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A vision of boundless energy, mind blowing original Finland's Kimmo Pohjonen in a Melbourne first

Finnish accordion adventurer **Kimmo Pohjonen's** singular mission is to expand the capabilities, sound, scope, performance and experience of the accordion to levels never before attempted, seen or heard. Accordion, voice, effects, surround sound and light show combine to make a unique and captivating performance event.

A visionary of boundless energy, Pohjonen's roots go back thirty years in all forms of accordion music including folk, dance, classical, rock, and experimental, theatre music and more. His studies at the progressive and innovative Sibelius Academy Folk Music Department were a critical factor in Pohjonen's evolution into the boldly creative and versatile performer he is today.

Mind-blowingly original, Kimmo Pohjonen defies the limitations of conventional music making with unprecedented ingenuity and extravagance. In a Melbourne first, Kimmo presents his extraordinary sound and light show combining extreme compositions with live electronic effects and powerful stage presence with a defiantly cyber-punk aesthetic. kimmonpohjonen.com

An accordion that goes to the unlimited areas of imagination. The result is outstanding. A phenomenon. -Ma'ariv, Tel Aviv

*Calling **Kimmo Pohjonen** an accordionist is a bit like describing the Encyclopaedia Britannica as a book.* -The Herald, Scotland

*Finland's answer to Björk ... **Pohjonen** is nothing less than jaw dropping. Utterly brilliant.* -New Internationalist Magazine

*In the hands of Finland's **Kimmo Pohjonen**, the accordion abandons its folk roots to become a gut-busting furnace of shamanic sound, animated by primal energies and orchestral dynamics ... a performer whose blend of virtuosity and resolute experimentation is routinely likened to that of Jimi Hendrix and Laurie Anderson.* -Wire Magazine

EVENT DETAILS

Thursday 8 March 2012, 8pm

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre

A Reserve \$55 / B Reserve \$45

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