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CANADA'S BEYOND THE PALE PRESENT TWO INCREDIBLE CONCERTS

CASTLEMAINE, February 2011 – The remarkable **award-winning Canadian ensemble Beyond the Pale** come to Castlemaine for two incredible and unique concerts. For over a decade **Beyond the Pale** has been making its distinctive brand of boundary-busting **Eurofolk fusion**. Mixing Klezmer, Balkan, and Romanian styles with an eclectic range of North American influences, the band members' diverse musical and cultural backgrounds intersect in a shared impulse to push the boundaries of contemporary acoustic roots music into new realms.

For their first concert **Beyond Mozart** – a truly new way to listen to the classics, Beyond the Pale present their **CBC Radio commissioned new interpretations of works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, in celebration of his 250th birthday in 2006**. In response, this extraordinary group conceived a full concert program which reinterprets symphonic and choral compositions within an intimate folk group context. Instruments rarely heard in Mozart's music, such as the accordion and mandolin, reinvigorate his melodies with fresh musical inflections that render the work simultaneously radical and warmly familiar.

Beyond the Pale have achieved a deeply considered and sensitively mastered new Mozart repertoire in which melodies are recast within European folk forms and given new life. This **exciting Australian premiere** of Beyond Mozart will open our music program at the **Castlemaine Town Hall on 2 April**.

For their **second performance** the following night this time in the **Theatre Royal** – join Beyond the Pale for a night of dancing to the raucous dance rhythms of thrilling folk arrangements. Beyond the Pale has performed at festivals, theatres, and clubs across Canada, the U.S., and Europe, including the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards, NY's famed Carnegie Hall, and the Jewish Culture Festival in Krakow, Poland. This will be Beyond the Pale's first Australian tour – they perform in Melbourne and Apollo Bay Festival after the Castlemaine Festival.

Beyond the Pale have received wide critical acclaim with their most recent CD "Postcards" (Borealis Records) including a leading four nominations and two wins from the 2010 Canadian Folk Music Awards ("Instrumental Ensemble of the Year" and "Pushing the Boundaries"). The band's previous CD releases "Routes" and "Consensus" (Borealis Records, 2001 and 2004) also received honours from the Canadian Folk Music Awards, and the Canadian Independent Music Awards, Toronto Independent Music Awards and the Ontario Council of Folk Festivals Songwriting Competition.

www.beyondthepale.net

Videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1fmmtH9k7c>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JYxa--TSUE&feature=related>

EVENT DETAILS:

Beyond Mozart

DATE: Saturday 2 April

TIME: 8PM

PLACE: Castlemaine Town Hall

TICKETS: \$40 / \$35

BOOKING: 5434 6100

Beyond the Pale at the Theatre Royal

DATE: Saturday 3 April

TIME: 8PM

PLACE: Theatre Royal, 30 Hargraves St Castlemaine

TICKETS: \$35 / \$30

BOOKING: 5434 6100

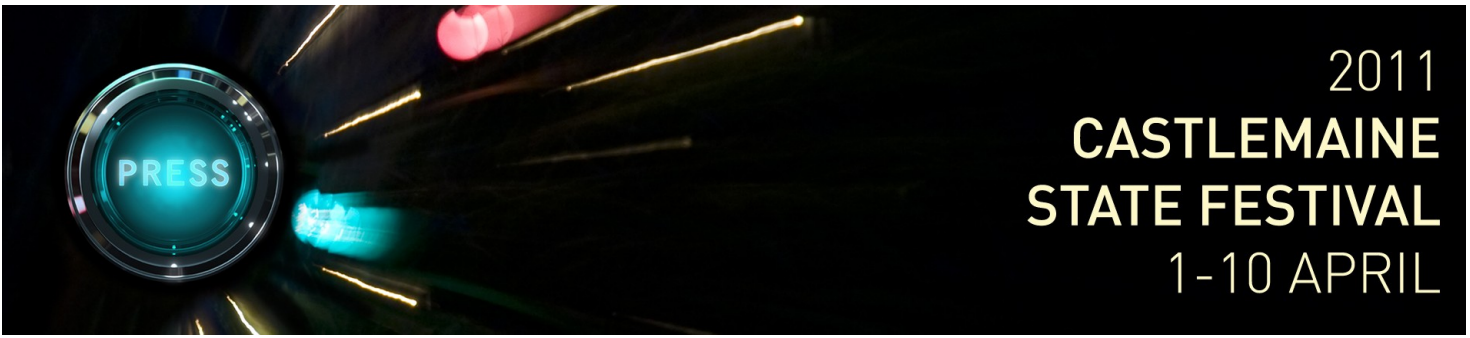
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