

10 GLORIOUS DAYS OF MUSIC IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

DESERT SONG

FESTIVAL

ALICE SPRINGS • 9-18 SEPTEMBER 2016

2016 PROGRAM



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THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM
DESERT SONG CENTRAL
 the Festival Club at Yaye's – Araluen Cultural Precinct
\$5 door entry



Featured ARTIST: 'Rusty and the Infidels'
 Accompanied by other support acts

Experience the new home for the Festival club in 2016! Yaye's Café offers an amazing menu of healthy meals, good coffee and a great atmosphere for gathering after 'main stage' events. 'Desert Song Central' also offers a bar, a great line-up of artists, groups, small ensembles, buskers and aspiring stars. In fact, anyone who would like to sing or be sung to!

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 6.00PM – 7.30PM
'BIG SING AND BONFIRE'
 Alice Springs CBD
FREE EVENT

"Les Crêpes de Marion" available from 5.00pm.



The Festival opening event in the Alice Springs CBD! Come and help launch the 2016 Desert Song Festival with a rousing celebration! A CBD event staged on the Lawns of the John Flynn Memorial church, featuring festival headline acts - the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, MERITUM from Melbourne, Shubhendra Rao and Saskia Rao de Haas from India 'Echo Echo' and much more - a 'taster' of what is to come!

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 7.45PM
 Desert Song Central – the Festival Club at Yaye's
\$5 door entry



Featured Artist: 'Sally Anderson Jazz Cabaret'
 Accompanied by other support acts

Excellent food, bar, quality musicians and the great Desert Song Festival atmosphere!

SAT 10 SEPTEMBER 6.30PM
DESERT DREAMING
 Araluen ARTS Centre
**\$30 Adult/\$15 concession & Students/Children \$10/
 Family \$65**
Booking: Araluen Box Office



MERITUM, The Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir" and Williams & Fry, present 'Desert Dreaming' a choral and multi-arts fantasia – a new choral work by Morris Stuart.

SAT 10 SEPTEMBER 8.30PM
 DESERT SONG CENTRAL – the Festival Club at Yaye's
\$5 door entry



Featured Artist: Emma Stuart
 accompanied by 'Malarkey Folk', MERITUM and other support acts

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2.00PM – 4.30PM
PENTATONIC
\$20 Adult/\$10 conc. students & children /\$40 Family
Booking: trybooking.com/LKHT



A promenade concert in 5 heritage places: the Stuart Town Gaol, the Old Law Courts, Flynn Memorial Uniting Church, the Hartley St School room and the Residency: Guitar, Cello, Flute and Contrabass, Harp, Fiddle and Kalaningoni. A two-and-a-half hour feast of Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Jango Reinhardt and much more... Complimentary canapés to finish.

Featuring Markus Kuchenbuch, Bec Matthews, The Alice Springs Gypsy Jazz Guitar Orchestra, The Hermannsburg Band, and harpist Tamlyn Magee.

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 5.15PM – 6.15PM
SACRED SONG
 Flynn Church Lawns in the CBD
FREE EVENT



Sacred Song celebrates sacred music from a diversity of faith traditions: Samoa, Africa, Pitjantjatjara, Western Arrarnta, Maori, Buddhist Kirtan, Christian Traditions and many others. Come at 5.00pm. Sit on the Lawns and experience the moving music from local faith communities as the sun sets on another beautiful Central Australian Spring day. Stay on into the early evening and enjoy "Les Crêpes de Marion" and some spontaneous music-making in the Festival marquee.

MONDAY 12 – FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
'EAST MARRIES WEST' SCHOOLS PROGRAM.



SEE SEPARATE PROGRAM PAGE FOR DETAILS.

MONDAY 12 – FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
12 NOON – 1.30PM
MIDDAY IN THE MALL
The Flynn Lawns Todd Mall
FREE EVENT

School groups, buskers, pop-up choirs and musicians: the main course for your lunch!

