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# BIGSOUND DROPS BIGGEST EVER FESTIVAL LINE UP

# Over 180 of the finest emerging artists in the country

Including Budjerah, flowerkid, Hope D, Mia Wray, Teenage Joans, The Terrys + MORE!

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

Following on from a huge first announce of conference speakers, BIGSOUND is **bursting at the seams** to announce its **biggest festival line up in celebration of its 21st birthday**. With some record breaking stats, BIGSOUND has narrowed the showcasing artists down from over 1300 applications to a huge **182 artists**, in an unenviable task for the festival programmers. These figures see a jump of 38 artists compared to the last in-person event in 2019.

In 2022, the incredible array of artists will perform on 23 stages, across 21 venues over 3 nights in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley this September.

Take a deep breath as we dive in to the future of Australian music.

BIGSOUND is thrilled to host some of Australia's most buzz worthy acts including **Adrian Dzvuke**, **Budjerah**, **flowerkid**, **Dallas Woods**, **Mia Wray** and **Teenage Joans** who have triumphed in recent years but have not had the chance to showcase their wares on the BIGSOUND stages - until now!

There's a huge array of artists to watch from some of the nations' capital cities including Perth/Boorloo's **Dulcie**, **Ghost Care**, **Death by Denim** and **Banjo Lucia** and Melbourne/Naarm's **Ashwarya**, **Birdz** and **Kee'ahn**. From Sydney/Warrang comes **merci**, **mercy**, **Stevan** and **The Rions**. BIGSOUND's home of Brisbane/Meanjin will see **Hope D**, **Hallie**, **Jem Cassar-Daley**, **Concrete Surfers** and **VOIID** take to the stage.

Some incredible artists will also be joining us all the way from Alice Springs to Byron Bay, Bunbury to Cairns and everywhere in between including **Aodhan**, **BOY SODA**, **The Terrys**, **Greta Stanley**, **Newport** and **Myllholland**.

There are plenty of artists breaking the mould, like **Alter Boy** who make their music accessible to those who are hard of hearing by incorporating AUSLAN into their live performance.

There will be something for every genre lover too; Caroline & Claude, Molly Millington, CLOE TERARE, grentperez, Liyah Knight and Woodes will all showcase their unique style of indie pop to delegates and festival attendees. Tasman Keith, Queen P, Gold Fang and Anesu are just some of the artists bringing their rhymes to the Valley. Filling the heavy void are Five Island Drive, Future Static, Wildheart and more. Plenty of artists will be flying the flag for lovers of R&B, Soul, Jazz, World Music, Shoegaze, Electronica and Punk.

New to the festival program this year is **BIGSOUND Country** and leading the field across the multi-faceted world of country music is **The Buckleys**, **DARLINGHURST**, **Hinterland**, **Loren Ryan**, **Melanie Dyer**, **Taylor Moss** and **The Wolfe Brothers**.

The event is also thrilled to be welcoming some international artists in 2022. Joining us from our near and dear neighbours New Zealand are JessB, Soaked Oats, Troy Kingi, TE KAAHU, Church & AP, MELODOWNZ and Jenny Mitchell.

Festival programmers Ruby-Jean McCabe and Dominic Miller said "Wow, what a ride! After spending a month reading and listening to a record number of applications, we are certain that the future of music is in safe hands. BIGSOUND Showcase programming is a dream job so we would never complain, but it's hard to put into words what a difficult time we had getting to this final lineup. The applications this year were of an extremely high calibre, and we could have easily programmed another 180+ artists if we had the space. We can't wait for these artists to arrive in Fortitude Valley for BIGSOUND 2022 and for everyone else to see how special they are too."

These 180+ acts will play to hundreds of labels, publishers, agents, festival programmers, publicists and industry delegates all keen to bid for the next big thing and the headliners of tomorrow.

Of course, the heart of BIGSOUND is Brisbane's Fortitude Valley. An entertainment precinct like no other, it homes an expansive network of neighbouring music venues, forming a zig-zag, choose-your-own-adventure musical journey between intimate rooms to world class outdoor stages.

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

A BIGSOUND Festival Three Night Pass gives you access to all performances: 180+ artists, across 21 venues, with just one wristband.

