

## Seu Jorge AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

### Brazil

**Brazil's best-loved musical export visits Australia in his first shows outside his homeland or Portugal in 5 years**



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*"From the slums of Gogó da Ema in Rio de Janeiro's Baixada Fluminense to ringing applause on stages across Europe and the United States, Seu Jorge is a reflection of Brazil."* **Billboard**

*"Had Seu Jorge not recorded my songs acoustically in Portuguese I would never have heard this new level of beauty."* **David Bowie.**

A kid from the favelas who taught himself to play guitar and several other instruments, Seu Jorge is a singular talent of rare quality. His warm husky baritone is instantly recognisable but nonetheless flexible enough for samba, reggae, pop, electronic and other influences that find their way into his music. Today, he is Brazil's highest profile, most active musician performing to sell out stadiums around the country and seducing listeners around the globe.

In an Australian premiere performance, Jorge blends charismatic brilliance with a signature mix of transformative pop covers alongside swinging original tunes.

Deeply influenced by Stevie Wonder, Jorge defines himself as a pop singer, appreciating a myriad of musical genres. But at the heart of his sound, there is always a soulful national identity and the vibrant undercurrent of Brazilian Samba. The BBC has reported that the likes of Gilberto Gil and Chico Buarque suggest he is the true heir to their tropicalista throne.

Jorge is also well known for his memorable acting roles. He played Knockout Ned in the award-winning 2002 film *City of God*, a charismatic gang leader seeking revenge amidst the bloody gang wars. He also performed the sublime Portuguese-language Bowie interpretations in *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*.

The Seu Jorge live experience is epitomised by unbridled enthusiasm running in both directions. Jorge has a rare connection to his audience where his concerts can turn into sing-along and/or dance parties

Jorge will be most ably supported by his Brazillian compatriots, hip-hop revelation Karol Conka and legendary NYC-based music producer and selector, Béco Dranoff.

Where	The Star Event Centre
When	11 January at 8.00pm
Duration	150 minutes no interval
Price	Standing Dance Floor \$69 /\$62

## MEDIA RELEASE

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