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TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM – 9.30PM

'EAST MARRIES WEST'

The Headline Act of the 2016 Desert Song Festival

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\$40 adult/\$20 concession, student/\$15 child/\$75 Family

Booking: trybooking.com/LKIB

"From Indian Bhajans to Bach & Beethoven"... a Classical Fusion of Sitar and Cello, Shubhendra Rao and Saskia Rao de Haas' work has been described as exemplifying the very best in the musical traditions of the East & West. This internationally experienced and cutting edge duo will present a unique concert program – a first for Alice Springs.



WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 11.00AM – 1.30PM

BUSKING AT THE BAKERY

The pop-up bakery at The Residency is a mandatory indulgence for locals – and visitors alike. Desert Song Festival 2016 is adding spice with lunchtime performances.



WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

KONZERTHALL

HARTLEY ST SCHOOLROOM CHAMBER CONCERT SERIES CONCERT (1)

The Alexandria Quartet

\$20 Adult/\$15 Concession/\$7.50 Child/\$45 Family

Booking: trybooking.com/LKKF



The popular Chamber concert series returns this year in a dedicated and wonderful acoustic space: The Hartley St Schoolroom. Two concerts are being presented by a talented line-up of world-class local musicians displaying virtuosity across a wide range of instruments.

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

CHORAL MASTER CLASS

John Flynn Memorial Church Todd Mall.

\$5 donation on entry



Discover your hidden chorister! Join Morris Stuart for a unique choral workout and become a choir in one evening.

"Les Crêpes de Marion" available from 6.30pm.

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FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 6.00PM – 7.30PM

YOUNG DESERT VOICES

FREE EVENT



A celebration of musical talent, as 150 young performers from Alice Springs Schools and youth clubs participate in a parade of choirs and dance ensembles presenting an exciting program – Flynn Church Lawns CBD

Menu: "Les Crêpes de Marion" available from 5.00pm

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

**Desert Song Central – the Festival Club at Yaye’s
\$5 door entry**



Featured Artist Bec Matthews and King Marong

Accompanied by other support acts

Two more nights of amazing food, entertainment and a great atmosphere for gathering after ‘main stage’ events! ‘Desert Song Central’ again offers a great line up of artists, small ensembles, groups, buskers and aspiring stars. In fact anyone who would like to sing or be sung to!

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

LATE MORNING – MID AFTERNOON

SOIRÉE AT WHITE GUMS

\$20 Adult/\$15 Concession/\$10 Students /\$45 Family

Booking: trybooking.com/MGXJ

Shubhendra Rao and Saskia Rao de Haas will interact with local musicians, talking about their practice, giving an exposition. An all day workshop, master class, forum and jam session for local musicians and music students!

Menu Bush Barbecue and “Les Crêpes de Marion”

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

**KONZERTHALL
HARTLEY ST SCHOOLROOM
CHAMBER CONCERT SERIES
CONCERT (2)**

\$20 Adult/\$15 Concession/\$7.50 child/\$45 Family

Booking: trybooking.com/LKKW



Featuring ‘Francis Diatschenko with special guests’

Francis has established a well-earned reputation as a professional guitarist: classically trained, he is as much at home playing Jazz, Flamenco guitar, classical guitar or ballads. For many years he toured internationally with Gurrumul Yunupingu. Tonight’s performance provides the audience with a rare and exceptional experience with one of Alice’s native-born sons.

“Les Crêpes de Marion” available from 6.00pm.

SAT 17 SEPTEMBER 8.30PM

**DESERT SONG CENTRAL -the Festival Club at Yaye’s
FESTIVAL CLUB FINALÉ!**

Hermannsburg Band and other support acts

\$5 door entry

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 3.45PM

A CAPPELLA IN THE GORGE AT ORMISTON GORGE

Event entry: \$5/\$10 family



The season-ending outdoor concert against a Majestic Central Australian backdrop.

Come and celebrate with Asante Sana 11 years of music-making during the Central Australian winter, building bridges across cultures and in the community through their voices and their song, presenting a varied program of music from Australia, Africa, the Pacific, Estonia, the Caribbean and much more. They are joined by The Central Australian Aboriginal Women’s Choir and a selection of artists featured in the 2016 festival Program.

