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# BIGSOUND TURNS UP THE VOLUME

The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill producer Che Pope joins stacked BIGSOUND line up

+ More incredible conference speakers and industry events unveiled!

21st BIRTHDAY | 21 VENUES | 180+ BANDS | 3 NIGHTS 6 - 9 September

After announcing over 180 festival artists last month, **BIGSOUND** continues to turn up the volume, revealing another huge line up of game-changing speakers and industry events, set to descend on Brisbane's Fortitude Valley next month.

We've handpicked some highlights of what's on offer this year:

## **BIGSOUND CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

What does it take to be in a room with Lauryn Hill, Kanye West, Eminem, The Weekend and Whitney Houston? **CEO / Founder of WRKSHP and Grammy Award winning producer Che Pope** is making his way to Brisbane to dish what it takes to "Get Sh\*t Done", as both and a label executive and producer of some of hip-hops most defining albums, including *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* and ground-breaking *Bound 2* by Kanye West.

"I make records, that's what I do," says producer Che Pope. "I find different ways to fulfill whatever's needed on a record — sometimes more as A&R, and sometimes more as a composer/producer — but the results are the same. I call it GSD: Get Sh\*t Done."

Australian-born, respected international music supervisor **Tricia Holloway (Walt Disney Imagineering Global Music Executive)** will drop in for a digital presentation and conversation, sharing the wealth of experience that led to her current position overseeing the Walt Disney Imagineering Music Studio across Disney parks, attractions, hotels, cruise ships and more.

Joining the list of keynote speakers, Yanyuwa/Wardaman Songwoman Shellie Morris, Uncle Joe Geia, Carissa Nyalu and JK-47 will unpack the process of navigating the industry through a First Nations' lens and share their viewpoints of blazing their own trail within the music industry.

Want to know how to cross over from contemporary music to the blockbuster gaming and Web3 space? Artists and key figures including Montaigne, Tim Shiel, Woodes and more can tell you exactly that, while leading Music3 figures like Jillian Rothman (VP, New Business at Warner Music Group US) and Unified Music Group CEO Jaddan Comerford breakdown just what it means to enter The Metaverse and beyond.

As usual, BIGSOUND won't shy away from the big issues of the day. Ali Harnell is heading to BIGSOUND to provide a rare glimpse into her job as Live Nation Women President & Chief Strategy Officer and the female-centric commercial initiatives she is spearheading, while Annabelle Herd (ARIA and PPCA CEO) will breakdown her last 18 months at ARIA and offer her 'outsider' take on the industry, after joining at a time when the industry was hungry for change. The team at Support Act will discuss Minimum Standards for a Mentally Healthy Music Industry, while Dr Guy Morrow and Maggie Collins (Association of Artist Managers) dig deep and look at the value of management partnerships.

Pivotal to the new BIGSOUND Country program, Nashville-based Milly Olykan (International Relations and Development of the Country Music Association) will reflect on the growth of country music will also curate a special edition of SongHubs In The Round. Presented by APRA AMCOS and led by award-winning country artist Fanny Lumsden and superstar songwriter Shy Carter (Faith Hill, Keith Urban, Ashanti, Meghan Trainor, Charlie Puth), the session brings six cross-genre songwriters together to connect, perform and share their creativity.

These guests join previously announced global 'Me Too.' movement founder **Tarana Burke** and internet-born sensation **Rebecca Black**, Mushroom Group CEO **Matt Gudinski**, artist and advocate **Jaguar Jonze**, and UK chart-topping producer **EXAMPLE**.

#### **BIGSOUND MIXERS**

Amongst the full days of soaking up insight after insight, you can let your hair down with BIGSOUND's official industry event program. With hundreds of talented performers and the entire Australian music industry (plus our mates overseas), you'll find hidden gems in every corner.

Come celebrate the return of an absolute institution - the **Oztix** BIGSOUND Party! Now in their 11<sup>th</sup> year of proudly presenting BIGSOUND, they've stacked the line-up with **L-FRESH The Lion**, **VACATIONS**, a secret special headliner and loads more.

Move between venues and enjoy hand-picked showcases at Industry Events from **Spotify**, **Live Nation**, **Music NZ**, **Made in SA**, **Ivy League**, **CADA** and **UNIFIED x Lonely Lands**. Industry Event performers include AKOSIA, Press Club, merci, mercy, Jesswar and KANADA THE LOOP – and yes, there are plenty more names to be found on the event website.

New BIGSOUND friends **Brick Lane Brewing** will get the good times started, presenting the official opening event, while this year's **Label Happy Hour** events will include drinks, showcases and conversations thanks to **The Operatives' and Grand Trine Management**, **Mushroom Management**, **[PIAS] Australia and Inertia Music**, and **Sony Music Australia**.

The JMC Academy Country Music Takeover offers a warm welcome to the festival's new BIGSOUND Country arm, with The Brightside as host for the entire Wednesday night. As part of their continued support of BIGSOUND's First Nations showcasing artists, Spotify's Dreaming Loud Party will celebrate the continued rise of Blak electronic music.

