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The Great Brit Returning To Our Country!



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It has been two years since the British rock music sensation Eric Clapton visited Australia. Back in 2007, the Rock legend, who is not only known for his stunning rock tracks like "Layla", "Cocaine", "Sunshine Of Your Love", "White Room" or "Bad Love", but for his soulful ballads like "Tears In Heaven", "My Father's Eyes", "Circus Left Town" or "Wonderful Tonight". But Clapton seems to be comfortable in every possible musical genre. Not only is he excellent at playing and singing Rock and Pop music, but also his distinctive approach and performance of songs

like "I Shot The Sheriff" or "Lay Down Sally", which are Reggae and Country music songs earned him respect and many millions of Dollars of the decades. Clapton currently celebrates his 46th year as a professional musician on stage and in the recording studio. Soon, his new live album which features vocals, keyboards and guitar playing from Blind Faith's co-star Steve Winwood will be released via Warner Strategic Marketing Music records and is expected to reach Gold in Oceania within three months. Not too bad for a guy who has been 50 years in the business. After playing Australia extensively in the 1980s and 1990s, Clapton has

toured the country (as well as New Zealand) less than he used to. There were no performances here during his 2001 and 2004 world tours. The last time Clapton came, was during the "Doyle and Derek World Tour" in 2007 and even then, he played fewer concerts than he used to. But now he is back. The Brit played three shows here in the last week, including one in New Zealand. All of his performances in Australia where immediately sold out. Some of the concerts boxscore figures are published here by Nielsen Business Media. Thank you NBN. Clapton will head to Europe and the U.S. later this year.