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SHERBET REUNITES FOR ONE OF THEIR OWN

“Gimme That Guitar” benefit for Harvey James
One night only – Thursday February 17
Tickets on sale today!

Members of Australia’s most popular and chart-topping pop group of the seventies, the incomparable Sherbet, will reunite in Sydney this February for one special night, in support of their lead guitarist Harvey James, who is battling inoperable lung cancer.

Also performing in support of Harvey are music icons Richard Clapton, Renee Geyer, Dragon, Ian Moss, Swanee, Kevin Borich and Lindsay Wells of Healing Force.

A “Band of Friends”, featuring Harvey along with Garth Porter, Lindsay Wells, Harry Brus, Lucius Borich, and Harvey’s two sons Gabriel James and Joshua James, is also on the bill.

Despite aggressive treatment for his cancer, Harvey is upbeat about getting on stage with friends and family. He says, “I look forward to playing with some great people again and hope that the crowd takes it in the spirit it is intended – LOUD rock and roll that make the hairs on their neck stand out!”

The “Gimme That Guitar” benefit on Thursday February 17 will be headlined by the full line-up of Sherbet that recorded the international smash hit “Howzat”, a song featuring one of the most distinctive guitar solos in Australian pop music history.

The guitar that Harvey played on that solo, his old yellow L-Series Stratocaster, has been on many a journey over the years and is indelibly tied to Harvey and Sherbet.

Harvey joined Sherbet in early 1976, replacing founding guitarist Clive Shakespeare. He played, sang and co-wrote on the albums *Howzat*, *Photoplay*, *Sherbet* (known as *Highway* in the US, where it was recorded in Los Angeles for RSO Records) and the two Sherbs albums *The Skill* and *Defying Gravity*.

He was with the band for their “Tonight Will Last Forever” farewell tour in 1984, and subsequently when they reunited at the “Gimme Ted” benefit for the late Ted Mulry in 2001 and, most recently, during the 2006 Countdown Spectacular tour. This will be Sherbet’s first appearance in more than four years – and the last with this line-up.

With lead singer Daryl Braithwaite, keyboardist Garth Porter, bass guitarist Tony Mitchell and drummer Alan Sandow, Harvey will take the stage one more time to play “Howzat” and other much loved Sherbet hits such as the perennial “Summer Love”.

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Prior to joining Sherbet, Harvey was a member of the renowned Australian bands Mississippi and Ariel – with whom he recorded the acclaimed album *Rock 'n' Roll Scars* in Abbey Road studios – and after Sherbet he played regularly with a who's who of Australian rock, including Richard Clapton, Marc Hunter, Swanee and The Party Boys with Kevin Borich and James Reyne.

With such a wide-ranging list of credits to his name, it's no surprise that so many of his musical cohorts are stepping up to raise funds for Harvey in his time of need.

The proceeds from "Gimme That Guitar" will go directly to assist Harvey through his cancer battle. Harvey is also donating \$10 from each ticket sold to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, a world leader in cancer treatment, research and education.

Realistic but feeling incredibly fortunate and inspired in this fight for his life, Harvey is passionate and motivated as he rallies his friends together for this one special night.

"My music found me; it found me when I was sixteen and has stayed with me ever since," Harvey says. "It looked after me when I was down to my last dollar and desperate, it gave me joy at the strangest of times, and took me down a few roads I shouldn't have gone down, but I suppose that's what's called experience.

"I am still here, and know that I will not be forgotten after I go, my music will make sure of that, even after I'm gone!"

Tickets for "Gimme That Guitar" are on sale from 9am today and numbers are strictly limited for this one night only fundraising concert.

www.gimmethatguitar.com

WHAT:	Gimme That Guitar – A Benefit For Harvey James
WHO:	Sherbet, Richard Clapton, Renee Geyer, Dragon, Swanee, Ian Moss, Kevin Borich and more.
WHERE:	Factory Theatre, 105 Victoria Road, Marrickville
WHEN:	Thursday February 17 at 7.30pm
TICKETS:	\$65.00 plus booking fee available online from www.gimmethatguitar.com and www.factorytheatre.com.au Phone bookings 02 9550 3666

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