



**VIOLENT FEMMES AND THE TASMANIAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
World Premiere  
Monday 22 & Tuesday 23 January



**Due to popular demand Mona Foma today announced an extra show for the world premiere of the Violent Femmes performing with the TSO.**

For two nights only, the Violent Femmes will take their acoustic punk-rock and work with the **Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra** to reimagine it as a full orchestra experience.

Conducted by **Hamish McKeich** they'll perform a long list of cult classics such as **Add It Up, Blister In The Sun, Kiss Off, Gone Daddy Gone, American Song** and **Gimme The Car** at **The Federation Concert Hall** on **Monday 22** and **Tuesday 23 January**.

"Most rock bands would blow off an orchestra with the amplifiers, but for these two shows we're prepared to back off on the volume and actually play almost at the same volume as the orchestra musicians and create a more unified approach," said Brian Ritchie.

The Violent Femmes were formed in 1981 as an acoustic band playing on the streets of Milwaukee. Their main influences at that time were Gene Vincent and the Blue Caps and The Velvet Underground. Enduring a couple of hiatuses throughout their 36-plus year career, the band — original members Gordon Gano and Brian Ritchie, along with drummer John Sparrow have been performing steadily since reuniting again in 2013.

The TSO's performance with the Violent Femmes represents another innovative collaboration for the orchestra, which in 2017 alone has seen sold out concerts with vocal star Kate Miller-Heidke, a Dark MOFO collaboration with Norwegian metal band Ulver, an original show with comedy trio Tripod and a sold out concert with ARIA award-winning and multi-platinum artist Megan Washington.

**Date:** Monday 22 January & Tuesday 23 January

**Venue:** Federation Concert Hall, Hobart

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Price:** \$75-\$90 (plus booking fee)

**Booking:** [www.mofo.net.au](http://www.mofo.net.au)

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