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# 1967 - Music in the Key of Yes

**WORLD PREMIERE**  
Australia



In May 1967, as civil rights movements worldwide were at their peak, the referendum to remove passages in the Australian constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal people passed with a 'Yes' vote of over 90%.

As we near the 50th anniversary of the '67 referendum - a crucial milestone in the ongoing struggle for the rights of Indigenous people in Australia - it's clearer than ever that such victories are to be celebrated.

In this stunning show, performed on the land of the Gadigal people in one of Australia's most recognisable modern icons, some of the greatest songs of the civil rights movement will be reinterpreted by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stars. Co-presented by Sydney Festival and Sydney Opera House, the concert will include ARIA award winner **Dan Sultan**, triple j Unearthed, NIMA and Deadly award-winning artist **Thelma Plum**, five time Helpmann nominee **Ursula Yovich**, soul and hip-hop vocalist and songwriter **Radical Son**, Darwin singer-songwriter **Leah Flanagan**, Anindilyakwa singer from Groote Eylandt in the Northern Territory **Emily Wurramara**, triple j Unearthed artist and Wergaia woman **Alice Skye** and **Yirmal Marika** from Arnhem Land, as well as award winning artist **Adalita** formerly of Magic Dirt.

Artistic associates **David Leha** and **Leah Flanagan** with musical direction from **Jordan Murray**, **James Henry** and **Iain Grandage** bring alive the moments and the music that unites us all. Extraordinary archival film footage will accompany this once in a generation performance.

*1967 – Music in the Key of Yes* will be a musical celebration and an emotional journey reflecting the past but showing a way to the future; a concert of remembrance and gratitude to those who fought for civil rights and celebration of the soundtrack of change in Australia.

Where Sydney Opera House, Concert Hall

When 17 January at 8.00pm

Duration 80mins

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A Reserve \$70/\$63  
B Reserve \$60/\$54  
C Reserve \$50/\$45  
+ booking fee

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