

THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

inspires the ROMAC Rotary Touchdown 2018

ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children), Rotary and Australian singer, songwriter and media personality **Mark Holden** are joining forces to raise money for and awareness of ROMAC's 30th Anniversary and celebrating the 500th child from the Pacific region brought to Australia by ROMAC for life saving surgery.

It's the ROMAC Rotary Touchdown 2018 and the following clubs are hosting fundraisers for ROMAC with Mark appearing pro bono as the special guest speaker and singing some songs from his acclaimed new stage production, **The Greatest Show on Earth**.

Mt Gambier August 22- at The Italian Club
Noarlunga August 24 - at St Francis Winery
Tea Tree Gully August 25 – at Dimples Restaurant Tea Tree Gully Golf Club
Port Pirie August 26 - Sunday afternoon - location tbc
Port Lincoln August 28 - location tbc

Mark said, 'I was an Interact kid at high school so thought of Rotary first when I decided I wanted to retrace the steps of my family circus, The Holden Brothers Travelling Circus, whose run was Geelong to Ceduna and back in the 1890s - through all the towns on the ROMAC Rotary Touchdown tour. It also honours the family tradition of engaging with each community during the run of a show - in this case my new show *The Greatest Show On Earth* which will be touring the same towns in September



Holden Bros Circus 1919

'I'm thrilled to be driving from town to town with my wife Anna and our dog Rocky just like my forbears did over 100 years ago for the ROMAC Rotary Touchdown!'

The Greatest Show on Earth, premiered at the 2018 Adelaide Cabaret Festival and draws on Mark's family's fantastical travelling circus

history and his *Countdown* and *Australian Idol*. The show is Mark's personal ode to the resilience of family, music, tradition, humour and hard work inspired by tales of the Holden Brothers Travelling Circus, one of Australia's longest running family circuses, founded by his great, great uncle Adolphus Holden (a one legged trapeze artist) in 1892. Classic family circus footage provides a mesmerising backdrop to the tales spun and songs sung.

Adelaide Cabaret Festival Reviews for *The Greatest Show on Earth*

... what follows is an hour and a half of magic ... his personal triumph , no, make that, a Touchdown.

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A must see show - 9 out of 10 **Eventalaide**

the genuinely impressive Mark Holden, performing a stunning acoustic version of Shine Adelaide Cabaret Festival Gala **The Advertiser**

*...a magical web of wonder and delight. 5 Stars.***The Clothesline**

The Greatest Show on Earth plays:

31 August Mt Gambier

7.30pm Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, 10 Watson Terrace
8723 8741 www.helpmanntheatre.com.au

1 September Renmark

7.30pm Chaffey Theatre, Eighteenth Street
8586 1800 www.chaffeytheatre.com.au

6 September Port Lincoln

7.30pm Nautilus Theatre, 66 Tasman Street
8261 2351 www.nautilusartcentre.com.au/

8 September Port Pirie

7.30pm Keith Michell Theatre - Northern Festival Centre,
106 Gertrude Street 8633 8500
www.northernfestivalcentre.com.au

13 September Tea Tree Gully

7.30pm Golden Grove Arts Centre, The Golden Way, Golden Grove
83977429 www.teatreegully.sa.gov.au

15 September Noarlunga

7.30pm Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga Centre, Ramsay Place
7009 4400 www.hopgoodtheatre.com.au

