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# CULLULLERAINE MUSIC FESTIVAL HITS A HIGH NOTE: A HARMONY OF TALENT, COMMUNITY, AND CULTURE

[Mildura, Australia, 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 2024] — Lake Cullulleraine, situated in the North West of Victoria, is set to come alive with the rhythmic beats and melodious tunes of the Cullulleraine Music Festival, slated to be the highlight of the summer music calendar. This eagerly anticipated event, to be held on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024, promises an extraordinary celebration of talent, community, and culture, bringing together music enthusiasts from near and far.

The Cullulleraine Music Festival, now in its 9th year, is proud to present an eclectic lineup featuring an array of musical genres. Including blues, roots, folk and country music, this festival offers something for every musical palate. Attendees can expect to be enchanted by performances from both established artists and emerging talents, ensuring a diverse and unforgettable musical experience.

Key highlights of the Cullulleraine Music Festival include:

- 1. **Diverse Musical Lineup**: The festival boasts an impressive lineup curated to cater to a wide audience. Whether you're a fan of blues, folk, or blues, there's a performance that will resonate with you.
- 2. **Scenic Venue**: Set against the picturesque backdrop of Lake Cullulleraine, the festival takes advantage of its natural surroundings to provide a unique and immersive experience. Attendees can enjoy the music while surrounded by the beauty of nature.
- 3. **Community Engagement**: The Cullulleraine Music Festival is not just about music; it's about fostering a sense of community. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with local artisans, indulge in diverse culinary delights, and participate in various interactive activities.
- 4. **Family-Friendly Atmosphere**: The festival is designed to be family-friendly, with activities, workshops and performances suitable for all ages. Families are encouraged to bring their folding chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy a day of music and camaraderie.

"We are thrilled to bring the Cullulleraine Music Festival back for another year of harmony, creativity, and connection," said Paul Clarke, President of the organising committee. "This year's lineup is our most diverse yet, showcasing the incredible talent from various musical genres. We invite music lovers and families alike to join us for a day of celebration and discovery."

#### The 2024 lineup features:

- **Kevin Welch**: American singer/songwriter with a career spanning four decades as a recording artist and producer, as well as writing songs for others such as Roger Miller, Waylon Jennings, The Highwaymen, Solomon Burke, Linda Ronstadt, Patty Loveless, and many others. Most recently Grammy-award winner, Chris Stapleton, released a version of Welch's MILLIONAIRE that went to number #1 on iTunes in its first week of release.
- **Bustamento**: Led by the highly incredible Nicky Bomba, Bustamento seamlessly blends Calypso and Reggae influences into a engaging and danceable journey. With a rich history as the percussionist for the John Butler Trio, Bomba's passion for rhythm takes center stage in Bustamento, where he explores the sun-soaked sounds that have captivated him during his travels. The band is a showcase of Bomba's talent for infusing traditional rhythms with a contemporary twist. Beyond the stage, Bustamento, under Bomba's leadership, engages in community-building initiatives, fostering a love for music and cultural exchange through workshops and collaborations.
- Checkerboard Lounge: Inspirational front man Carl Pannuzzo (drums and vocals), master
  guitarist Shannon Bourne, Hammond virtuoso Tim Neal, and inimitable bassist Zoë Frater,
  are Checkerboard Lounge, breathing fire, virtuosity and improvisation into classic soul and
  blues originals. Their multi-award-winning album SUN Sessions, recorded at the legendary
  Sun Studio, Memphis TN, catapulted the band to nationwide recognition. An undeniable
  powerhouse, world class musicianship, dynamic, passionate and playful, Checkerboard are
  the very essence of a live music experience.
- And Many More: Enda Kenny, Gusto Gusto, Rachel Slatter, The BluesBerries, DOC HALIBUT, Cherry Pickers, Mast Gully Fellers, Tamarisque, Andrew Clermont, Brett Mosely, Manchild & The Blues Kids (inc. workshop), Miss Ohio and Listo trapeze.

Tickets for the Cullulleraine Music Festival are available for purchase on the official festival website www.trybooking.com/CKCNQ. For more information, including the full lineup and event schedule, please visit www.cullullerainemusicfestival.com.au.

#### About Cullulleraine Music Festival

The Cullulleraine Music Festival is an annual celebration of music, community, and culture held on the edge of Lake Cullulleraine, in the Wimmera, Mallee region of North West Victoria. Established in 2015, the festival has grown to become a cherished event, attracting music enthusiasts and families from all corners. With its diverse musical lineup, scenic venue, and commitment to sustainability, the Cullulleraine Music Festival promises an unforgettable experience for all.

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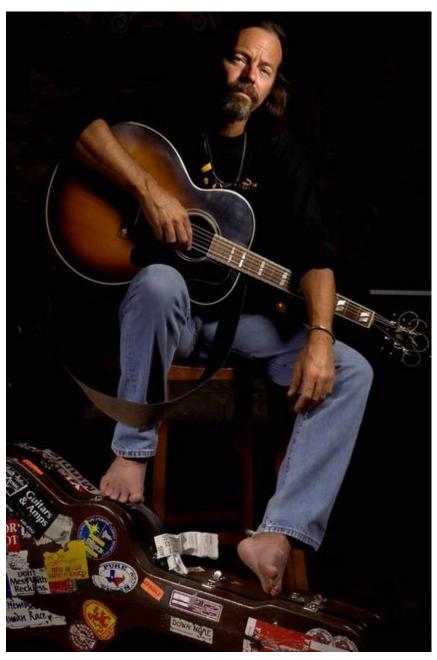
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