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ROD LAVER ARENA TOP 10 IN THE WORLD AGAIN

Australia's favourite concert venue, Rod Laver Arena, is now ranked 6th worldwide for ticket sales in 2010. US Music Trade magazine Pollstar reports year-to-date sales totalling 395,475 tickets for concerts held to 30 September.

Placed 9th mid-year, three sold out Lady Gaga concerts and two Yusuf Islam shows helped boost Rod Laver Arena's standing. It's worth noting that the Australian Open, and therefore the month of January, is not included in Pollstar's figures – so to rank amongst world renowned venues such as O2 (London) and Madison Square Garden (New York) is all the more remarkable.

And a top 3 ranking for 2010 is still a possibility as the New Year approaches. The December schedule is relentless, with The Wiggles, Bon Jovi, Gorillaz, Linkin Park, Muse and the Eagles virtually running back-to-back. And following the Australian Open, the likes of Michael Buble, Usher, Rihanna, Roxy Music, Chemical Brothers and Andre Rieu will kick start what promises to be another big year for Rod Laver Arena.

Brian Morris, CEO Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust said "we are always pleased that an Australian venue is considered in the top 10 worldwide, and Rod Laver Arena has been attracting the cream of world performers for over 20 years now. Despite unsettled economic times, concerts continue to perform above average with good ticket sales across the board. Melbourne continues to grow as an international concert destination, and the 17 sold out Pink shows last year was testament to the venue's popularity."

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