

Festival line up scores injection of indie

Brizzie music fans - get ready to take in a stellar line-up, a "season" if you like, of the coolest home-grown and international indie acts heading to the sunshine state as part of Brisbane Festival 2010.

The most opulent of pop up bars, live music venue The Spiegel tent will play host to a selection of much-loved and up-and-coming artists including **First Aid Kit, Paul Dempsey, Ed Kuepper, Old Man River, Oh Mercy, Buck 65** and more.

After 20 years in the music industry performing with the likes of PJ Harvey and Moby, critically acclaimed Canadian performer Buck 65 will add some international star power to the bill whilst Paul Dempsey, Ed Kuepper and Dan Kelly will show audiences why they are some of our most loved Aussie troubadours.

Hitting Australian shores for the first time are Swedish duo First Aid Kit. The singing sisters will prove they are more than just a You Tube sensation, bringing their unique blend of indie folk harmonies Down Under after impressing crowds in the UK, USA and Europe.

Adding to the international flavour, Harry Angus James, best known for his band The Cat Empire as well as regular turns with ARIA nominated Jackson Jackson, teams up with classical tabla player, Dheeraj Shrestha to present an interactive and enchanting concert of Nepalese-Indo-Jazz.

Having built a reputation for inimitable live performances at some of the world's premier music festivals including Splendour in the Grass, Big Day Out, Bluesfest, Sunset Sounds, Musexpo LA and Canadian Music Week, Queensland's own The Gin Club will also get the crowd going with their special blend of acoustic folk, pop, country and rock'n'roll.

Representing Melbourne is sublime songwriter with the blue-eyed, broken-hearted voice, Lisa Miller and up-and-coming polished pop duo Oh Mercy. Described by Rolling Stone Magazine as "...the freshest, smartest song-writing partnership since the Finn brothers", Oh Mercy have been clocking up some distance of late and are 2010 alumnae of Big Day Out, SXSW, Laneway Festival and the UK's Great Escape Festival...next stop Brisbane!

The iconic Spiegel tent has travelled all the way from Belgium to form the hub of Brisbane Festival 2010 and will bring the music to a new location this year in the heart of the city at King George Square.

THE 7.00 SHOW

Paul Dempsey Sunday 5 to Tuesday 7 September

Known as the singer, guitarist and principal songwriter of highly successful Australian band, Something for Kate, Dempsey's first solo release 'Everything is True' won him three ARIA Award nominations, was named the Australian album of the Year by iTunes Australia and one of the Best Albums of 2009 by Rolling Stone.

Oh Mercy Wednesday 8 September

Alexander Gow and Thomas Savage, the duo from the heart of Oh Mercy, blend evocative and intelligent lyricism with a strong pop sensibility, showcasing the depth of the young songwriters polished brilliance.

Dan Kelly Thursday 9 September

See why this impressive artist and member of ARIA-nominated indie supergroup The Alpha Males has forged an intricate and humorous path into the hearts and minds of Australian music lovers.

First Aid Kit Friday 10 to Saturday 11 September

Don't miss this Swedish two-piece prove they are more than just a You Tube sensation.

Old Man River Sunday 12 September

Ohad Rein shares stories and observations from years abroad, busking in New York, travelling India, studying exotic instruments and trying to understand different ways of life.

Ed Kuepper Wednesday 15 September

Aussie guitar legend Ed Kuepper has been part of some of the most influential bands in Australian music including iconic punk band The Saints, Kuepper's post-Saints outfit; the jazz-noir ensemble Laughing Clowns, Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds and his current musical vehicle Ed Kuepper & The Kowalski Collective.

Buck 65 Saturday 18 to Sunday 19 September

See why this critically acclaimed and internationally renowned Canadian artist has enjoyed 20 years in the music industry, shared the stage with artists such as PJ Harvey and Moby and has performed at countless festivals including Glastonbury, Rock en Seine and Coachella.

The Harry James Angus & Dheeraj Shrestha Project

Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 September

Best known from The Cat Empire and ARIA nominated, Jackson Jackson, Harry James teams up with classical tabla player, Dheeraj Shrestha, to present an interactive and enchanting concert of Nepalese-Indo-Jazz.

Lisa Miller Wednesday 22 September

Catch Melbournian singer and songwriter Lisa Miller play hits from her five solo albums.

The Gin Club Saturday 23 September

Experience one of Australia's most exciting bands playing their blend of acoustic folk, pop, country and rock'n'roll.

TICKETS

Adult \$40, Concession \$30, Groups 10+ \$30
(includes booking fee, additional charges may apply)

BOOKINGS

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