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## **The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines here for one show only in Australia**

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines is coming from the UK to Sydney for a special one night only performance on 9 October [tomorrow] at the Capitol Theatre to mark the centenary of the Royal Australian Navy's fleet arrival into Sydney Harbour.

Famed for performances at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and around the world, the Royal Marines Band will showcase its acclaimed musical versatility and precision marching, performing military classics to jazz and big band favourites, music from the big screen and superb solo items.

Speaking about the Australian tour, Director of Music for the Royal Marines School of Music Major Jase Burcham RM said:

"A Royal Marines Band has not performed in Australia in a very long time so we are thrilled to be bringing a number of musical ensembles to Sydney.

"Our musicians are looking forward to performing at the Capitol Theatre and working with members of the Royal Australian Navy Band throughout the centenary celebrations. Most of us join the Royal Marines Band Service for the opportunity to play music and travel the world. This visit to Sydney certainly achieves those aims."

British High Commissioner to Australia His Excellency Paul Madden said:

"We are delighted to see one of the world's finest military bands performing in Australia. I am sure Australian audiences are going to enjoy the famous traditional marches and overtures that have proved such a hit over the years."

The 90 minute concert featuring 40 musicians will showcase the skill of the Royal Marines acquired through years of training in both the classroom and on the parade square.

Mates4Mates Chief Operating Officer Michael Quinn will be in the crowd and said he was looking forward to seeing the performance.

"Not only is it a marvellous show of musical talent, it's also important to continue the strong support of our international military family," Mr Quinn said.

Supported by British Airways, the Royal Marines Band is in Australia as part of the International Fleet Review.

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**Further Information:**

- Concert details:  
**9 October 2013** at 7.30pm, Capitol Theatre Sydney  
Tickets are now on sale starting from \$49.00  
Buy tickets through [Ticketmaster](#)
- International Fleet Review:  
Visit the International Fleet Review [website](#)

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