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"The ultimate tribute to the late David Bowie." - Noise 11

"We don't have to say goodbye to him or his songs – not till this thing we call music evaporates or the world winks out." – The Brag

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DAVID BOWIE NOTHING HAS CHANGED Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

Featuring Iota, Tim Rogers, Steve Kilbey, Deborah Conway & Adalita

If David Bowie had not existed, it would have been necessary to invent him. Now that he's undergone his final transformation, Australia's music industry greats pay tribute to the Starman in *David Bowie: Nothing Has Changed* this October.

Tim Rogers, Iota, Adalita, Deborah Conway, Steve Kilbey and more will select their favourite hits of the late rock star to perform in their very own special sounding way, backed by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in the sublime surrounds of Melbourne's Hamer Hall.

Few musicians can claim to have refashioned modern music so comprehensively as the man born David Jones. From the glam of Ziggy Stardust to the desolate Berlin years right up until his intensely personal final album *Blackstar*, Bowie both reflected contemporary culture back on itself while remaining truly alien.

Named after Bowie's last greatest hits collection, artists under the influence of the great man will gather to perform over 30 songs including his biggest hits; *Changes, China Girl, Life On Mars, Under Pressure, Let's Dance, Starman* and more.

David Bowie was the ultimate innovator in popular culture for more than five decades. Following the release of *Space Oddity* in 1963, Bowie re-emerged in the early 1970s and glam rock era as his ostentatious, androgynous alter ego Ziggy Stardust that marked his career breakthrough cemented by the release of single, *Starman* and album *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars.* From plastic soul to electronic to industrial to jungle, Bowie's sound like his style was ever evolving. During his lifetime his record sales estimated at 140 million worldwide made him one of the best selling artists of all time.

David Bowie: Nothing Has Changed follows a string of worldwide tributes to music's true cultural catalyst, but this is the largest celebration to be staged in Melbourne yet.



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