

Billions Australia, AEG Live & Steven Barclay present

Reinventing Radio.

An Evening with Ira Glass

About the show.

In his first Australian tour, Ira Glass, the creator of the public radio show *This American Life* talks about his program and how it's put together: what makes a compelling story, where they find the amazing stories for their show, how he and his staff are trying to push broadcast journalism to do things it doesn't usually do. As part of this, Glass mixes stories from the show, live onstage, combining his narration with pre-taped quotes and music, recreating the sound of the show as the audience watches. And he plays funny and memorable moments from the show, and talks about what was behind their creation.

About Ira.

Ira Glass is the host and creator of the public radio program *This American Life*. The show premiered on Chicago's public radio station WBEZ in 1995 and is now heard on more than 500 public radio stations each week by over 1.7 million listeners. Most weeks, the podcast of the program is the most popular podcast in America. The show also airs each week on the CBC in Canada and on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's radio network.

Glass began his career as an intern at National Public Radio's network headquarters in Washington, DC in 1978, when he was 19 years old. Over the years, he worked on nearly every NPR network news program and held virtually every production job in NPR's Washington headquarters. He has been a tape cutter, newscast writer, desk assistant, editor, and producer. He filled in as host of *Talk of the Nation* and *Weekend All Things Considered*.

Under Glass's editorial direction, *This American Life* has won the highest honors for broadcasting and journalistic excellence, including several Peabody and DuPont-Columbia awards. The *American Journalism Review* declared that the show is "at the vanguard of a journalistic revolution."

A television adaptation of *This American Life* ran on the Showtime network for two seasons, in 2007 and 2008, winning three Emmy awards, including Outstanding Nonfiction Series. The show has put out its own comic book, three greatest hits compilations, DVDs of live shows and other events, a "radio decoder" toy, temporary tattoos and a paint-by-numbers set. Half a dozen stories are in development to become feature films.

Glass is married and owns a disturbingly allergic dog.

"Mr. Glass is a journalist but also a storyteller who filters his interviews and impressions through a distinctive literary imagination, an eccentric intelligence, and a sympathetic heart." The New York Times

Australian Tour Dates January 2012

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| Wed 11 Jan | SYDNEY TOWN HALL, Sydney
www.sydneyfestival.org.au |
| Thu 12 Jan | POWERHOUSE THEATRE, Brisbane
www.brisbanepowerhouse.org |
| Fri 13 Jan | ASTOR THEATRE, Perth
www.bocsticketing.com.au or phone 9484 1133 |
| Sun 15 Jan | DUNSTAN PLAYHOUSE, Adelaide
www.bass.net.au or phone 131 246 |
| Mon 16 Jan | ATHENAEUM THEATRE, Melbourne
www.ticketek.com.au or phone 132 849 |

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Tour Announcement



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www.thisamericanlife.org

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