

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Cabaret star Michael Griffiths is bringing two sensational music icons to the West Coast!**

*"Griffiths is a rare and wonderful performer. He creates a sense of togetherness in the room, reminding audiences that pop songs aren't popular because they're ordinary or vacuous, but because of the joy and connectedness that they inspire in the people who hear them." ArtsHub*

Acclaimed cabaret performer Michael Griffiths is bringing two of his acclaimed shows to Boston Bay Wines and Cummins Institute next month. He will become Madonna in *In Vogue* in Port Lincoln and Annie Lennox in *Sweet Dreams* in Cummins.

There are no costumes, and yet he becomes these stars on stage and takes his audience on a raucous journey.

In this intimate portrayal of Madonna, he becomes Madonna. Griffiths tells her story as a songwriter and parts of her life that have influenced her songs. It's a bit catty, fabulous and very smooth.

Treasurer of the Port Lincoln Arts Council Inc Gianna Denicola said: "For something different treat yourself to a stylish night of Cabaret by Michael Griffiths. Michael will be Madonna. He is sensational; an international artist who will treat the audience to a night of smashing entertainment."

From the gender bending early days as one half of 80s new wave sensation Eurythmics through to her stunning solo career, Annie's bittersweet lyrics share stories of her triumphs and her heartbreak.

Griffiths presents a sensational evening peppered with musings from Lennox herself as she shares confessions, triumphs and heartbreak. *Sweet Dreams* won Best Cabaret at the 2014 Adelaide Fringe.

Cummins Arts Council spokeswoman Rosii Pedler said: "We're really looking forward to the show. Drinks will be available on the night but bring a plate of supper to share with your table!"

Adelaide-born, WAAPA trained performer Michael Griffiths' *Vogue* was premiered at the 2011 Adelaide Cabaret Festival to such acclaim and sold-out shows that he's spend the past few years touring it to the world from Melbourne to New York.

Now he's bringing Madonna and Annie Lennox to regional South Australia so....strike a pose, get into the groove and express yourself Michael Griffiths reflects every aspect of these superstars life.

Musical direction by Michael Griffiths. Written and directed by Helpmann award winner Dean Bryant (Best Director - *Sweet Charity*).

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**VOGUE (60mins)**

Fri May 5, Boston Bay Wines, 7.30pm

(Bookings: Lincoln Camera Centre, Luggage Plus, Boston Bay Wines)

**SWEET DREAMS (60 mins)**

Thurs May 4, Cummins Institute, 7.30pm

Bookings: Cummins Newsagency

**Adult \$26**

**Groups 6+ \$23**

**Under 17 \$15**



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