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BUNDANOON HIGHLAND GATHERING Inc. **BUNDANOON IS BRIGADOON** **Saturday 1 April 2017**

The Bundanoon Highland Gathering is extremely proud, honoured and delighted to announce that for their 40th Anniversary Celebrations the Chieftain of the Day will be:

Mr. Jimmy Barnes

Jimmy Barnes, a name that is revered in the music business, he is the well-known Scottish-born Australian rock singer-songwriter. His career both as a solo performer and as the lead vocalist with the rock band Cold Chisel has made him one of the most popular and best-selling Australian music artists of all time.

JIMMY BARNES

Wild-child, rock star, soul man, statesman – Jimmy Barnes has covered some ground to become an Australian icon.

You can't talk Australian music without mentioning Jimmy Barnes. As front-man for the legendary Cold Chisel, he tore through the Australian music scene in the 70s and 80s, then went on to do the same as a solo artist.

In a career that spans over four decades, it's easy to lose sight of just how incredible his achievements are. How is this for a taster? Across his recorded output, Jimmy has had 15 Top 40 albums with Cold Chisel and 15 charting solo albums – including ten Number Ones – and holds the record for the most hit albums of any Australian artist. In the live arena, Cold Chisel's farewell tour, The Last Stand, is still the highest grossing concert series by an Australian band ever.



In 1984, within a year of the last Cold Chisel show, Jimmy released his first solo album “Bodyswerve”. This was followed a year later with “For the Working Class Man” – a seven times platinum record whose title track became Jimmy’s signature song. “Freight Train Heart”, released in 1987 gave him his first Number One single with “Too Much Ain’t Enough Love”. His first five solo albums were multi-platinum sellers, which all debuted at Number One, culminating in the 1991 release “Soul Deep”, which sold a staggering nine times platinum. All in all, Jimmy has sold over 12 million albums.

Throughout his career, Jimmy has been a passionate supporter of Australian music and has championed many up and coming musicians. He has worked with some of the country’s leading entertainers, including INXS, Diesel, Kasey Chambers, John Farnham and Archie Roach, to name a few.

Since 2000, Jimmy has continued to record and tour, hitting the Number One spot again with “Double Happiness” in 2005 and “The Rhythm and The Blues” in 2008.

In 2014, Jimmy’s 15th solo studio album, 30:30 Hindsight was released and immediately charted at #1. Once again, it found Jimmy surrounded by family and friends in his home studio, this time revisiting some of the biggest hits from his solo career, along with a few deeper cuts and personal favourites.

A Cold Chisel reformation followed and 2015 saw the release of a brand new recording ‘The Perfect Crime’ and sold out national ‘One Night Stand’ Tour that included the last ever Australian band to perform at the Sydney Entertainment Centre plus a live performance at the 2015 NRL Grand Final.

As successful as his studio work has proven to be over these past three decades, what all the stats and official accolades don’t show, but we all know as fact, is that Jimmy Barnes is primarily a primal live act. Along with all the hit records and anthemic songs, there’ve been literally thousands of live shows. And as we’ve all witnessed firsthand, there’s nothing quite like experiencing Jimmy Barnes in concert. He never leaves anyone

in any doubt of exactly who is, and always has been, the hardest working man in rock & roll.



He’s expanded his career into television and is the public face and supporter of a wide number of fundraising campaigns and charity.

Just to confirm his unique status, Jimmy has been inducted into the Aria Hall of fame twice – once with Cold Chisel in 1993 and then as a solo artist in 2005.

And now with a self-penned biography and new Soul Searchin’ album scheduled for release later this year, Jimmy has no plans to stop working just yet.

“Life’s good,” he says. “I’m fit, I’m healthy, I’m doing yoga – who would have thought? Yoga and medication ... I mean meditation! And the family’s great, Jane’s great. And I think I’m singing better than I’ve ever sung, so I may as well just keep at it.

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