

## THE COUNTDOWN SPECTACULAR

### LIVE IN YOUR LOUNGEROOM!

*"Baby boomers and teeny-boppers entered a time warp that seemingly had been lost forever"*

Herald Sun

Earlier this year 156 performers and crew hit the road on a tour that was five years in the making and saw some of Australia's favourite rock 'n roll outfits reform and play to almost 100,000 people nationally. That tour was **The Frontier Touring COUNTDOWN Spectacular Live** and comprised a 3½ hour show jam packed with 70 classic Australian songs from the soundtrack of so many of our lives.

It was 19 years ago that COUNTDOWN first became "must see TV" for a generation and introduced us to bands like **Sherbet, Hush, Mondo Rock, Pseudo Echo, The Choirboys, Models, Kids in the Kitchen** and **Uncanny X-Men** to name a few. It also introduced a nation to the man in the hat, **Molly Meldrum**, who was the, umm, glue who kept it all together.

Now its time to relive all those moments on **The COUNTDOWN Spectacular Live CD and DVD** being released on Liberation Music / ABC Music on **Saturday, 25 November, 2006**. The 3 disc CD set and 2 disc DVD set features the classic live performances as well as behind the scenes interviews and never before seen footage (DVD only).

Michael Gudinski, CEO of Liberation Music and The COUNTDOWN Spectacular's Producer points out that, notwithstanding the logistical nightmare of putting a production like this on the road, "... it all went smoothly! No one slapped Molly, we got to see Sherbet, Hush, Mondo Rock & lots more and we played to almost 100,000 people all across the country".

Added Molly Meldrum, "The COUNTDOWN years at our home, Studio 31, ABC Studios, Melbourne, was a fantastic ride. The COUNTDOWN Spectacular with all those artists coming together for the show and becoming one big happy family, and I might add who just delivered hit after hit and laugh after laugh, was an absolute hoot"

Leo Sayer, the COUNTDOWN Spectacular's only international performer said "'I was a thrilled to be invited to take part in the tour. COUNTDOWN played a major part in my success in Australia in the 70's, so it was great to be reminding people of those wonderful times again. Everyone turned out to be so talented and friendly on the tour, so I had a ball. If I didn't know that much about the music scene here when I started the tour, I guess I'm an expert on Aussie Rock now!"

On a local level, John Paul Young summed it up by saying "We had a ball!! It was great to meet up & tour with old friends, meet some new ones & have the time to get to know them really well & some a little too well ... I even managed to get in another practical joke on Molly! Can't wait to do it all again - We won't lie down".

COUNTDOWN was broadcast on ABC TV from 1974 to 1987, and to its huge family audience it was more than a TV Show. On Saturday, 2 December, 2006, at 8.30pm, ABC TV will screen a 1½ hour special concert screening featuring highlights from the DVD.

**The COUNTDOWN Spectacular CD and The COUNTDOWN Spectacular DVD**

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