

## Generation whY? Celebrate World 'Change'

On **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January**, the Australian eve of the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama, internationally acclaimed performer Hayden Tee, Your Management and the cast of 'Generation whY?' are bringing together musicians, actors and the general public to celebrate international 'Change' and to help bring positive change to the lives of young Australians.

Sydneysiders are invited to show solidarity and join some of Australia's finest young voices at the '*Play Me, I'm Yours*' piano (Sydney Festival) outside the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA), Circular Quay at lunchtime (from 12pm) to unite and sing Michael Jackson's hit song '*Man in the Mirror*' with all funds raised from a gold coin collection to contribute to Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets.

Hayden Tee and leading singers, musicians and actors will lead the public in a group performance of Michael Jackson's *Man in the Mirror* followed by an impromptu jam session, encouraging the crowd to sing together to symbolise their desire and ability to support world change - to make a 'change for the better'.

Hayden Tee said, 'Michael Jackson's *Man in the Mirror* is a song empowering social consciousness. The lyrics 'we're gonna make a change' reflects the need for the world to change, and we hope President Barack Obama will be a catalyst to help make this happen for this and future generations'.

"With his inauguration comes the opportunity for everyone to acknowledge that we all need to contribute to make a difference to the world. Generation Y is the most socially conscious generation to date with 61% of 13 to 25 year olds feeling personally responsible for making a difference in the world," Tee said. "By creating an opportunity that invites the wider community to sing '*Man in the Mirror*' we hope to inspire young and old to embrace positive change and make the world a better place for all," he said.

Jeremy Youett, Your Management's Executive Producer said "*Generation whY? Celebrate World Change* is a free public sing-a-long open to anyone who believes the world needs to make a 'Change' for the better and we want our celebration of 'Change' to start by improving the lives of troubled kids."

Youth Off The Streets is a community organisation that works to support young people who may be chronically homeless, drug dependent and recovering from abuse as they work to turn their lives around. "By coming together to celebrate world 'Change' and to help young people make positive changes to their own lives, the community can make an enormous difference," said Father Chris Riley, CEO of Youth Off The Streets.

"Youth Off The Streets is an incredible organisation that creates real positive change in the lives of marginalised youth so we're inviting everyone to come together to realise their own ability to make a difference while making a difference to people in our communities," Youett said.

Come to the 'Celebrate World 'Change' at the '*Play Me, I'm Yours*' piano outside the MCA at Circular Quay **from 12pm on Tuesday 20 January** and promote positive change for young people by supporting Youth Off The Streets or **make a donation by calling 1800 06 22 88** or on-line at **[www.youthoffthestreets.com.au](http://www.youthoffthestreets.com.au)**

### Generation whY?

Hayden Tee is performing a live recording of his second album 'Generation whY?' during two live performances at Trackdown Recording Studios on Saturday 28 February 2009 at 5.30pm and 8pm. This unique album recording further explores the influences on Generation Y and questions their societal impact by presenting historic events visually and acoustically. Tickets to the live recording are available now through MOSHTIX [www.moshtix.com.au](http://www.moshtix.com.au) or 1300 GET TIX with new seats just released for the 8pm show. A percentage of the sale of the completed album will be donated to Father Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets. A public rehearsal will be taking place in Taylor Square on Wednesday 28th January from 5.30pm

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