

UNSUNG HEROES OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORY



So many people have quietly made their mark and helped to form this fortunate nation and we invite you to meet some of them...

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Take three multi-talented musicians, powerful stories of ordinary Australians who have done extraordinary things, original songs, evocative images and the gratuitous distribution of Anzac biscuits and Turkish delights, lush musical arrangements, mudcake rich harmonies – and you have *Unsung Heroes of Australian History*.

Bruce Watson, Wendy Ealey and Moira Tyers take you on a powerful journey through Australia's history – celebrating in story, song and images those ordinary people who have done extraordinary things.

These songs drip with the satisfying juices of solid research, spirited lyrics and sublime artistry. (Clare Wright, 2014 Stella Prize)

Unsung Heroes of Australian History (the original show) (1 hour)

A musical, historical and visual feast exploring and celebrating the life and times of those who have quietly shaped this nation. Presented in two parts, this is the full *Unsung Heroes of Australian History* show.

We ask the big questions: What was Henry Lawson's mum like? What was the Eureka flag made from and by whom? How old was the youngest soldier to die at Gallipoli? Why did Vegemite catch on?

Lest We Forget (1 hour)

Stories of ordinary people swept up in conflicts from frontier wars and world wars to refugees – with original songs and images.

New Land, Ancient Land (1 hour)

Stories of Australians who have live here for 2,000 generations and convicts, settlers, migrants, refugees have made a new life here since 1788.

Daughters of Freedom (1 hour)

Our official history is the story of well-off white males. But that is only part of the story. What of this country's original inhabitants? And what of women? This concert reimagines our history through original songs and evocative images, bringing to the fore stories of the forgotten people who have helped make this land what it is.



Unsung Heroes of Australian History – The Artists

Moira, Bruce and Wendy are all talented and sought after performers and writers in their own right. Unsung Heroes of Australian History combines their skills and talents with powerful songs and beautiful harmonies and instrumentation to produce a wonderful and moving piece of entertainment.



Moira Tyers Accordion, fiddle, guitar, vocals

Moira has won the Port Fairy Folk Festival 2005 Best song for Peace, Tolerance and Understanding, and Hot Pick Award recipient in the Pacific Songwriting Competition N.Z. She is a multi-instrumentalist and one of the Dixie Chooks.

Visit Moira's website: www.moiratyers.com

Bruce Watson Guitar, mandolin, banjo, percussion, vocals

Bruce is a favourite at festivals all over the country. He has six CDs of original songs, a heap of awards and has had his songs covered by many Australian and overseas artists, including Eric Bogle and Joe Dolce. A wordsmith who writes and performs with humanity and heart.



Visit Bruce's website: www.brucewatsonmusic.com



Wendy Ealey Narration, mandolin, ukulele, guitar, vocals

Wendy has a voice that will knock your socks off! Her varied career includes singing in folk clubs in Australia and Europe, stand up and corporate comedy, co-writing documentary sound tracks, and appearing in the occasional dramatic piece - being a bit of a dramatic piece herself. She is also one of the Dixie Chooks.

Visit Wendy's website: www.wendyealey.com.au