Menu: Bush Barbecue and real coffee from the Kiosk

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 7.00PM

FINAL FESTIVAL CONCERT

Araluen Theatre

\$40 adult/\$20 concession, student/\$15 child/\$75

Family (includes entry to after-party).

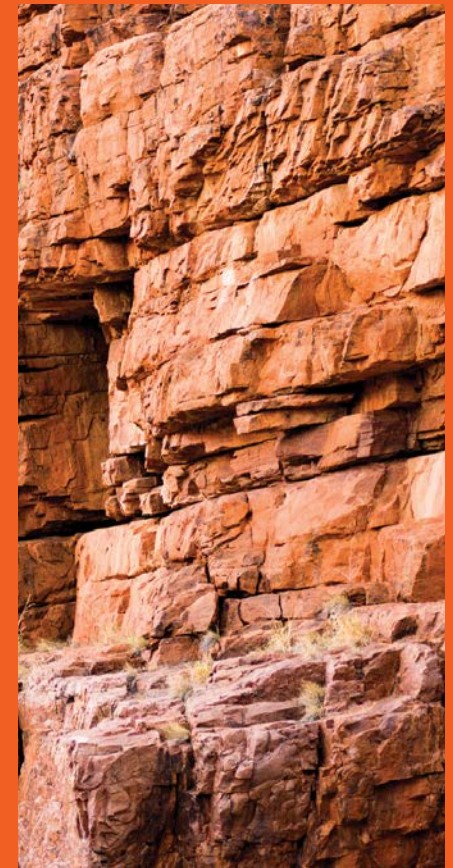
Booking: Araluen Box Office

Featuring The Francis Diatschenko Guitar ensemble and a collaboration between ‘East Marries West’, local musicians and choirs performing a new commissioned work.

DOPO LA FESTA 8.30PM

\$5 door entry

Festival after-party in the foyer of the Araluen featuring a multicultural presentation and accompanied by drinks and canapés.



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DESERT SONG FESTIVAL ARTISTS

MERITUM

A vocal ensemble from Melbourne, MERITUM has had a long association with Morris Stuart. Members have performed in his original works and productions 'The Image and The Dream' – 1996, 'Maria and Giuseppe' 2000/01, 'Famine' – Gordon Mullen – 2004. Some have performed as members of the 'Out of the Ashes Choir'- 2009, which was formed to contribute to communities that suffered from the devastating 'Black Saturday' bush fires in Victoria. This chorale of fine voices brings a fresh and exciting contribution to Desert Song Festival 2016.

THE ALEXANDRA QUARTET

The Alexandria Quartet, a long-established Alice Springs institution, is pleased to bring to Desert Song Festival 2016 a program of classical music from across the centuries. Wind quartet music is brought to you by Margaret Collins, Flute; Cate Young, Clarinet; Peter Gilham, French Horn; and Helen Williamson, Bassoon.

ECHO ECHO

Echo Echo is the newest incarnation of 'the voice' in Alice. Five Passionate local artists reflecting the dynamic spirit of voice and sound....an exciting new talent on the Desert Song Festival stage.

KING MARONG

Born in The Gambia West Africa, King has been performing professionally since the age of 12. He developed his skills in the coastal fishing village where he grew up surrounded by the griots (hereditary musicians) and international musicians who were his mentors for Senegambian drumming and cultural priorities. In his late teens he formed his band Kunta Kinteh and consequently toured The Gambia, Senegal, UK and Europe. King has since built an international reputation as a master of many African drumming styles on instruments such as the Djembe, Boucarabou, Doundoun and Sabar, performing and teaching percussion to students from around the world.

EMMA STUART

Emma Kathryn Stuart is originally from Melbourne Australia. She spent 3 years in Neukölln Berlin. Went to Istanbul, bought a Saz (Turkish guitar) where she was given the name Eminé by some Turkish friends. Wrote some catchy pop songs on the Saz.

Eminé has played numerous gigs in Berlin, Melbourne and Alice Springs since 2014. Now living in Alice Springs singing and painting trees.



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