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“(A) powerhouse of infectious energy and singalong pop...” – *Sydney Morning Herald*

“... unpretentious, joyous, and quintessentially Gallic fun.” – *The Guardian, Australia*

Foxtel Festival Hub

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BABYLON CIRCUS

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Famed around the world for their irrepressible, high-octane live shows, French nine-piece **Babylon Circus** are an all-singing, all-dancing ska-rock explosion.

Channelling everything from The Specials to Gogol Bordello to the swinging riffs of big band jazz, **Babylon Circus** are purveyors of an exhilarating horn-driven mix of reggae, swing, punk and everything in between.

Fusing joyous French-English songs with bouncing brass sections, gypsy accordionists and manic guitar licks, they've got one mission and one mission only—to whip up the sort of righteous party that could inspire revolutions. Now in their 20th year, and veterans of more than 1500 gigs across 35 countries, **Babylon Circus** have shown they're no slouches when it comes to bringing the noise.

With on-stage rollicking that at one point gave ringmaster David Baruchel a near-fatal double concussion (he has been known to do scissor kicks in a tweed suit), Melburnians can step aboard the Babylon band wagon for a night of swinging spectacles in what will be their only Victorian show.

The 10-piece act will touch on their 2013 album fittingly titled *Never Stop*, plus tracks from their previous three albums *Dances of Resistance* (2004), *Au Marché des Illusions* (2001), and *Musika* (1997).

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