

Fête de La Musique Brisbane

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Musicians and bands...join the worldwide chorus of Fête de la Musique Brisbane *Brisbane let's "make music" on 21 June*

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The annual **Fête de la Musique Brisbane**, held on the 21 June each year, has become a fixture of the performance calendar for hundreds of musicians, bands, soloists, singers, choirs or instrumentalists – the rare opportunity to be a part of a major music gig!

Amateur or professional, Brisbane City Council is reminding all musical performers and groups of any musical ability, genre or age to register for this year's annual Fête de la Musique Brisbane before 21 April.

All musical persuasions can take part whether they be school choirs, jazz soloists, world music groups, rock bands, opera divas or instrumentalists or any other musical outfit.

Family and Community Services Chair Geraldine Knapp said performer registrations are rolling in, including several schools.

"As Fête de la Musique this year falls on a Tuesday, we are delighted to already have three schools register performance groups – Brigidine College, Indooroopilly State School and Ironside State School," Cr Knapp said.

"Fête de la Musique is simply a celebration of music that is about free music by the people, for the people and we welcome musical acts and artists of all abilities and styles to be a part of the event," she said.

Blended pop songstress, Rhiannon Hart and her group, The Umm-Ahhs will be lining up for their fourth annual appearance at Fête de la Musique Brisbane and is very positive about her affirmations to encourage other artists to sign up.

"I love the concept behind Fête de la Musique," Hart said.

"It's the one day of the year when Brisbane is enveloped by music, bringing harmonious bliss and happiness to our city streets," she said.

"It's a romantic thought to think that on that one day every year, hundreds of the world's cities are filled with the sound of music – like one giant listening party."

Indie-folk 21 year old singer, Lauren Moore, who performed at Fête de la Musique Brisbane last year for the first time, was quick to register again this year and is equally as poetic about the merits of the event.

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"When I heard about the event two years ago, I walked around the city for the entire day listening to bands and solo musicians perform – it was fantastic," Moore said.

"I thought, 'I don't need to listen to my iPod, there's music all over the place,'" she said.

"I could just walk from Queen Street to South Bank and into West End, and the whole walk was like travelling through a tapestry of different genres and influences.

"Basically, it's a massive free showcase of what Brisbane's local music scene has to offer."

Indie-pop group, Tim Nelson and the Cub Scouts – who will be back in 2011 for their second annual appearance at Fête de la Musique Brisbane – says it is a really good event for bands to be involved in.

"Fête de la Musique is such a great event because it allows people who don't often experience music to see local bands showcasing their music for free," Tim said.

"It's an opportunity to play some interesting venues and perform for people that might not usually get to hear your music."

For the fourth year running, Brisbane will join the worldwide chorus of Fête de la Musique – the world's largest free music event celebrated in an estimated 450 cities across the globe on the 21 June, the summer and winter solstice for both northern and southern hemispheres.

Artists register for an unpaid 25-50 minute slot at a registered venue.

For more information on how to register, visit www.fetedelamusiquebrisbane.com.au or phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.

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