



“Patti Smith’s debut album was a declaration of committed mutiny, a statement of faith in the transfigurative powers of rock ‘n’ roll.” – *Rolling Stone*

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PATTI SMITH’S HORSES

Courtney Barnett, Jen Cloher, Adalita & Gareth Liddiard

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of **Patti Smith’s** trailblazing album – four of Australia’s most insightful and respected rock artists – **Courtney Barnett, Jen Cloher, Adalita** (Magic Dirt) and **Gareth Liddiard** (The Drones) – will unite to perform ***Horses*** in its entirety, exclusively as part of this year’s Melbourne Festival.

In December 1975, New York poet rocker Patti Smith’s debut album short circuited the gender posturing of rock’n’roll and electrified the gathering storm of punk. Literate and raw, its touchstones ranged from Rimbaud to Hendrix, its moods from raw garage intensity to elegiac delicacy.

Horses is cited among the all-time greatest rock albums by *Rolling Stone* and *TIME*, and enshrined by the US Library of National Congress. Its unique, uncompromising visions and transcendent individuality have been noted as key inspirations for Morrissey, U2, Siouxsie Sioux, Courtney Love and REM’s Michael Stipe, who memorably stated that *Horses* “tore my limbs off and put them back on in a whole different order.”

Barnett, Cloher, Adalita and Liddiard each embody the gutsy poeticism that bubbles inside a rare breed of rock ‘n’ roll artist, a breed that Patti arguably paved the way for with ***Horses***. Aside from their far-flung acclaim, Barnett’s deadpan ramblings of wit, Adalita’s brooding observations, Cloher’s soulful reflections and Liddiard’s nuanced storytelling all hum the same creative spirit of Patti Smith. They are poised to present their own contemporary interpretations of a work that has propelled a key style of rock music into the present day.

An act of heartfelt homage that promises to be both hypnotic and exhilarating, this dream line up of Australian talent will be part of a global groundswell of acts tributing Patti’s living legacy with a one off international premiere performance that promises to be one of the essential music events of the year.