



Song Summit Sydney announces **The Hon Peter Garrett MP as keynote speaker.**

1 April 2008: APRA|AMCOS are pleased to announce **The Hon Peter Garrett;** Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and The Arts will deliver the keynote speech at the inaugural Song Summit Sydney (S³), event which commences at the Hordern Pavilion on Thursday next week, April 3.

Mr Garrett will take to the podium at 3.30pm on Thursday April 3 to deliver a keynote speech to delegates covering the topic The Politics of Art.

Of his involvement with the event **Mr Garrett** said today, *"The act of creating a work like a song through the hard labour of imagination gives up something special which at one end entertains, at the other, feeds the soul. And in the case of the Australian music industry along the way provides a unique reflection of our ideals, our values and of course fuel for our economy."*

"We are honoured to have Mr Garrett – an APRA member for 30 years - join us at Song Summit Sydney," said **APRA|AMCOS CEO Brett Cottle.** *"Mr Garrett has a keen awareness of not only the cultural value of music, but also its significant social and economic value. S³ delegates will have an unparalleled opportunity to hear Mr Garrett, one of Australia's leading songwriters, discuss the importance and the future of the Arts and music, within a political framework."*

Song Summit Sydney (S³), presented by APRA|AMCOS, together with the NSW Government is a unique event dedicated to the art and craft of songwriting. The event will see music creators, managers, publishers, technicians, marketers, lawyers and deal makers get together for three dynamic days of learning, networking, workshops and, of course, performances. S³ will span all genres of music and each facet of the music life-cycle; from creation, through promotion to distribution.

Registrations for the three day event are limited and are now open. For more information on S³, the up to date program and how to register please go to: www.songsummit.com.au

SONG SUMMIT SYDNEY (S³)

April 3rd to April 5th

Sydney Hordern Pavilion and surrounding venues

S³ OPEN DAY

Sat April 5th – RHI (Royal Hall of Industries) from 9.30am – 5.00pm, features a Gibson Guitar Master Class with both Clare Bowditch and Rai Thistlethwayte/ Allans Music Weekend Warriors/ Live Music Revolution.

A Gibson Guitar is up for grabs for any attendee of S³! All you need to do is either attend S³ as a delegate or attend the public open day on Saturday April 5th and you will go into the draw to win a Gibson Square Shoulder 'Songwriter Deluxe' Acoustic Guitar.

Tickets \$15: register online www.songsummit.com.au or on the day if available.

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