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### Neko Case

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City Recital Hall Angel Place

January 11 & 12

# sydney festival 2010

*"Neko Case is a force of nature. Her voice can knock you over-- it's one of the strongest in any genre"*

Pitchfork

*"One of pop's best voices"* Spin Magazine

Making a much-anticipated return to Sydney is singer and songwriter **Neko Case**, bringing her country-noir to the magnificent acoustics of City Recital Hall at Angel Place.

A long-time collaborator with Canadian indie rock group The New Pornographers, Case combines classic country songwriting with soaring vocals and sophisticated pop sensibilities. Her rich, powerful voice has drawn comparisons to Patsy Cline, and her beguiling lyrics tell tales of love and longing, animals and nature.

In her career that spans more than decade, Case has a steadily growing cult following for her independent and passionate approach to music. In 2009, the release of her fifth studio album, *Middle Cyclone*, was lauded by fans and critics alike, debuting at #3 on the Billboard charts and being cited by *The New Yorker* as "the best album of her career by a generous margin". It also confirmed her status as a great collaborative artist, with contributions from friends and fellow travellers including M. Ward, Calexico, The Sadies and Giant Sand.

**Neko Case** was born in Virginia, raised in Washington and received a MFA from the Emily Carr University of Fine Arts and Design in Vancouver, Canada. She started her musical career as a drummer in punk rock bands Cub and Maow in Vancouver. Discovering her talents as a singer/songwriter, Case formed her own band and spent a couple years recording and touring as Neko Case and Her Boyfriends, before releasing her first solo album in 1997.

For her Sydney performances, Case will be backed by her five-piece band, Kelly Hogan (vocals), Paul Rigby (guitar), Barry Mirochnick (drums) Jon Rauhouse (guitar) and Tom V. Ray (bass).

**Neko Case's** shows at Sydney Festival 2010 are part of a national tour.

Where	<b>City Recital Hall Angel Place</b>
When	January 11 & 12 at 7pm
Price	A reserve \$55 / \$50 B reserve \$50 / \$45
Bookings	City Recital Hall 02 8256 2222 Sydney Festival 1300 668 812 Ticketmaster 1300 723 038
Information	<a href="http://www.sydneyfestival.org.au/neko">www.sydneyfestival.org.au/neko</a>

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