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Unsung Heroes of Australian History Media Release

Australian history like you've never heard before

"Biscuits and tea never sounded so good"

How many shows have you been to where you ended up sharing a yarn with the performers over a freshly backed Anzac biscuit, a Turkish Delight and a cuppa?

Three Melbourne musicians have put together a very special show that commemorates our story. *Unsung Heroes of Australian History* presents the stories of ordinary people who have done extraordinary things and helped make our nation what it is today.

From Jim Martin, the youngest soldier to serve in the First World War, who died at 14 years of age, to the inspiring Amal Basry, a refugee fleeing war and terror in Iraq, and even the man who came up with the idea of Vegemite, this show presents stories of individual lives in a way we can all relate to. It's Australian history like you've never heard before.

It's uplifting, poignant, sometimes funny, and thoroughly entertaining.

The original songs against a backdrop of evocative images, plus audience interaction will take you on a powerful and emotional journey. And in a delightful and symbolic touch, there will be Anzac biscuits and Turkish delights to nibble on during the interval.

"These songs drip with the satisfying juices of solid research, spirited lyrics and sublime artistry. A musical and historical feast," says Stella Prize winning author and historian Clare Wright, an obvious fan of the show.

Bruce Watson, Moira Tyers and Wendy Ealey are award winning songwriters. Individually they have performed across the four corners of the globe. Together, their lush musical arrangements, mudcake rich harmonies and powerful songwriting move and delight audiences.

"There's nothing like the combination of music and a story to touch your heart", says Watson. "We have been amazed by how deeply this show affects people. It's great when we get standing ovations, who wouldn't like that, but for us, the biggest sign of how much the show is getting through to people is the fact that they want to talk to us for ages after the show and tell us their own stories. We know that we have touched their hearts."

Audience members are delighted when they are invited to nominate their own unsung heroes, and these are worked into the show. This brings home the lesson that there are many, many unsung heroes living amongst us.

This show engages both young and old. If you love history, a good story, and even a good cry – not to mention beautiful music – then this is the show for you! And if that's not enough to tempt you, remember those home-baked biscuits.