

Meat Loaf

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MEAT LOAF - THE LAST WORLD TOUR AUSTRALIAN DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2004

He's one of the biggest selling artists of all time and as part of his last world tour, Meat Loaf is coming back to Australia.

Meat Loaf has sold more than 60 million albums worldwide, including 30 million of the phenomenal **"Bat Out Of Hell"** which became the soundtrack to our lives.

With a new album **"Couldn't Have Said It Better"** released this week (Sept 22), Meat Loaf will be back to rock his Australian fans, kicking off February 20 2004 at Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena.

Singing epic, operatic tales of love with his instantly recognisable, booming voice, Meat Loaf live with his nine-piece band is an unforgettable experience.

He kicked off his last world tour in June in the US, playing amphitheatres, festivals and arenas supporting **"Couldn't Have Said it Better"**, his eighth studio album in 25 years. Personifying showmanship and vocal prowess at its best, Meat Loaf invokes the true spirit of rock'n'roll in his live shows. He performs all his signature hits, and dueting on **"Paradise by the Dashboard Light"** and **"I'd Do Anything For Love"** with the stunning Patti Russo.

At the Melbourne and Sydney concerts, Meat Loaf will be accompanied by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

"Couldn't Have Said it Better" marks a triumphant return to the studio for Meat Loaf. His last two albums were 1977's **"Welcome to the Neighborhood"**, which went platinum and 1997's masterpiece **"Bat Out of Hell 2"**, which sold a staggering 10 million albums and netted him a Grammy Award.

Born Marvin Lee Aday in Dallas, Texas, Meat Loaf moved to Los Angeles in 1967 to begin his career as a musician and actor. He first gained widespread attention as Eddie, the brain-dead zombie in **The Rocky Horror Picture Show**. In 1974 he met Jim Steinman and the two embarked on a partnership that led to "**Bat Out of Hell**", which went on to be one of the biggest selling albums of all time, selling over 30 million copies. In 1993 Meat Loaf again collaborated with Steinman and released "**Bat Out of Hell 2: Back into Hell**".

The tour will put a brief hiatus to Meat Loaf's burgeoning film career, where he has been known to take quirky, but emotional roles in films such as Fight Club, Crazy In Alabama and Formula 51, amongst others.

Meat Loaf will be in Australia October 2 – October 7 for a promotional tour, which will include a performance at the NRL Grand Final on Sunday October 5.

CONCERT DATES ARE:

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| FEB 20 | MELBOURNE ROD LAVER ARENA *WITH THE MSO
Ticketek 132 849 www.ticketek.com |
| FEB 24 | SYDNEY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE * WITH THE MSO
Ticketek 9266 4800 www.ticketek.com |
| FEB 28 | BRISBANE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
Ticketek 131 931 www.ticketek.com |
| MAR 2 | NEWCASTLE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
Ticketek 4921 2121 www.ticketek.com |
| MAR 7 | PERTH VENUE tbc |

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