

Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Divine Miss Bette **By Neil Gooding Productions and Catherine Alcorn** **Bawdy, brash and fabulous!** **22 January 8pm** **23 January 2pm & 8pm**

After sell-out seasons across Australia, Catherine Alcorn brings her acclaimed smash hit **The Divine Miss Bette** to The Joan to open the 2016 Season with a summer night to remember!

The Divine Miss Bette is your chance to become intimately acquainted with one of the greatest cabaret artists of our time. Trained by **Steve Ostrow**, the man who discovered **Bette Midler**, Alcorn will take you on a thrilling roller coaster ride back to the Palace Theatre, New York 1973.

"She's bloody talented. She can sing. She can act. She has comic timing...the confidence, the unmitigated chutzpah..." – Crikey

Backed by a five piece band, Alcorn will belt out the diva's early classics including *Stay With Me Baby*, *You're Moving Out Today*, *The Rose*, *Wind Beneath My Wings*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, and *In The Mood*. Catherine Alcorn is **The Divine Miss Bette** with a huge voice, with sass and heart to boot.

Audiences can arrive early for the Friday 22 January show and enjoy the first of The Joan's **Friday Night Lights**, featuring a relaxed pop-up lounge with live music, a cool atmosphere, and great food and drinks before the show.

Performances are Friday 22 January 8pm, Saturday 23 January 2pm and 8pm. Tickets are \$55 adult or \$50 concession or can be purchased as part of a subscription pack to save up to \$15 per ticket. The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre is located at 597 High Street and there is plenty of parking nearby. **To book call The Joan's Box Office on 4723-7600 or online at www.thejoan.com.au**

Duration: 120 minutes including interval

FURTHER INFORMATION / INTERVIEWS / IMAGES / VIDEOS

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Additional Online content can be found here:

<http://thejoan.com.au/whats-on/the-divine-miss-bette/>

For images visit:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/r08l61pqt0zli3r/AACStEka0ChOupVtw5Xk5db7a?dl=0>

VIDEO

The Divine Miss Bette starring Catherine Alcorn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzxHEX8FH5w>

SOCIAL MEDIA SHARING

Short update for Facebook:

The Divine Miss Bette is your chance to become intimately acquainted with one of the greatest cabaret artists of our time. Catherine Alcorn and her sizzling hot five piece band will bring you the best of the diva's classics in this acclaimed smash hit show at The Joan 22 & 23 January. For more info and to book visit:

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