

## FEARLESS VOICES

### A Variety Show featuring shouters, slam poets and songs of John Lennon

It's 37 years since, as a newspaper said, a song died on the streets of New York when John Lennon was shot down. Yet his songs are not dead: intense, sweet and angry, insightful and socially aware, they stay with us.

To mark his astonishing contributions, Liberty Victoria is hosting a unique Sunday afternoon event, FEARLESS VOICES, celebrating the richness of his works.

Arranged for the 21st century, they will be performed by an awesome ensemble led by keyboard maestro **Bruce Haymes** (Paul Kelly, Bachelors From Prague). With him will be the rich and soulful voices of the outstanding singer /songwriters **Liz Stringer** and **Matt Walker** and the fluid rhythm section of **Steve Hadley** (bass) and **Roger `The Gentleman` Bergodaz** (drums).

**Sharifa A Tourtoussi** is another showstopper. Dental student, poet and performer, she has a style described as teetering on the boundary of a fire that warms and one that burns, combining traditional storytelling, millennial boundary pushing with raw emotion encompassing influences from eastern and western art and literature. Race identity, inclusive feminism in the arts and what it means to be a young Middle Eastern Muslim woman in a world constantly debating her right to exist.

Melbourne's foremost slam poets, **Waffle Irongirl**, **Sukhjit Khalsa**, **Soreti Kadir** and **Tariro Mavondo** will join her.

And as if that isn't enough, the shouters are **Casey Bennetto**, **Stuart Grant**, **Alicia Sometimes** and **Paul Stewart**.

All hosted by RRR's unstoppable **Johnny Topper**.

This provocatively fun-filled and delightfully angry afternoon is on Sunday October 1, 2.00 pm at The Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury.

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