**Dew Process** invite you to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, with **Secret Sounds** and **The Music** once again bringing the goods for BIGSOUND's official closing party. And there's still more to be announced!

In addition to BIGSOUND's spread of conference and industry mixers, over 180 of the finest emerging acts will play to hundreds of labels, publishers, agents, festival programmers, publicists and thousands of fans, all keen to discover the next big thing and the headliners of tomorrow.

### Tickets for BIGSOUND Festival are on sale now!

#### **BIGSOUND THREE NIGHT FESTIVAL PASS (+BF)**

\$109 / \$99 (students) (+BF)

Access to all performances: 180+ artists across 21 venues with just one wristband.

#### **BIGSOUND DELEGATE PASS**

(Access to festival, conference, industry events + more)
Starting at \$439
Tickets on sale now at www.bigsound.org.au

#### **BIGSOUND OFFICIAL INDUSTRY EVENTS**

BIGSOUND Opening Ceremony CADA

Dew Process 20th Birthday Ivy League – Turn It Up!

JMC BIGSOUND Country Takeover

Live Nation Ones to Watch

Made in Adelaide Showcase

NZ Music Commission

Oztix BIGSOUND Party

Secret Sounds Closing Party

Spotify's Dreaming Loud Party

Unified Music Group x Lonely Lands Agency

Women & GNC in Music

#### **BIGSOUND LABEL HAPPY HOURS**

The Operatives' and Grand Trine Management
Mushroom Management
[PIAS] Australia and Inertia Music
Sony Music Australia

Find out more about industry events here

# **BIGSOUND 2022 SPEAKERS**

#### Today's Announce

Che Pope - WRKSHP (USA)

Tricia Holloway - Walt Disney Imagineering (US) - KEYNOTE Milly Olykan - Country Music Association (US) - KEYNOTE

Ali Harnell - Live Nation Global (USA) - KEYNOTE

Aunty Shellie Morris - Artist - KEYNOTE

Carissa Nyalu - Artist - KEYNOTE

Jillian Rothman - Warner Music - New Business and Ventures (USA) - KEYNOTE

JK 47 - Artist - KEYNOTE

Uncle Joe Geia - Artist - KEYNOTE

Adam Ryan - The Great Escape (UK)

Alexis Benedict - Tomboi Records

Ali Hendrick - Arrival Artists (USA)

Amy Davidman - TBA Agency (USA)

Andy Irvine - Gyrostream

Angharad Yeo - Journalist

Anna Laverty - Producer

Ash King - Support Act

Bailey Satler - Grandstand Media (USA)

Cerissa Grant - Support Act

Chelsea Gough - Native Tongue

Chloe Melick - Inside Out PR (UK)

Chris Vaughan - AUD'\$

Clive Miller - Support Act

Dev Sherlock - SXSW (USA)

Dobby - Artist

Dr Guy Morrow - University of Melbourne

Eddie Sikazwe - Secretly Publishing (USA)

Elliott Watkins (aka Muselk) - Muselk

Eric Deines - Director of A&R for Jagjaguwar (USA)

Fanny Lumsden - Artist

Fil Palermo - Untitled Group

Fred Leone - Artist

Govind Sandhu - TikTok Head of Artist Partnerships

Ivano Magiulli - Brace Yourself PR (UK)

Jaddan Comerford - UNIFIED

Jeff Van Dyck - Artist / Composer

Johnno Harrison - Spotify

Karyn Rachtman - Mind Your Music / Syncposium (NZ)

Kenny Consor - Big Green Couch

Kota Banks - Artist

Luke O'Connor - Support Act

Maggie Collins - AAM

Matthew Craig - AUD'\$

Max Shand - Serenade

Montaigne - Artist

Natalie Waller - ABC / ARIA

Paige Cho - Bolster

Robin Jenssen - Manager / Ekko Music Rights (USA)

Ryan Farley - Cooking Vinyl Publishing (UK)

Sally Coleman - Bigsand Band

Sat Bisla - A&R Worldwide / MUSEXPO (USA)

Shy Carter - Artist / Composer (USA)

Sosefina Fuamoli - Journalist

Tasman Keith - Artist

Tim Shiel - Artist

Uncle Kev Starkey - Artist

Vetta Bourne - Artist

Viv Mellish - Gyrostream

Woodes - Artist

#### **Previously Announced**

Tarana Burke - Author / Speaker (US) - KEYNOTE\*
Rebecca Black - Artist (US) - KEYNOTE
Matt Gudinski - Mushroom Group - KEYNOTE
Jaguar Jonze - Artist - KEYNOTE
EXAMPLE - Artist / Producer - KEYNOTE

Annabelle Herd - ARIA Andrew Stone - Chugg Music Casey O'Shaughnessy - Select Music Eric Tobin - Hopeless Records (USA) Heidi Lenffer - FEAT. / Cloud Control Jake Taylor - In Hearts Wake Jess Keeley - Music, She Wrote Joan Westenberg - Moda Dao / Pizza Party Johann Ponniah - I OH YOU John Mullen - Dew Process Josh Taylor Anderson - Call & Response Kate Duncan - The PUSH Inc Rebecca Young - Collective Artists Regan Lethbridge - Lemon Tree Sarah Joy - ATC LIVE (UK) Shaun Faulkner - X Ray Touring (UK) Tom Taaffe - Paradigm (UK) Will Church - ATC LIVE (UK) \*Live Digital Keynote

