

FRIDAY 11 September

7.00pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

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PARADE OF PERFORMERS AND APERTURE

For the first time in Desert Song Festival's history, you are invited to attend a digital 'First Night', including a ZOOM audience. Featuring the usual combination of sound, colour, harmony, creative movement and performances from across Australian and across the world. Be captivated by another kaleidoscope of talent that will be showcased over the next 10 days of a magical virtual festival.

- A 1hr Netcast featuring
- Q and 'Extra Ancestral' from San Francisco
- Choirs CAAWC; AURORA; Asante Sana; Poco Tutti 2017 and OLGA from Northern Europe
- 'Acknowledgement of Country' and to the Desert Song Festival.
- Eric Avery, Bassidi Kone; the Djari project
- A 10 minute return to the Zoom audience



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SATURDAY 12 September

7.00pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

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THE PICNIC DAY AND DESERT VOICE

- A 5-minute Zoom audience anchored by a Host Presenter
- The Picnic day. Snatches of Picnic Day activities: Connect virtually to Country and the NIMA award-winning Central Australian Women's Choir in a cultural display of painting and more, participate in a vibrational Vinyasa Yoga session guided by international instructor Sunshine Zerda together with looping electric violin improvisations by international performing artist QVLN.
- Desert Voice. Experience the best archives of Desert Voice the festival's Choral showcase, featuring the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, Asante Sana, AURORA, Soul Harvest, the Soweto Gospel Choir, MERITUM and so much more.
- A 10 minute return to the Zoom audience



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SUNDAY 13 September

7.00pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

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PENTATONIC AND SACRED SONG

- A 5-minute Zoom audience anchored by a Host Presenter
- Pentatonic and Sacred Song. A Virtual promenade through iconic Heritage venues in Alice Springs accompanied by a feast of musical virtuosity featuring Arapura, AURORA, Samoa Choir, Zimbabwe Desert Harmonies, Poco Tutti
- A 10 minute return to the Zoom audience



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ALICESPRINGSMUSICFESTIVAL

MONDAY 14 September

7.00pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

7.30pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

NTARIA CULTURAL VISIT

Immerse yourself in ancient and contemporary art, culture and language as you experience a virtual tour of Ntaria the cradle of thousands of years of occupation by the Western Arrarnta people and the oldest post-settlement town of the NT. Ntaria (Hermannsburg) is the birthplace of iconic artist Albert Namatjira and the home of the Hermannsburg Potters and the Ntaria Ladies' Choir (a constituent choir of the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir)



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TUESDAY 15 September

7.00pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

7.30pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

DESERT SONG DIGITAL CONCERTHALL 1

- A 5-minute Zoom audience anchored by the Festival Director
- A virtual Concert Hall featuring the best DSF Concert Hall artists including the Desert Song Festival World Orchestra and the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, the Arafura Collective, OLGA, QVLN, Bassidi Kone and Q and 'Extra Ancestral'.
- A 10 minute return to the Zoom audience



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CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY 16 September

7.00pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

7.30pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

DESERT SONG DIGITAL CONCERT HALL 2

- A 5-minute Zoom audience anchored by a Host Presenter
- Another Desert Song Digital virtual Concert Hall featuring a preview of 'From the Desert to the Arafura sea' - the festival's intercultural musical collaboration featuring 'Love and Dreaming' from the Djari Project and 'PALURU' from the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, featuring members of the Arafura Collective from Darwin, Jason Guwanbal Guruwiwi the Yolngu Vocalist, Netanela Mizrahi violinist and composer.
- World Ensemble Artists, Quetzal Guerrero (QVLN) and from Delhi Shubhendra Rao and Saskia Rao De Haas, Bassidi Kone from Delhi.
- A 10 minute return to the Zoom audience



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THURSDAY 17 September

7.00pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

7.30pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

OLIVE PINK OPERA - OPENING NIGHT PREVIEW

A 5-minute Zoom audience anchored by a Host Presenter

- The Olive Pink opera. A 1hr netcast of the Opera featuring an interview with its creator Professor Emerita Anne Boyd AM, selections from the opera presented by the Opera Ensemble, featuring one of the master Musicians, and the Principal Soloist.
- A 10 minute return to the Zoom audience



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FRIDAY 18 September

7.00pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

7.30pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

OLIVE PINK OPERA PREVIEW

DSF will present a 1hr 15min digital program, comprising three inputs:

- A 5-minute Zoom audience anchored by a Host Presenter
- The Olive Pink Opera. A 1hr netcast of the Opera featuring an interviews with the Opera Director, the Musical Director and selections from the opera presented by the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir.
- A 10 minute return to the Zoom audience



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SATURDAY 19 September

7.00pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

7.30pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

OLIVE PINK OPERA PREVIEW

DSF will present a 1hr 15min digital program, comprising three inputs:

- A 5-minute Zoom audience anchored by the Festival Director
- The Olive Pink Opera. A 1hr netcast of the Opera featuring a virtual tour of the Olive Pink Botanic Garden, an introduction to Miss Olive Pink, an interview with the Curator of the Olive Pink Botanic Garden and a finalé of selections from the Opera, with an invitation to plan to be in Alice Springs September 10-19, 2021 to experience the magic of the Desert Song Festival and a night at the Opera with Olive Pink.
- A 10 minute return to the Zoom audience



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SUNDAY 20 September

7.00pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

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A CAPPELLA IN THE GORGE AT ORMISTON GORGE

- A 5-minute Zoom audience anchored by the Festival Director
- A cappella in the Gorge: a virtual visit to one of Central Australia's iconic sites of outstanding beauty and cultural significance. This keenly anticipated annual end-of-festival event draws thousands of people from the NT and interstate into Ormiston Gorge in Tjoritja/West MacDonnell Ranges National Park. This virtual event features several of the Festival's iconic artists from across the years including the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, Poco Tutti and AURORA from Adelaide, Soul Harvest from Vanuatu, Asante Sana from Alice Springs, Opera star Boyd Owen, the Soweto Gospel Choir, The Australian Boys Choir, QVLN, Eric Avery, Bassidi Kone and so much more.
- A 10 minute return to the Zoom Audience.



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