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SENSATIONAL LINE-UP FOR WOMADELAIDE 2007 FULL PROGRAM DETAILS ANNOUNCED

WOMADELAIDE 2007

March 9-11, Botanic Park, Adelaide

All tickets now on sale

Full program details for this year's **WOMADelaide** festival have been released and all ticket-types are now on sale from Venue*Tix and participating Australia Post outlets. Over 330 celebrated artists from 20 countries will unite for one truly remarkable weekend of music, arts and dance from around the globe. Experience the power and exhilaration of major bands on the main stages, or the more relaxing ambience of a solo performer. Share with family and friends the delights of this unique event in the magnificent festival setting of Botanic Park.

WOMADelaide Attendances

In 2006 WOMADelaide smashed existing attendance records peaking at 75,000 and delivered a staggering \$6.2 million economic benefit to the state, an increase of 8% from the previous year. 44% were visitors from rural South Australia, interstate and overseas. Given the steady growth in attendances over the history of the festival and another stellar lineup, organisers are again expecting capacity crowds.

Rob Brookman has been Artistic Advisor to WOMADelaide since 1992. This year will be his last in the role. He said, 'For our eleventh programme, we are again excited to present an almost bewildering array of brilliant musical and other cultural offerings from Australia and around the world. Every year I am asked what is different about this year's programme and every year my answer is the same – "everything and nothing"!

Everything is different because it's a brand-new and one-off collection of artists, most of whom have not played our festival before and many of whom have never been to Australia before. Everything is the same because we will do everything in our power to replicate the the sense of delight, harmony and the excitement of discovery that every previous festival has achieved. Whether it be the curiosity and anticipation of hearing the great Asha Bhosle in Australia for the first time or the known pleasure of hearing the great Salif Keita a decade on, this festival will again take its audience on the proverbial magic carpet ride around the wide world in one all-too-brief weekend. And hopefully that ride will remind us all of the astonishing cultural riches with which humanity is blessed and the importance of both honouring and preserving tradition while also opening our minds to new cultural influences and artistic innovation.'

In addition to the amazing line-up of 14 groups released in October, announced today are:

Augie March (Australia)

The Backsliders (Australia)

Bill Cobham (USA) WOMADelaide Exclusive

Circle of Rhythm (Australia)

Deborah Conway & Willy Zygier (Australia)

Emily Davis & The Sunday Brides (Australia) One Performance Only

Ensemble Shanbehzadeh (Iran) WOMADelaide Exclusive

Etran Finawata (Niger) Australian Premiere

Fat Freddy's Drop (New Zealand) Adelaide Premiere / One Performance Only

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Guo Yue (China)
Habib Koite (Mali) One Performance Only
Huun-Huur Tu (Tuva/Russia) WOMADelaide Exclusive
Kev Carmody (Australia) One Performance Only
Mad Professor (UK) One Performance Only
Mr Scruff (UK)
Mornington Island Dancers
Nganampa Music (Australia) One Performance Only
Rebetiki (Australia/Greece)
San Lazaro (Australia)
Southern Cross Tango (Australia) One Workshop Only
Sweet Baby James & Rob Evers (Australia) One Performance Only
The Waifs (Australia) WOMADelaide Exclusive
Yasmin Levy (Israel) WOMADelaide Exclusive

There's hands-on fun for kids at **KidZone** and the opportunity to **Taste The World**. Whether it's a stroll through over 100 exotic stalls in the **Global Village**, a relaxing massage or reiki session in the **Healing Village**, enjoying the spectacular **Visual Arts** program or participating in **Workshops**, there really is something for everyone across six stages and throughout Adelaide's stunning Botanic Park.

The WOMADelaide 2007 '**Sounds of The Planet**' CD will feature artists from Australia, Africa, Portugal, Mexico, New Caledonia, India, Israel and more and will be available nationally through Filter music / shock records from 29 January.

All ticket-types are now on sale from Venue*Tix** and participating Australia Post outlets. Tel: 1300 30 40 72**

Please see attached comprehensive media kit (also available on line www.womadelaide.com.au/media)

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