

MEDIA RELEASE

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Sunsets, songs and stories - Campfire Sessions at Cockatoo Island

Take in a breathtaking Sydney Harbour sunset while enjoying a relaxed and intimate performance of songs and story-telling, Saturday afternoons from January 6 through February 2018, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

The Harbour Trust, in collaboration with artist performance space, Venue 505, bring you a relaxed afternoon series of home grown Australian acts who will seek to inspire you with songs of life, love and loss. Like many of the hidden histories uncovered across Cockatoo Island, Campfire Sessions allows visitors to enjoy not only the intimate stories of the artists but invites you to experience the magic of Cockatoo Island during dusk with song and performance.

The program will feature artists such as Alice Terry, Wartime Sweethearts and Colombian born, Angela Rosero and is set to be one of the most enticing Campfire Sessions yet.

Along with the stunning array of artist performing during the Campfire Sessions, popular boutique eatery, McIntosh and Bowman Cheesemongers will be offering a wine and cheese package to enjoy with the soulful music.

Here is a taste of January-

January 6

5:30pm - 6:20pm - LIZ MARTIN with Dirk Kruithof - guitar

In a sweet spot between, jazz, pop and folk Liz Martin has found a groove that perfectly conveys the subtle, wistful, longing of a poet's muse, from heart achingly tender ballads to sophisticated pop and instrumental

6:40pm - 7:30pm - ALICE TERRY

Terry has a huge voice and matches them to beautiful songs. Her debut single Emotion, released July this year, went to number one on the iTunes blues charts within hours. The sold out launch that followed proved why Terry has been nicknamed 'Sydney's first lady of blues'.

January 13

5:30pm - 6:20pm - MATILDA ABRAHAM

Matilda's singing brings a bright and vibrant sound to a diverse repertoire made up of originals and rearranged covers. Her approach is honest, combining a rich musicality with stark vulnerability and warmth.

6:40pm - 7:30pm - WARTIME SWEETHEARTS

Wartime Sweethearts is an expressive, textured and experimental pop outfit fronted by Sydney-based singer, loop artist and songwriter Louise Nutting. Her influences stem from the vocally driven and layered music of Björk, The Dirty Projectors, Jeff Buckley and St Vincent.

January 20

5:30pm - 6:20pm - DARRYL BEATON

Darryl Beaton takes Australian soul music to a new level. With all the nuances of the greats this classically trained and jazz refined musician takes audiences on a musical journey with the greatest of ease.

6:40pm - 7:30pm - ANGELA ROSERO accompanied by Carlos Arango on guitar

Angela is a Colombian artist who has captivated Australian audiences combining her talents of acting and singing.

Lead singer of the well-loved Sydney dance band Cumbiamuffin, along with collaborations with Peña Flamenca, Arrebato Ensemble and Art of Cadencia, latest project evolved for sacred music festival.

January 27

5:30pm - 6:20pm - INES

Portuguese born then raised in the back streets of the Inner West, music schooled Inês in a unique way – sucking all the knowledge from rapper ex-boyfriends and insomnia fuelled ‘Rage’ marathons. Inês’ own offerings are hard to place firmly in one genre, though her writing and expression has been compared to the rumbling soul melodies and diary like lyrics of Amy Winehouse and Erykah Badu.

6:40pm - 7:30pm - LILY DIOR

This Jazz/Soul diva has is gifted with a rich expressive and versatile voice. Lily has drawn comparisons to Cleo Laine and is a regular at top Jazz venues around Australia and Europe. Her delivery of a song is second to none and is in a class of her own when it comes to Jazz and Soul music.

For more information head to the Cockatoo Island What’s On page on the website:

<http://www.cockatooisland.gov.au/whats/campfire-sessions>

Tickets prices

General Admission: \$25

Overnight Visitors/concession: \$15

Kids 12 and under: FREE

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