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Andre Agassi set for Australian Open return

Much loved tennis statesman **Andre Agassi** will return to Melbourne Park for Australia Open 2013.

"I love Australia and its people," the four-time Australian Open champion said from Las Vegas.

"The opportunity to return to Rod Laver Arena in January will provide me the chance to catch up with so many friends and be reminded of the great memories we shared together in Melbourne. Over all the times we have cried and celebrated, I feel half-Australian."

"We are delighted to welcome Andre back to the Australian Open," Tournament Director Craig Tiley said.

"He's had some career defining moments at Rod Laver Arena – he won his first Australian title following a battle with compatriot and rival Pete Sampras in 1995, and who could forget that marathon five-set semifinal over our own Patrick Rafter in 2001.

"Andre will be a special part of our men's final ceremony on Rod Laver Arena," Tiley continued.

Series tickets for Australian Open 2013 go on sale through Ticketek from 9:00 am on Wednesday 3 October to 5:00 pm Sunday 7 October (AEDST).

Rod Laver Arena and Hisense Arena single session tickets and Australian Open ground passes are on sale from 9:00 am (AEDST) Monday 8 October.

The great value \$34 Australian Open ground pass gives fans access to all the outside courts and free entertainment on Grand Slam Oval and in Garden Square.

Fans are encouraged to pre-purchase and save on tickets for Australian Open 2013. Tournament pricing applies to all tickets purchased from Monday 14 January.

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Australian Open 2013, presented by Kia Motors in association with ANZ, Jacob's Creek and Rolex, will take place at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, from 14 to 27 January.

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