

## REBECCA O'CONNOR IS *SIMPLY THE BEST* as Tina Turner

### AUSTRALIAN TOUR 2011



Rebecca O'Connor is "*SimplyThe Best*" as Tina Turner and it is not just the critics giving her rave reviews... she's even been praised by Tina herself. "Rebecca is so good, she's scary," Tina said. "If I had her energy, I would still be touring today." Rebecca's flawless renditions of Tina's greatest hits such as *Nutbush City Limits*, *Proud Mary*, *River Deep*, *Private Dancer*, *When the Heartache is Over* and more keep audiences on their feet dancing from the start of the show to finish. For Rebecca, there is no bigger compliment than to receive recognition from Tina Turner herself.

"She has been my idol and inspiration for 30 years," she says. "For Tina Turner "The Queen Of Rock" to admire me is the biggest compliment that I have received in my career! It doesn't get any better than that! .... I obviously must be doing something right and the 20 years of studying her character moves and voice have definitely paid off! At the end of the day there is only one Tina Turner! She is an amazing woman and has inspired me throughout my life ! She is 73 years of age now and has retired. Tina has announced she won't be touring anymore. What I want to do is pay homage to Tina and keep her name and spirit alive. Doing a world tour and having Tina Turner herself endorse me is an honour and a dream come true!"

Rebecca is one of those rare artists who not only embody the spirit of the performer whose songs they are conveying, but also inject their own personality and style making every show an unforgettable experience. After years of touring the globe showcasing her massive vocals and formidable stage presence, Rebecca has honed her show to pay homage to her idol, Tina.

Tina Turner is without doubt one of the greatest live performers in music history and Rebecca embodies every element of her personality perfectly, while still keeping true to her own individuality. Rebecca's wild hair, sparkling mini dresses, red lipstick and stiletto heels does the undisputed Queen of Rock n Roll pure justice in a performance that can only be described as "*Simply the Best*". Harking from Ireland, this talented vocalist first came to Australia three years ago and fell in love with the country and Aussie audiences. She says she can't wait to get back to performing in front of great Australian crowds.

"When I got the opportunity to perform here for the first time last year at the Audi Food and Wine Festival in Noosa, I was absolutely blown away by the audience's response," she says. "It was electric! Australians really know how to enjoy themselves and when I feel that electric feedback from an audience, it encourages me to perform to the best of my ability and the show becomes more energetic and

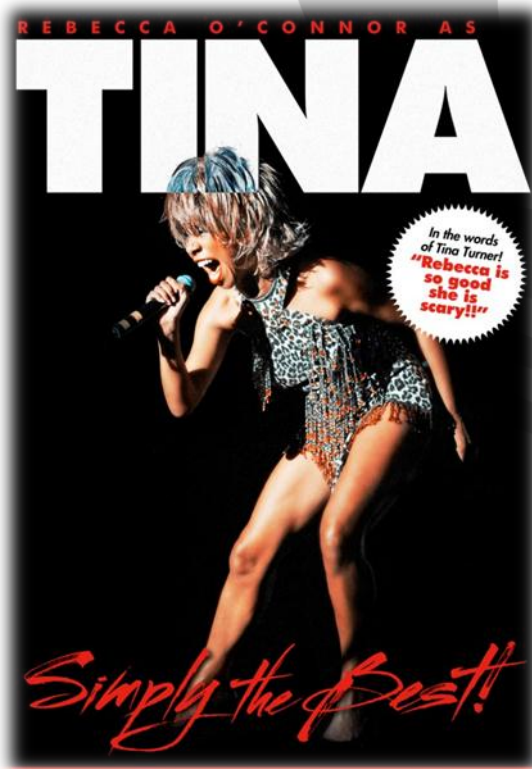
dynamic! Singing *Nutbush City Limits* to Australian audiences is a totally different experience! Over in Oz everyone gets up and does a special Nutbush dance! I have never come across this type of dance anywhere else in the world! It is fantastic to watch the crowds singing, dancing and enjoying themselves... It gives me a good buzz as a performer! I feel very at home here in Australia as all the members in my band are Australian and they are doing a great job of trying to convert me from an Irish lass to an Ozzie!"

Rebecca has achieved accolades for her incredible performance, and sold out back-to-back shows in some of the biggest entertainment venues in the world. She won the TV blockbuster 'Stars in Her Eyes' European competition, where she performed in front of over 33-million viewers. As a talented singer, Rebecca always wanted to be a performer, but it was Tina Turner who acted as her inspiration and encouraged the young Irish girl to reach for her dreams.

"When I was a child I loved to watch Tina Turner's live shows on video," she says. "I was always very intrigued by the way she moved, the voice, the hair, the bright red lips, the leather dresses, the length of the miniskirts, the legs, the personality and of course her power and strength ! It took many years to perfect my *Simply The Best Show!* I have to work out daily as the show is a two-hour set, so fitness levels need to be high and my legs need to be firm and strong to dance around in 5 inch stilettos!"

Her recent sell-out week of shows in South Africa was a testament to her incredible strength as a performer, and she is fast converting even the harshest of critics. Rebecca is the real deal as a performer, and her choice to pay homage to one of the women who inspired her most in her life makes her show not only one that pays tribute, but a gig that is a real live concert experience.

