

## ENDA KENNY – For Immediate Release



Enda Kenny is a man of contradictions.

*“Simply the best folk singer-songwriter working in Australia”* (Sydney Morning Herald), was born and raised in Dublin before settling in his adopted hometown of Melbourne in 1987.

His belonging to his new land is evident in songs like [\*Language of the Land\*](#), a powerful cry for reconciliation with Australia’s Indigenous people, yet, like his birth country, Enda can seamlessly shift from the deeply poignant to the *craic* and entertain audiences with quirky, witty lyrics.

He has released seven acclaimed albums, most recently 2013’s self-released *Heart Tattoo*, but Enda spent a decade juggling recording and performing with a full-time career in public housing. He left his day job to return to music two years ago.

Enda’s back catalogue of recorded work provides a perfect introduction to his stories of life, love and justice, but it is on stage where he truly shines.

A regular performer at some of Australia’s best-known festivals including Port Fairy Folk Festival, Woodfork Folk Festival and the National Folk Festival. He is also a multi-award winner having twice taken home Port Fairy Folk Festival’s prestigious songwriting award. Enda’s 2005 album *Here and There* won the peer-reviewed Australian Folk Alliance’s Album of the Year award.

A true Irish storyteller, Enda’s well-crafted lyrics are backed by tunes that enrich and complete his narratives. Live, he is regularly accompanied by some of Australia’s leading instrumentalists. Enda has collaborated for over

20 years with acclaimed Wollongong-based fiddler Lindsay Martin and more recently, multi-instrumentalist Dave O'Neill who was a long-term member of Eric Bogle's band. Together, Enda and Lindsay have toured the UK, Ireland, Hong Kong and New Zealand, with Enda returning solo in recent years to England, Ireland and Canada where he will again spend the 2015 Northern summer.

For tour dates and further information, visit [www.endakenny.com.au](http://www.endakenny.com.au)

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### **Praise for Enda Kenny:**

*"Enda Kenny is probably the best Irish songwriter living outside of Ireland"*  
(Colum Sands)

*"Kenny's power lies in his ability to express his feelings and moods with great musical and lyrical precision. He knows how words and music work together and... produces folk-based music of the highest order"* (Sydney Morning Herald)

*"Enda's songs get right to the heart of the Australian experience"* (Steve Barnes, Director of Fairbridge Festival, Western Australia)

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### **Must Hear Tracks:**

[Heart Tattoo](#) (from the album *Heart Tattoo*)

[King St](#) (from the album *Heart Tattoo*)

[Language of the Land](#) (from the album *Twelve Songs*)

[Earl Grey](#) (from the album *Baker's Dozen*)

[The Smell of Rain](#) (from the album *Cloud Lining*)

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