

## Legendary magic duo Penn & Teller perform at Arts Centre Melbourne in first ever Australian tour



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, 22 FEBRUARY 2022** – Legendary magic duo **Penn & Teller** will bring their record-breaking Las Vegas live show to Arts Centre Melbourne from 14 – 18 June as part of their first ever Australian tour.

From humble beginnings busking on the streets of Philadelphia to acclaimed sold-out runs on Broadway to the longest running, and one of the most-beloved resident headline acts in Las Vegas history, magic's legendary duo continues to defy labels – and at times physics and good taste – by redefining the genre of magic and inventing their own very distinct niche in comedy.

The lifelong friends – also authors, directors and documentary makers with a career together spanning almost half a century – are known for their unusual mix of mind-blowing magic tricks and comedy.

Their record-breaking Las Vegas show at The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino has an amazing eight wins as “Las Vegas Magicians of the Year” and was called “The single best show in Vegas” by the Los Angeles Times.

“I just love Australia. I learned to scuba dive in Cairns. I've eaten gelato at Circular Quay and enjoyed Shakespeare at the Opera House. I've scouted an underwater TV special near Melbourne, I've been bug-eyed at MONA and some of my dearest friends live there so it's about bloody time we brought our show down under, don't you think? It's once in a lifetime! See you in winter! ... What? It's winter in June??,” says Teller.

The pair are stars of the acclaimed Showtime series *Penn & Teller: BS!* as seen on ABC iView and ABC TV Plus, which challenges up-and-coming (and veteran) magicians to try and fool Penn & Teller. The show received 13 Emmy nominations and was the longest-running series in the history of the network, returning for an eighth season in 2021.

True pop culture stalwarts, the duo has performed in hit television shows including *Friends*, *The Big Bang Theory*, *Modern Family* and *The Simpsons* as well as their own TV specials which have earned them an Emmy and Writer's Guild Award. They also share a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Their highly anticipated return to Broadway was the highest-grossing non-musical on Broadway for its entire six-week run. In recent years, they've become acclaimed documentarians with the BAFTA-nominated Sony Pictures Classic release *Tim's Vermeer*, as well as producing the critically lauded feature *The Aristocrats* and the Showtime short *The Gambler's Ballad*.

In 2020, Penn & Teller celebrated 45 years of their professional partnership.

Penn & Teller's Australian tour will also take them to the Sydney Opera House (**1-11 June**) and Queensland Performing Arts Centre (**22 June – 3 July**).

"The single best show in Las Vegas" – **Los Angeles Times**  
"The greatest performing duo in showbiz" – **Jimmy Fallon**  
"They're evil geniuses. Always amazing, always entertaining" – **David Letterman**  
"The world's funniest and most dangerous magicians" – **Jimmy Kimmel**

**Tickets on sale Thursday 3 March, 9am**

Images can be found [here](#).

**Arts Centre Melbourne presents**

***Penn & Teller***

**Arts Centre Melbourne, Hamer Hall | 14 – 18 June**

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