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MEDIA RELEASE

ABBA APPROVES WORLD-FIRST AUSSIE BOOK FOR *ABBAWORLD*

Australian author Christopher Patrick's world-first book, ***ABBA: Let The Music Speak***, has just received rare approval from ABBA to be part of the official *ABBAWORLD* merchandise store when the multi-million dollar, interactive touring exhibition opens at Melbourne's Federation Square this Saturday 19 June.

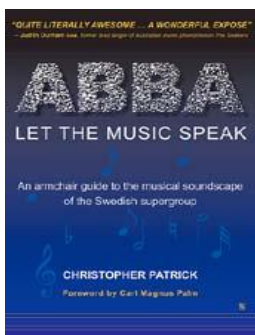
ABBA: Let The Music Speak is the first book in the world to literally pull every ABBA song apart - and then show readers how the group (Agnetha Faltskog, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson and Anni-Frid "Frida" Lyngstad) put them together in the first place.

ABBA's Frida recently wrote to Christopher, after reading his book: *"I am so happy to at last read a book that mainly concentrates on our music, and not on gossip about the band members. You have written a literally wonderful exposé and should be very proud of your work. Thank you so much for letting me have a copy. I will always cherish it!"*

Naturally, the author is honoured that his 400-page armchair guide to the musical soundscape of the Swedish supergroup has now received rare, official approval from ABBA's offices in Sweden. "I am truly thrilled," Christopher enthused. "Being in *ABBAWORLD* means that now even more fans of ABBA's music will be able to access my book and understand the group's incredible and indelible, pure musical genius. It also means the time and dedication I put into writing and researching it has not gone unnoticed by the ABBA members themselves. It is an honour."

A professional musician with a Diploma in Music (Instrumental) from the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, Chris spent four years dissecting and appraising every musical phrase and melody in every ABBA recording to write ***ABBA: Let The Music Speak***. He also travelled to Sweden to interview those who worked with ABBA and delved into the archives of the international music world over the past 40 years to illustrate the external musical forces that guided, influenced and enhanced ABBA's song writing and recording processes.

Now in its second edition, ***ABBA: Let The Music Speak*** has become a must-have for recent and long-time ABBA fans wanting to know more about ABBA's music. The book takes readers on a song-by-song journey, from ABBA's inaugural *Ring Ring* album to the group's final studio album, *The Visitors*, and includes in-depth analysis of songs recorded for their planned 1982 album, which was neither completed nor released. Meanwhile, Chris has been keenly interviewed across Australia and internationally about the group's phenomenal musical genius and longevity (ABBA was recently inducted into the prestigious Rock and Roll Hall of Fame!).



AUTHOR CHRISTOPHER PATRICK IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR TV, RADIO & PRINT INTERVIEWS.

Christopher Patrick is currently in Melbourne until Sunday 29 June.

He is in town to visit the historic *ABBAWORLD* interactive experience and is attending *ABBAWORLD*'s Official Opening on Thursday 17 June. Showcasing the music, the memories and the magic of ABBA, *ABBAWORLD* runs at Melbourne's Federation Square until the end of October this year.

***ABBA: LET THE MUSIC SPEAK* NOW AVAILABLE AT *ABBAWORLD*, and in Selected Bookshops, ABC Shop Online and www.abbaletthemusicpeak.com**

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