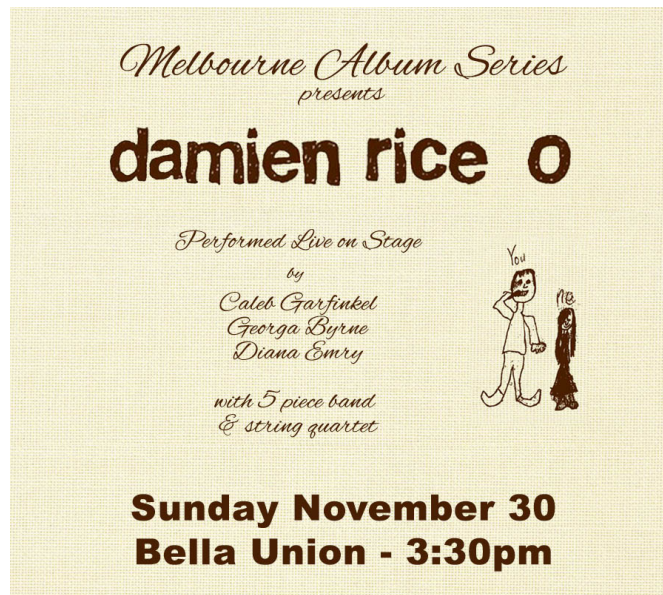


**Melbourne Album Series Presents
Damien Rice's O**



The Melbourne Album Series are proud to present their inaugural album recreation performance of Damien Rice's seminal 2002 album O at Carlton's Bella Union on Sunday November 30th.

Curated, directed and performed by **Caleb Garfinkel**, **MAS' O** show will gracefully retell the story of O, channelling the raw energy and spirit of the highly emotive album. The performance of **O** will feature vocals from **Georga Byrne** and **Diana Emry**, and will be accompanied by a five-piece band and string quartet, who will lovingly recreate and reinterpret the intricacies of Rice's much loved debut release.

Featuring the hits *The Blowers Daughter*, *Volcano* and *Cannonball*, *O* set a benchmark for heart-wrenching folk explorations of emotion within relationships and their aftermath. Recorded and produced by Rice on a small 8 track mobile studio, the album introduced the world to the beauty of a tortured and heartbroken lover and poet. Its' raw but powerful production and orchestration became a staple influence for many musicians, and defined an incredible balance between intimate folk music and gigantic worldwide acclaim.

Rice established a worldwide folklore, heavily touring following his 2006 release *9*. Following the break up of his relationship with musical collaborator, co-performer and arguably his muse Lisa Hannigan, he retreated from the public eye. **MAS'** performance of **O** timely coincides with Rice's latest release *My Favourite Faded Fantasy*, his first in 8 years.

**Sunday November 30, 3:30pm
Bella Union, Trades Hall Carlton**

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