

Media Release



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Live Music at Marrickville Festival

Many of Marrickville's talented musicians will entertain the crowds at this year's Marrickville Festival on Sunday 23 October 2011.

Headline act *Richard in Your Mind* will deliver their upbeat pop tunes. The four-piece is currently touring New South Wales after the release of their second album *Sun*.

Festival-goers can enjoy the gypsy stylings of *Doc Jones and the Lechery Orchestra*. The eclectic mix of guitar, banjo, clarinet, flute and accordion will delight the crowd. Indigenous acoustic group *Stiff Gins* is a dynamic duo that will perform their unique blend of pop sounds and traditional Aboriginal songs, while psychedelic outfit *Ungus Ungus Ungus* will also entertain. The four-piece were offered a spot in the line-up following their performance at Council's 'The Break' event in April 2011.

Other acts include Egyptian soul singer *Mariam Sawires* with her raw and unique sound, and African musicians, dancers and drummers who will showcase the vibrancy and colour of the West African Festival 2011. Lion Mountain Studio will also have the audience moving with their mix of hip-hop beats.

Funky kids band *Electric Lunchbox* will have children singing and dancing with their fun mix of '50s rock 'n' roll, Motown and Do-Wop. Students from Studio H Dance Academy in Marrickville will perform a mix of ballet, jazz, tap and hip hop.

FBI radio hosts will MC the Marrickville Festival main stage throughout the day, and Saturday afternoon presenter Jack Sh*t will DJ between acts.

Mayor of Marrickville Councillor Morris Hanna said the live music at Marrickville Festival showcases the diversity of our local creative community.

"The Festival music is a great mix of musical genres," Cllr Hanna said. "I guarantee everyone will have their individual musical tastes catered for – and the best part is that all performers are from the Marrickville area."

As well as the large number of musical acts, Marrickville Festival will also feature the International Dance Floor, an opportunity for Festival-goers to learn some new dance steps from local community groups. And the talents of local artists, comedians and poets will also be showcased. The streets will be lined with international food stalls, and there will be plenty of free rides and activities for children.

The Festival will be held along Marrickville and Illawarra Roads on Sunday 23 October 2011 from 11.00am – 5.00pm.

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