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AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

BUDDHA PASSION

Tan Dun & Melbourne Symphony Orchestra
and Chorus

Tan Dun's *Buddha Passion* is the world's first passion set to the teachings of Buddha. The internationally renowned artist, **Tan Dun**, will conduct the **Melbourne Symphony Orchestra**, the **MSO Chorus** and soloists in his monumental and ground-breaking work. Inspired by the devotional carvings of generations of pilgrims at the Mogao Caves in western China, *Buddha Passion* is sung in Chinese and Sanskrit and tells the stories of love, forgiveness, sacrifice and redemption as they were told for generations along the Silk Road.

UNESCO Global Goodwill Ambassador **Tan Dun**, has made an indelible mark on the world's music scene with a creative repertoire that spans the boundaries of classical music, multimedia performance, and Eastern and Western traditions.

A winner of today's most prestigious honours including the Grammy Award, ACADEMY AWARD®, Grawemeyer Award, Bach Prize, Shostakovich Award, and most recently Italy's Golden Lion Award for Lifetime Achievement, Tan Dun's music has been played throughout the world by leading orchestras, opera houses, international festivals, and on radio and television.

Melbourne Festival Artistic Director Jonathan Holloway said: 'I am very excited about *Buddha Passion* and to be holding the Australian premiere of this major new work right here in Melbourne.'

'Tan Dun's music is as wide-ranging as it is all-embracing, and resonates with a global audience.' - Gramophone.

Presented in association with Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

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