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If good things come in threes, Bernard Fanning just hit the trifecta; first confirming a new album, releasing new single *'Battleships'* and this morning, announcing a huge national tour throughout July/August.

Hitting 18 shows, across metro and regional areas in every Australian state, **The Departures Tour** provides fans from Cairns to Canberra the first opportunity to hear the forthcoming album *Departures* live. First taste of the album *'Battleships'* has already been embraced across the nation, with the likes of triple j, Triple M, Nova 1069 and B105 pushing it straight onto rotation last week.

Speaking of the tour, Bernard says: *"I can't wait to get out into the wide brown land with a new batch of tunes and a new band. This new album is much more energetic so it's going to make for a really dynamic show when paired with the stuff from Tea & Sympathy. I hope to see you somewhere out there."*

The Departures Tour marks his highly anticipated return to stage since Powderfinger's Farewell Tour of 2010 - a run that saw sales in excess of 300,000 tickets and repeat sell outs across the country.

Bernard is thrilled to take a couple of handpicked special guests, **Big Scary** and **Vance Joy** along for the ride. *"It's a privilege to be taking Big Scary and Vance Joy with us as these are both acts that will be rocking houses and warming hearts for years to come,"* he says.

Known and loved for their acclaimed debut of 2011, *Vacation*, Melbourne's Big Scary are back in 2013 with sophomore offering *Not Art* - out June 28. Leading singles *'Phil Collins'* and *'Luck Now'* received rapturous welcome from both fans and critics alike, culminating in sold out single launches across the country. Following on from their own national tour, Big Scary will join The Departures Tour - proving their biggest run of shows to date.

Having toured in support of Iceland's Of Monsters & Men and Australia's own Julia Stone, fellow Melbournite Vance Joy is fast earning a name for himself, both at home and abroad. His recent SXSW showcase drove single *'Riptide'* to #1 Most Popular Song on international blog aggregator Hype Machine, with the track attracting a massive 180,000+ plays on Soundcloud in just one month. Vance Joy's ever-growing mantle includes an equal record at Melbourne's Northcote Social Club, where he sold out four shows as part of his *God Loves You When You're Dancing* national EP tour.

Something special to note, fans in Cairns are in for a treat with *'My Gun'*-wielding four piece **The Rubens** also joining the bill, along with the addition of **The Medics** and **Snakadaktal** to the already stellar line up. The whole shebang kicks off at Kuranda Amphitheatre on Saturday, August 17.

For those fans who want to get in early and be assured a ticket, there are two opportunities; the first of which is an exclusive fan club presale on Tuesday, May 7 from 9:00am local time. Join the fan club at bernardfanning.com. The second is a Telstra Thanks presale, powered by BangTango from Wednesday, May 8 at 9:00am for 48 hours. Visit www.telstra.com/music from Tuesday, April 30 for details.

The public on-sale kicks off at 12 noon sharp on Friday, May 10.

Bernard Fanning's new single *'Battleships'* is out now and available at <http://smarturl.it/bfdepartures>. Forthcoming album *Departures* is out Friday, June 7 and available to pre-order now from www.bernardfanning.com



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SPECIAL GUESTS

BIG SCARY & VANCE JOY

Sun 14 July: Nambour Civic Centre, Nambour

Tickets available from Venue Box Office (Currie Street)
07 5475 7777, scvenuesandevents.com.au or
bernardfanning.com 18+ Licensed.

Tues 16 July: Empire Theatre, Toowoomba

Tickets from Venue box office | 1300 655 299
empiretheatre.com.au or bernardfanning.com
All Ages, Licensed.

Thurs 18 July: The Tivoli, Brisbane

Tickets available from Ticketek | 132 849
ticketek.com.au or bernardfanning.com
18+ Licensed.

Fri 19 July: Arts Theatre: The Arts Centre, Gold Coast

Tickets available from Venue Box Office, 07 5588 4000
theartscentregc.com.au/whats-on or bernardfanning.com
18+ Licensed.

Fri 26 - Sun 28 July: Splendour In The Grass, Byron Bay

Tickets on sale at 9am AEST on Thursday 2 May through
moshtix.com.au and 1300 GET TIX (438 849).

Tues 30 July: Newcastle Civic Theatre, Newcastle

Tickets available from Venue Box Office, 02 4974 1977
Ticketek | 132 849 | ticketek.com.au or bernardfanning.com
All Ages, Licensed.

Thurs 1 August: Anita's Theatre, Wollongong

Tickets available from Ticketek | 132 849
ticketek.com.au, or bernardfanning.com
18+ Licensed.

Fri 2 August: Enmore Theatre, Sydney

Tickets available from Enmore Box Office, 02 9550 3666
Ticketek | 132 849 | ticketek.com.au or bernardfanning.com
All Ages, Licensed.

Sun 4 August: Royal Theatre – National Convention Centre, Canberra

Tickets available from Ticketek | 132 849
ticketek.com.au or bernardfanning.com
All Ages, Licensed.

Fri 9 August: Palace Theatre, Melbourne

Tickets available from Ticketek | 132 849
ticketek.com.au, or bernardfanning.com
18+ Licensed.

Sat 10 August: Geelong Performing Arts Centre, Costa Hall, Geelong

Tickets available from GPAC | 03 5225 1200
gpac.org.au | Ticketek | 132 849
ticketek.com.au or bernardfanning.com
All Ages, Licensed.

Tues 13 August: Wrest Point, Hobart

Tickets available from Wrest Point Service Centre
1300 795 257 | TixTas.com.au, or bernardfanning.com
18+ Licensed.

Thurs 15 August: Thebarton Theatre, Adelaide

Tickets available from Venue*Tix | 08 8225 8888
venue*tix.com.au or bernardfanning.com
All Ages, Licensed.

Sat 17 August: Kuranda Amphitheatre, Cairns with The Rubens, Snakadaktal and The Medics

Tickets available from Cairns Civic Centre Theatre foyer
(cnr Florence and Sheridan) TicketLINK | 1300 855 835
ticketlink.com.au or bernardfanning.com
All Ages, Licensed. Children under 12 free.

Sun 18 August: The Venue, Townsville

Tickets available from Ticketek | 132 849
ticketek.com.au or bernardfanning.com
18+ Licensed.

Tues 20 August: Pilbeam Theatre, Rockhampton

Tickets available from Venue box office, 07 4927 4111
pilbeamtheatre.com.au or bernardfanning.com
All Ages, Licensed.

Wed 21 August: Entertainment Convention Centre, Plenary Halls, Mackay

Tickets available from Mackay Tix, 07 4961 9700
www.mackayecc.com.au/discover_whats_on/purchase_tickets_online
or bernardfanning.com | 18+ Licensed.

Sun 25 August: Astor Theatre, Perth

Tickets available from Venue box office, 08 9370 5888
showticketing.com.au or bernardfanning.com
18+ Licensed.

Fan club presale Tuesday, May 7 at 9:00am
Telstra Thanks presale Wednesday, May 8 at 9:00am
General public on-sale Friday, May 10 at 12 noon

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