

Alan Cumming Sings Sappy Songs!

Alan Cumming, USA



Photo: Alan Cumming

"In the underpopulated arena of male cabaret singers, Mr. Cumming may be the only one with the talent and drive to change its direction."

New York Times

"Taking command of the stage with the ease of a vaudevillian who has been treading the boards for decades, Mr. Cumming entertained with a capital E."

New York Times

Hot off the back of a New York Times best-selling memoir *Not My Father's Son*, Scottish actor-singer-author **Alan Cumming** returns to Sydney for a raucous adults-only one-man cabaret show – *Alan Cumming Sings Sappy Songs!*

The charismatic star will perform in the intimate surrounds of The Magic Mirrors Spiegeltent in the Meriton Festival Village for two nights of eclectic music, racy chat and showbiz gossip. Joined by his long-time collaborator and Emmy Award-winning musical director **Lance Horne**, the pair will take command of the stage with the support of an all-Australian band. Alan Cumming was last seen at Sydney Festival in 1989, when he performed *Victor and Barry*, a comedy double act with **Forbes Masson** at Sydney Opera House.

Most famously recognised as the Machiavellian advisor Eli Gold in *The Good Wife*, Cumming's diverse career started out in Scottish detective series *Taggart* in 1985. Beyond the stage and screen the 50 year old star can lay claim to being on a postage stamp, named an Icon of Scotland and for having been awarded an O.B.E for his commitment to LGBT rights in Britain and the U.S. He is also a vehement campaigner for Scottish Independence.

The versatile performer won many accolades for his turn as the Emcee on Broadway's *Cabaret* directed by **Sam Mendes** and famously held post-show parties in his dressing room that became so renowned they even garnered an alcohol sponsor. *Alan Cumming Sings Sappy Songs!* takes his irreverent humour and mischief-making show from the dressing room to the stage in a laugh-out-loud evening to remember.

Named by Time Magazine as "one of the three most fun people in show business", audiences are in for a treat as the fearless actor takes them on a wild journey unleashing his comical chatter, hilarious story-telling and wild mix of songs.

Where The Magic Mirrors Spiegeltent, Meriton Festival Village

When 8 January at 5.15pm & 11.45pm
9 January at 9.45pm & 11.45pm

Duration 75 mins no interval

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General Admission \$69

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