Don't miss Rebecca O'Connor's world renowned *Simply The Best* live shows as she brings her tour to Australia this year... this is one of those shows that will have you dancing in your seat , and that you will never forget.



*"Rebecca is so good, she's scary! If I only had her energy today, I'd still be touring."* Tina Turner.

*"While she is a spitting image of a young Tina Turner, O'Connor has an identical husky voice to back it up. From the way she greets her audience to how she handles the high notes, O'Connor makes it obvious that she is in charge. From popping her left elbow to shaking her mane, it's like watching a Turner reincarnation."* [Munyaraddzi Vomo] Johannesburg Star

*"In front of over 8000 people..Rebecca O'Connor as Tina Turner was "The Real Thing"... "What a way to end the festival..the place went Mad, she was absolutely sensational...Simply The BEST"!!* [Jim Berardo –Director] Noosa Food & Wine Show

**2011 AUSTRALIAN TOUR DATES**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
**Billy's Hotel, Gympie, QLD**  
[www.billyshotel.com](http://www.billyshotel.com)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
**Bucca Hotel, Bucca, QLD**  
[www.buccahotel.com](http://www.buccahotel.com)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011  
**Gold Coast Arts Theatre, Gold Coast, QLD**  
[www.theartscentregc.com.au](http://www.theartscentregc.com.au)

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
**Lake Kawana Community Centre, Sunshine Coast, QLD**  
[www.thelakekawanacentre.com.au](http://www.thelakekawanacentre.com.au)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
**Mt Isa Civic Centre, Mt Isa, QLD**  
(07) 4747 3300 | [www.mountisa.qld.gov.au](http://www.mountisa.qld.gov.au)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
**Bendigo Capital Theatre, Bendigo, VIC**  
[www.thecapital.com.au](http://www.thecapital.com.au)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
**Albury Entertainment Centre, Albury, NSW**  
(02) 6051 3030 | [www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au](http://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011  
**Geelong Performing Arts Centre, Geelong, VIC**  
[www.gpac.org.au](http://www.gpac.org.au)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011  
**York on Lilydale, Mt Evelyn, VIC**  
[www.yorkonlilydale.com.au](http://www.yorkonlilydale.com.au)

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011  
**Croxtton Park Hotel, Thornbury, VIC**  
[www.croxttonparkhotel.com.au](http://www.croxttonparkhotel.com.au)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
**Her Majesty's Theatre, Ballarat, VIC**  
[www.hermaj.com](http://www.hermaj.com)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
**Milanos, Brighton, VIC**  
[www.milanos.com.au](http://www.milanos.com.au)

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
**Burvale Hotel, Nunawading, VIC**  
[www.burvalehotel.com.au](http://www.burvalehotel.com.au)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011

**Brolga Riverside Theatre & Convention Centre, Maryborough Civic Theatre, VIC**  
[www.brolgatheatre.org](http://www.brolgatheatre.org)

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011

**Moncrieff Theatre, Bundaberg, QLD**  
[www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/moncrieff/](http://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/moncrieff/)

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011

**Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, Mt Gambier, SA**  
[www.helpmanntheatre.com.au](http://www.helpmanntheatre.com.au)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011

**Chaffey Theatre, Renmark, SA**  
[www.chaffeytheatre.com.au](http://www.chaffeytheatre.com.au)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011

**Her Majesty's Theatre, Adelaide, SA**  
(08) 8216 8600 | [www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au](http://www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011

**Northern Festival Centre, Port Pirie, SA**  
(08) 8633 8500 | [www.countryarts.org.au](http://www.countryarts.org.au)

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga SA**  
[www.hopgoodtheatre.com.au](http://www.hopgoodtheatre.com.au)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**The Charles Hotel, Perth WA**  
[www.charleshotel.com.au](http://www.charleshotel.com.au)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**The Bunbury Theatre, Bunbury, WA**  
[www.bunburytheatre.org](http://www.bunburytheatre.org)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**Capella Cultural Theatre, Capella, QLD**  
(07) 4984 9300 | [www.capella.com.au](http://www.capella.com.au)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**Pilbeam Theatre, Rockhampton QLD**  
[www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au](http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au)

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**Proserpine Entertainment Centre, Proserpine, QLD**  
[www.proserpineentertainment.com.au](http://www.proserpineentertainment.com.au)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**Burdekin Theatre, Ayr, QLD**  
[www.burdekintheatre.com.au](http://www.burdekintheatre.com.au)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011  
**Northern Beaches Bowls Club, Mackay, QLD**  
[www.nbbowls.com.au](http://www.nbbowls.com.au)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011  
**Townsville Entertainment Centre, Townsville, QLD**  
[www.tecc.net.au](http://www.tecc.net.au)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
**Cairns Civic Theatre, Cairns, QLD**  
[www.cairnscivictheatre.com.au](http://www.cairnscivictheatre.com.au)

*\*\*\* more tour dates to be added in coming weeks*

<http://www.youtube.com/rebeccaastinaturner> | [www.myspace.com/rebeccaastinaturner](http://www.myspace.com/rebeccaastinaturner) |

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rebecca-OConnor-as-Tina-Turner-Simply-The-Best/170216599673045>

