



YOU RAISE ME UP!

BRIAN KENNEDY

One of Ireland's most prodigiously gifted of vocal talents...the voice that charms the angels.

arriving on Australian shores for his national tour in November 2004.

His last visit here left the Sydney Morning Herald exclaiming, "Brian Kennedy could probably charm an apology out of John Howard."

A prolific songwriter and master interpreter of lyrics audiences around the world continue to praise his exceptional vocal talent. Brian's own love of music has taken him from a tiny Belfast terrace on the notorious Falls Road, to Broadway |Riverdance|, the BBC |Brian Kennedy 'On Song' Television series|, Europe, USA, Canada, UK, Japan and beyond.

Along the way he has played with Bob Dylan, Ray Charles, Paul Brady, Sinéad O'Connor, Clannad, Ronan Keating, The Corrs, Tina Turner and Van Morrison, who on hearing Brian's voice immediately approached him to perform and record as part of his band for many years. Van personally asked Brian to record the version of "Crazy Love" for the film "When A Man Loves A Woman.". He has also published his own short stories and Hodder has just released his first novel "The Arrival of Feargal Flynn".

Performing live has always been at the core of Brian's success as a singer and musician. His performances include his own buoyant and often reflective songs, alongside classics from Neil Young, and Van Morrison, and traditional Irish sources.

Speaking about the traditional Irish classic, 'Carrickfergus', John Shand of the Sydney Morning Herald said, "It is hard to imagine a better voice to sing this glorious lament than Kennedy's, keening like uilleann pipes over gentle finger picking. It is the ethereal upper register that so sets this voice apart, but the truly remarkable aspect of it is how seamlessly he moves between his natural tenor and his falsetto."

The Australian tour is in support of his 2004 release, "Brian Kennedy Live In Belfast", on CD and DVD formats. This double disc set features Brian in concert recorded over two sell-out nights at the Belfast Waterfront Hall, in November 2003. It is a superb collection and pitches his matchless vocal skills across 22 tracks missing material from all stages of his absorbing 15-year recording career.

Included are breathtaking renditions of 'Get On With Your Short Life', as well as choice selections from his BBC TV Series "On Song" - from which come 'The Ballad of Killaloe', 'Carrickfergus', 'Danny Boy', 'The Curragh of Kildaire', his tender version of 'CrazyLove/Have I Told You Lately', as well as the heartfelt take on 'Only Love Can Break Your Heart' and an inspired version of 'You Raise Me Up' -also featured on Secret Garden and "Get On With Your Short Life'.

About 'Brian Kennedy Live In Belfast', Hot Press magazine said "Kennedy's strength lies in his ability to invest a song with meaning...I was reduced to silence by the power and majesty of his voice. Rarely has a live album by an Irish artist sounded so complete, so convincing as this one does." "Brian Kennedy possesses such a soulful, angelic voice that he can reduce grown people to tears." "The warmth and imitable magic of a Kennedy live show has to be seen."



Brian Kennedy is a musician whose personal charisma and charm and musical magic have the power to beguile fans of all ages and from all corners of the world.

**Tickets on sale at usual outlets from MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13
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