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

Early Bird \$99 (on sale until 31 July, or until sold out). Full price \$109 / \$99 (students) (+BF)

### **BIGSOUND DELEGATE PASS**

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

#### **BIGSOUND 2022 FESTIVAL ARTISTS**

Adam Newling Andrew Swift Ashwarya
Adrian Dzvuke Andy Golledge Ayesha Madon
AGUNG MANGO Anesu Baby Cool
Alter Boy Aodhan Banjo Lucia
Andrew Gurruwiwi Band Asha Jefferies Beckah Amani

BIG SKEEZ	Gold Fang	Newport
BIG WETT	Grace Cummings and Her Band	Nick Griffith
Birdz	Grand Pine	Nick Ward
BLOODMOON	Great Sage	Noah Dillon
Blusher	Greatest Hits	OK HOTEL
Bones and Jones	grentperez	Old Mervs
BOY SODA	Greta Stanley	Phoebe Go
Brekky Boy	Grievous Bodily Calm	Pink Matter
Bud Rokesky	Hallie	Platonic Sex
Budjerah	HANNI	Queen P
Bumpy	Hauskey	RinRin
C.O.F.F.I.N	Hinterland	Romero
Caroline & Claude	Holliday Howe	
Chanel Loren	-	Roy Bing Ruby Gill
Chloe Dadd	Hope D ISUA	
Church & AP	JACOTÉNE	Ryan Fennis & Voidhood
		Saint Ergo
CLOE TERARE	JELLY OSHEN	Sam Windley
Club Angel	Jem Cassar-Daley	San Joseph
Cody Jon	Jenny Mitchell	Sappho
COLLAR	Jerome Farah	Sarah Wolfe
CONCRETE SURFERS	Jess Day	SayGrace
cookii	JessB	Selfish Sons
Dallas Woods	June Jones	Selve
dameeeela	KANADA THE LOOP	Shanae (FKA MADAM3EMPRESS)
Daniel Shaw	Kee'ahn	Shannen James
DARLINGHURST	KEYAN	Siobhan Cotchin
Dean Brady	Kid Pharaoh	Skeleten
Death by Denim	Kutcha Edwards	Soaked Oats
Diimpa	LÂLKA	SOPHIYA
Dulcie	Lee Sugar	South Summit
Eastbound Buzz	LION	Srirachi
EGOISM	Liyah Knight	Stevan
Eilish Gilligan	Loren Ryan	Suzi
Eliza Hull	LOSER	Talk Heavy
Eluize	MALi JO\$E	Tasman Keith
Enclave	Melaleuca	Taylor Moss
ENOLA	Melanie Dyer	TE KAAHU
Evie Irie	MELODOWNZ	Teenage Dads
Fash	Memphis LK	Teenage Joans
Five Island Drive	merci, mercy	Teether & Kuya Neil
flowerkid	Mia Wray	Tentendo
FLY BOY JACK	Mitch Santiago	The Atomic Beau Project
Folk Bitch Trio	Molly Millington	The Buckleys
Forest Claudette	Monnie	The Last Martyr
FOURA	Moonboy	The Rions
Franko Gonzo	Moss	THE RIOT
Full Flower Moon Band	MOUNTAIN WIZARD DEATH CULT	The Terrys
Future Static	Mr Rhodes	The Wolfe Brothers
Germein	Mulalo	To Octavia
Ghost Care	MUNGMUNG	Toby Hobart
Girl and Girl	Mvlholland	Troy Kingi

Tulliah VOIID VOLI K Waxflower WIIG7 Wildheart Woodes Yb. Yen Strange yergurl YNG Martyr Zeolite ZPLUTO

# **BIGSOUND OFFICIAL VENUES**

Black Bear Lodge Blute's Bar The Brightside The Brightside Outdoors **EC Venue** Ivory Tusk King Lear's Throne La La Land O'Skulligans The Outpost Press Club The Prince Consort Hotel Prohibition Ric's Bar + Backyard Stranded Bar Summa House Tomcat The Warehouse The Wickham Woolly Mammoth Mane Stage The Zoo

Artist assets available here BIGSOUND assets available here

### **BIGSOUND**

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

#### **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:

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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.

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