



STAR-STUDED LINEUP FOR VISION AUSTRALIA'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Thursday, December 24 at 8.00pm on Channel Nine

Lisa Wilkinson and **Karl Stefanovic** will front an all-star lineup at the 2009 **Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight** concert.

The event will be broadcast live from Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl on Thursday, December 24 from 8.00pm on Channel Nine.

TODAY Show hosts **Wilkinson** and **Stefanovic** will be joined by **Carols by Candlelight** ambassador **Anthony Callea** and a roll-call of some of the biggest names in Australian entertainment.

"I love Christmas – there's real magic in the air at this time of year and for me nothing captures the spirit of the season quite like Carols," Callea said.

Carols by Candlelight, a Melbourne institution that has become a Christmas Eve ritual in Australian households, will celebrate its 72nd performance this year.

Audiences will be wowed by chart-topping pop sensations **Guy Sebastian**, **Ricki-Lee Coulter**, **Paulini Curuenavuli** and **Carl Riseley**, who will each perform a selection of all-time Christmas favourites.

Country music fans will enjoy the vocals of Golden Guitar winner **Melinda Schneider** when she joins the lineup on Christmas Eve.

The Ten Tenors will enchant young and old alike with their stirring vocals, while the cast of **Jersey Boys** will treat the audience at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl and viewers at home to a rock 'n' roll Christmas medley.

Frankie J. Holden, **Wilbur Wilde**, **Joe Camilleri**, **Ross Wilson** and **Glen Shorrock** will assemble for one night only as **The Legends of Rock**, sure to bring the house down with their unique take on the sounds of Christmas.

Children's favourites **HI-5** and **Humphrey B. Bear** will keep the little ones entertained.

No Carols would be complete without a visit from the North Pole and organisers have once more secured the arrival of **Santa Claus**, who will take time out from his busy schedule to make an appearance at the Bowl.

Carols by Candlelight will be conducted under the guidance of **John Foreman**, who is returning as musical director and, for the first time, will produce the event.

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