



Formed in 2003 the **Melbourne Ska Orchestra** is an orchestra with a difference. Comprising up to 36 members this juggernaut contains some of Australia's finest musicians and performers. The band can perform with as little as 18 members and as many as 36. Lead and directed by the energetic and charismatic Nicky Bomba (John Butler Trio, Bomba, Bustamento), they are a force to be reckoned with.

The bands debut self-titled release resulted in sell out national shows, multiple major festival appearances, three international tours and a host of awards and nominations. The new album **Sierra-Kilo-Alpha**, was released on April 22, 2016. Showcasing a new trajectory sonically, it respects the roots of the genre retransmitting 2Tone signals while introducing new hybrids that are fresh and exciting.

Melbourne Ska Orchestra's live performance is explosive and infectious. Their unique take on the genre of Ska has wowed audiences all over the world. From Montreal to New York, Istanbul to London and with the approval of Reggae and Ska pioneers like Stranger Cole, Owen Gray, Carlos Malcolm, Ranking Roger and Neville Staples, to name a few, the **Melbourne Ska Orchestra** is resonating with audiences worldwide – young and old.

Festival Performances – Australia:

WOMAdelaide, SA 2012
Byron Bay Bluesfest, NSW 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2015
Golden Plains Festival, VIC
Caloundra Festival, QLD
Queenscliff Festival, VIC 2013 & 2015
AWME (Australiasian World Music Expo), VIC 2013 & 2014
Fremantle Arts Centre New Years Day Concert, WA 2013
Bigsound, Brisbane QLD 2013
Summer of Soul Festival, Mossvale VIC 2015 & 2016
Australia Day Festival Whittlesea, Melbourne VIC 2015
Fall Festival, VIC 2015
Australia Day at The Rocks, Sydney NSW 2016
Splendour In The Grass, Byron Bay NSW 2016

International Festival performances:

WOMAD, New Zealand 2013
Glastonbury, United Kingdom 2014
Montreal Jazz Festival, Canada 2014
Festival d'ete de Quebec, Canada 2014
Dundas Square Toronto, Canada 2014
Northern Lights Festival, Boreal Ontario Canada 2014, 2015
Beaches Jazz Festival, Toronto Canada 2015
Vacouver Folk Festival, Canada 2015
Sierra Nevada World Music Festival, California US 2015
Boomtown Fair, UK 2016
Edinburgh Fringe Fetsival, UK 2016

International shows:

The Forge, Camden London UK – SOLD OUT 2014
The Garage, London 2015
The Observatory, Orange County US, 2015
BB Kings Blues Bar & Grill, New York US 2015

LINKS:

Website www.melbourneskaorchestra.com
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Official Media Page <http://www.melbourneskaorchestra.com/media/>
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