### Find out more about BIGSOUND speakers here

## **BIGSOUND 2022 FESTIVAL ARTISTS**

Adam Newling dameeeela Blusher Adrian Dzvuke Bones and Jones Daniel Shaw AGUNG MANGO **BOY SODA** Dean Brady Alter Boy Brekky Boy Death by Denim Andrew Gurruwiwi Band **Bud Rokesky** Diimpa Andrew Swift Budjerah Dulcie Andy Golledge Eastbound Buzz Bumpy C.O.F.F.I.N **EGOISM** Anesu Aodhan Caroline & Claude Eilish Gilligan Asha Jefferies Chanel Loren Eliza Hull Ashwarya Charly Eluize Ayesha Madon Chloe Dadd Enclave Babitha Church & AP **ENOLA** Baby Cool **CLOE TERARE** Evie Irie Banjo Lucia Fash Club Angel Beckah Amani Cody Jon Five Island Drive **BIG SKEEZ** COLLAR flowerkid **CONCRETE SURFERS BIG WETT** FLY BOY JACK Birdz cookii Folk Bitch Trio **BLOODMOON** Dallas Woods Forest Claudette

**FOURA** MALi JO\$E Shannen James Franko Gonzo Melaleuca Siobhan Cotchin Full Flower Moon Band Skeleten Melanie Dyer **Future Static MELODOWNZ** Soaked Oats **SOPHIYA** Germein Memphis LK **Ghost Care** merci, mercy South Summit Girl and Girl Mia Wray Srirachi Gold Fang Mitch Santiago Stevan Grace Cummings and Her Band Molly Millington Suzi Grand Pine Monnie Talk Heavy Great Sage Moonboy Tasman Keith Greatest Hits Moss **Taylor Moss** grentperez MOUNTAIN WIZARD DEATH CULT TE KAAHU Greta Stanley Mr Rhodes Teenage Dads Grievous Bodily Calm Mulalo Teenage Joans Hallie MUNGMUNG Teether & Kuya Neil **HANNI** Mvlholland Tentendo The Atomic Beau Project Hauskey Newport Hinterland Nick Griffith The Buckleys Holliday Howe The Last Martyr Nick Ward Hope D Noah Dillon The Rions ISUA **OK HOTEL** THE RIOT **JACOTÉNE** Old Mervs The Terrys The Wolfe Brothers **JELLY OSHEN** Phoebe Go Jem Cassar-Daley Pink Matter To Octavia Jenny Mitchell Platonic Sex Toby Hobart Jerome Farah Queen P Troy Kingi RinRin Tulliah Jess Day JessB Romero VOIID June Jones Roy Bing **VOLIK** KANADA THE LOOP Ruby Gill Waxflower Kee'ahn Ryan Fennis & Voidhood WIIGZ **KEYAN** Saint Ergo Wildheart Kid Pharaoh Sam Windley Woodes Kutcha Edwards San Joseph Yb. LÂLKA Sappho Yen Strange Lee Sugar Sarah Wolfe yergurl LION SayGrace YNG Martyr Selfish Sons Liyah Knight Zeolite Loren Ryan Selve **ZPLUTO** 

Artist and festival assets available here

Shanae (FKA MADAM3EMPRESS)

#### **BIGSOUND**

Tuesday 6 - Friday 9 September 2022 Fortitude Valley Brisbane, QLD bigsound.org.au

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#### **ABOUT BIGSOUND**

Produced by QMusic, BIGSOUND is the southern hemisphere's largest new music export showcase and

conference. Now in its 21st year, BIGSOUND is where the national and international music industry come together to discover talent, share ideas, conversations, networks and facilitate essential dialogue about the future of the music industry. Held every September, BIGSOUND showcases some 150 acts across live music venues in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley, attracting more than 1500 national and international delegates and visitors.

#### **BIGSOUND IN NUMBERS**

Festival
345 Artist Showcases
21 Fortitude Valley Venues
20+ Official BIGSOUND Parties
16,000 Festival Attendees

Conference
150+ Conference Speakers
1500+ Conference Delegates
55+ Conference Sessions

# BEHIND THE SCENES

### **BIGSOUND 2022 Programming Team:**

Conference Programmer - Tom Larkin Festival Co-Programmers - Ruby-Jean McCabe & Dominic Miller

## QMusic's Safety and Diversity Advisory Group (QSDAG):

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QMusic pays its deepest respect and acknowledges the traditional custodians of whose land music and conversations are created at BIGSOUND. We also pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Across Australia, from our cities to the regions and our most remote communities, we celebrate and recognise the critical role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists have played and continue to play in the Australian music landscape.

QMusic is assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its principal arts funding and advisory body. QMusic is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, part of the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy

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