

**Sea Shepherd Conservation Society
OPERATION ZERO TOLERANCE
Change In Tactics
and
Gold Coast Fundraiser**

**OCEAN RHAPSODY
Saturday November 10, 2012
MELBA'S, Cavill Ave, Surfers Paradise
6pm-10pm**

Tickets on sale NOW: www.seashepherd.org/queensland

\$30 online, \$35 at the door

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*PLEASE NOTE: Captain Peter Hammarstedt and Mr Jeff Hansen, Australian Director of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society are available for interview.

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Sea Shepherd Conservation Society Founder, Captain Paul Watson, has announced a change in tactics for this year's Southern Ocean whale defense campaign, Operation Zero Tolerance.

In less than a week, Sea Shepherd's flagship vessel, the M/Y Steve Irwin, will travel north for the first time to meet the whalers in the North Pacific, off Japan.

The vessel is scheduled to depart from Melbourne on November 5, which is earlier than previous years.

"It's time to bring this intervention North, to show the Japanese whalers that we intend to ensure there will be no whales killed this season," said Captain Paul Watson. "We have never been stronger and the Japanese whalers have never been weaker. We need to take advantage of our strengths and their weaknesses and we need to bring this campaign home – to Japan!"

Operation Zero Tolerance is Sea Shepherd's ninth annual Southern Ocean anti-whaling campaign. Over these nine years, the Japanese whalers have suffered tens of millions of dollars in losses attempting to illegally kill whales in Antarctica's waters.

In 2012, the Sea Shepherd fleet is stronger than ever, with four ships, a helicopter, eight small RIB's, three drones and more than one hundred international volunteers. The newest addition to the Sea Shepherd fleet, the M/V Sam Simon, is currently in an undisclosed location and will be unveiled once the campaign has commenced.

On Friday November 10, the Sea Shepherd Gold Coast Chapter will hold its annual fundraiser, Ocean Rhapsody, to raise funds for this year's campaign.

The night will feature the star of Whale Wars and Captain of the M/Y Bob Barker, Peter Hammarstedt as guest speaker, and 2012 Cove Guardian, Brett Bradley, as well as live performances from Ben Salter (The Gin Club), Nathan Kaye, and DJs.

There will be live and silent auctions with prizes including surfboards signed by Mark Occhilupo and a day trip for two people including flights to Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort, a lucky door prize, raffles, gifts for all guests and much more.

All profits will go directly to Sea Shepherd's Antarctic anti-whaling campaign.

Live bands:

Ben Salter-

Lead singer of Brisbane band The Gin Club, who have recently been awarded one of the new Brunswick St Mall "Walk of Fame" Stars alongside Powderfinger, Custard and The Go Betweens.

Best known as a founding member of The Gin Club, Giants of Science and The Wilson Pickers, Brisbane, Australia-based singer-songwriter Ben Salter has also been a solo performer in his own right for over ten years.

He has played throughout Australia and Europe, where his striking vocal range and captivating lyricism have drawn comparisons to Neil Finn, Elliot Smith and Nick Drake.

Whilst many of his solo compositions to date have been gifted to The Gin Club, Salter has also been quietly accruing a collection of songs all of his own, and now, after ten years of empty threats, finally, in the second half of 2011, released "The Cat".

"I firmly believe Ben to be one of the world's great singers, and if I weren't so goddamn competitive, one of its great songwriters." Tim Rogers

"Brisbane's Ben Salter has assembled a true masterpiece with these 12 tracks, lushly produced by Gareth Liddiard and displaying an amazing grasp of musical and lyrical wrangling. 9/10." Tal Wallace – Triple J Magazine

www.bensalter.com.au

Nathan Kaye-

Part of the Australian blues and roots scene, Nathan Kaye, the globe-trotting one-man-band who thumps out his songs on slide guitar, didgeridoo & electric footdrums.

Kaye's music will draw you in and make you think, make you laugh and make you move.

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He has performed and toured with The Corrs, Jason Mraz, John Butler, Pete Murray, Paul Kelly and Paul Dempsey, and at festivals such as Glastonbury UK, Woodford, Splendour in the Grass, and Burning Man festival USA.

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