

# Blindman's Holiday

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## Press Release

"... extraordinary range.... A real rainbow of musical sounds" **Julie Howard ABC Classic FM 26/6/06**

"The variety of the sound, styles and spirits on this album is astonishing, as are the women's voices... delightful nuggets... this disc will not disappoint" **A-Cappella.com 2006**

"... incredibly wide range of musical heritages and vocal techniques... beautiful" **Radio NZ Concert FM, May 11, 2006**

"... wonderful new album ... About Time. It's a very fine album indeed, great sound, lovely arrangements and wonderful singing. Thanksh (sic) heaps for the beautiful rendition of Behind Barbed Wire. Love it!" **Alistair Hulett 2006**

Blindman's Holiday launches its new CD **About Time** in 2006. Recorded in 2005 with Australia Council funding, personnel is Clarita Derwent, Linda Marr, Christina Mimmocchi and Helen Rivero. Percussionist Jess Ciampa and producer Greg White added their special touches to the mix of original and traditional songs sung a cappella. Tracks include songs from Aceh, Sardinia and Bulgaria alongside original songs by Australian songwriters on themes of love, credit cards and coffee.

**About Time** (BH0505) is a commentary on the times we are living in here in Australia with songs like Alistair Hulett's Behind Barbed Wire - about refugee children in detention - and Cancion de Cuna Aborígen, a lullaby for an indigenous child. It's also a reference to unusual time signatures including 9/8 (Zavedime Yalino) as well as different ways of breaking up the more usual time signatures. **About Time** also acknowledges that apart from a children's album (**Work Play Sleep** in 2003), this is Blindman's Holiday's first album since 1997.

The group celebrates 20 years of Blindman's Holiday in 2006 - surely some kind of a record. Groundbreaking all-female A Cappella group specialising in world music, still going strong!

CD launches:

April 13th - 17th National Folk Festival, Canberra  
April 22nd The Boite World Music Café, Melbourne  
July 28th Folk Centre, Adelaide  
August 5th at Eastside Arts, Paddington, Sydney  
August 19th Brunei  
September 23rd Kulcha, Fremantle WA

"Blindman's Holiday.....miraculous harmonies"  
Bruce Elder, Sydney Morning Herald October 25, 2005

"the mouth magic that is Blindman's Holiday"  
The Drum Media September 18, 1999

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