

q feature: SVEN RATZKE IS STARMAN

Arts Centre Melbourne and Release Creative present
STARMAN- Sven Ratzke

The music of David Bowie, performed by internationally renowned entertainer Sven Ratzke

Arts Centre Melbourne is proud to present the Victorian Premiere of the international smash hit STARMAN by Dutch/German entertainer extraordinaire Sven Ratzke. An exploration of Bowie's life through classic songs from New York to Berlin, STARMAN will be presented for one night only at The Playhouse, Arts Centre Melbourne.

A starburst cabaret and rock show experience inspired by the music of the legend that was David Bowie, STARMAN takes the audience on a crazy, intimate, funny rock'n'roll ride. Entering the hyper-real world of seventies glam-rock, Helpmann Award nominee, Ratzke inhabits Bowie's multiple personas – a mad, bizarre, androgynous universe.

Ratzke will be accompanied on stage by his brilliant three-man band who make the music groove from rock into sound collages and intimate moments.

Entertainer extraordinaire and singer Sven Ratzke is a seasoned performer, spending 48 weeks of the year touring the world. From sold out shows at Lincoln Center in New York, to the Royal Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, to the famous Berliner Ensemble in Berlin. Ratzke's style and talent is unique. He combines high culture with elements of cabaret and vaudeville. He can be a crooner, but also a cool rocker with the touch of Berlin golden twenties in his blood.

Ratzke transforms legendary material from classics like Brecht/Weill or pop legend David Bowie into something you have never experienced before. Ratzke has won countless awards, writes for newspapers and theatre, has released several CD's and has his own TV show, Ratzke's Rendezvous which has recently been broadcast throughout Germany and Holland.

Ratzke says of performing STARMAN in Melbourne, *"I'm so excited to finally bring my show to Melbourne. I've heard its the most exciting city in Australia: wild, urban, sexy, full to the brim of art and culture. So, Melbourne and Starman, will be a match made in heaven."*

Following the Melbourne performance, STARMAN will be presented at the Home of the Arts in the Gold Coast on June 15. Sven Ratzke will then present his new work, *Homme Fatale* at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival from June 21- 23 2018, as part of a national tour. Following the Adelaide season, Sven will present *From Amsterdam to Mars* at Perth's His Majesty's Theatre.

Come and see why STARMAN has won over critics and audiences everywhere- from New York to Edinburgh, from Amsterdam to Adelaide.

Performance details STARMAN- Sven Ratzke
June 14 2018
7:30pm

The Playhouse, Arts Centre Melbourne Duration: 2 hours (including interval)
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