and every time I love it, and this concert will make the 2012 tour all the more special. It's a privilege and a blessing to be performing The Songs of Robert Burns."* Eddi Reader.

*"Eddi Reader's voice is an undeniably awesome thing. Her ability to swoop, soar and generally take your breath away has been a proven fact since Fairground Attractions First Of A Million Kisses in 1988."* - BBC Music

*"Put one of Scotland's finest singers, most celebrated songwriters and best orchestras together and the result was always going to be special."* –The Sunday Mail, Scotland.

### **EVENT DETAILS**

Friday 30 March 7.30pm

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall

Tickets from \$65

Bookings visit [www.melbournerecital.com.au](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au) or phone 03 9699 3333

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