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Get Ready to Rock at the 2023 Airlie Beach Festival of Music!

Unforgettable Performances Await with headliners Ian Moss, Dragon, King Stingray, The Superjesus and Ross Wilson taking the Mainstage.

The tent is going up, and the countdown has begun! The 11th annual Airlie Beach Festival of Music is on the horizon, and it's gearing up to be unlike any other music event in Australia. From the 9th to the 12th of November 2023, this musical extravaganza will take place in the breathtaking setting of The Whitsundays, right on the oceanfront at the Whitsunday Sailing Club.

More Than 50 Acts Across 15 Venues

Prepare for over 50 electrifying acts to grace our stages this year, featuring a captivating mix of industry legends and rising stars. The 2023 Main Stage lineup promises unforgettable performances, including:

- Friday 10 Nov: Ian Moss, Frenzal Rhomb, Pierce Brothers, Skunkhour and Tanya George
- Saturday 11 Nov: King Stingray, The Superjesus, Chocolate Starfish, Bourbon Street and The Pigs
- Sunday 12 Nov: Ross Wilson, Dragon, Billy Field, Wanita and James Bennett

Supporting the Main Stage acts, are 14 venues across Airlie Beach hosting live music from morning till night, ensuring there's something for everyone's musical taste. From performances at KC's Bar and Grill, home of the 'World's Best Steak,' to the beachfront paradise at Fish D'Vine, and breakfast acts at Airlie Beach Treehouse and Whisper Restaurant and Gin Bar. Whitsunday Food Garden, will showcase the region's brightest emerging talents with a Young Performer stage.

One day or Five to Party

Get ready to groove with us! Secure a three-day Festival pass at just \$300, granting access to all the live performance venues from Friday to Sunday (10th-12th November). Plus, access to the Passport To Airlie Showcase Finals on Thursday, November 9th, and the Festival after-party at Northerlies Beach Bar and Grill on Monday, November 13th.

Buy a three-day pass before Midnight on Sunday, November 5, and you'll have a chance not just to meet Frenzal Rhomb for an exclusive photo and festival merchandise signing but also to level up to a VIP experience inside the main tent. The winner will also embark on a breathtaking Whitehaven Beach Big Island Day Tour with SeaLink Whitsundays. All three-day passes already purchased are also in the draw!

For those seeking a day of musical bliss, single day passes are available and include entry to all venues during that day and the Main Tent that night:

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- Friday: \$120
- Saturday: \$130
- Sunday: \$120

Rock Music Icons Under the Big Tent

This year, we're breaking records! Celebrating a collective 150 years of Australian rock music legends, Ross Wilson and The Peaceniks to the iconic Dragon and the legendary Ian Moss, taking the stage under the Big Tent.

On receiving the call "Wanna go play at Airlie Beach?". Rock legend, Ross Wilson replied, "You betcha, vibe plus. Like, who wouldn't?"

"I'm bringing my hot shot band The Peaceniks with me and we're really looking forward to rocking out at The Whitsunday's biggest, bestest music event The Airlie Beach Festival of Music. What are we gonna play? A bit of Daddy Cool, some Mondo Rock and some newbies too - it's a festival!!" Mr Wilson said.

Making Way for Emerging Talent

The Passport to Airlie Finals will dominate the main stage on opening night, Thursday 9 November, following a 10-month national competition with over 300 entrants. From the highly-contested heats, eight finalists emerged, representing the best of the best in Australian music:

Gravy Train (Darwin)
The Robert Cini Band (Cairns)
The Wild Sky (Mackay)
Staremaster (Sunshine Coast)
Funk Knuckle (Brisbane)
Venus Fly Trap (Byron Bay)
Avalanche (Newcastle)
Ally Row (Melbourne)

Perry Street Park, winners of Passport to Airlie 2022, consider the Airlie Beach Festival of Music the best part of their year. They get to do what they love, making music, in the beautiful Whitsundays paradise.

"We can't wait to be back overlooking the bright blue waters and performing at one of the state's best music festivals. It's like a holiday while at work, can't wait to be calling Airlie our office for the week," Lead Singer Benny Nelson said.

Accommodation Options for Every Taste

Enjoy the Festival like a rockstar! Airlie Beach offers a variety of accommodation choices, from 5-star luxury hotels and elegant apartments to budget-friendly backpacker lodgings and adventurous camping experiences in the great outdoors.

For more information and to purchase your festival pass, visit www.airliebeachfestivalofmusic.com.au, and stay updated by following @airliebeachfestivalofmusic on Facebook and Instagram.

For a comprehensive view of The Whitsundays, including accommodations and experiences, explore www.tourismwhitsundays.com.au.

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Notes for Editors

- The Airlie Beach Festival of Music is where live music meets the Great Barrier Reef.
- With jaw-dropping sea views from the main tent at the Whitsunday Sailing Club, the festival is a party like no other in a tropical paradise.
- Watch big name acts and discover new talent - there is something for every musical taste.
- Experience a town coming alive to the sound of music. With the music spread throughout multiple venues, the atmosphere is electric.

About Tourism Whitsundays: *Tourism Whitsundays (TW) is the organisation responsible for destination marketing and visitor attraction for the Whitsunday region. It is the lead agency recognised by Tourism and Events Queensland and the Whitsunday Regional Council to lead the promotion of the region as a tourism destination. Tourism Whitsundays markets all aspects of the region including the Great Barrier Reef, Whitsunday Islands and Coast, accommodation, boating and sailing, fishing, touring, recreational activities, adventure, dining, shopping, weddings and honeymoons, conferencing and business events.*

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