

Fête De La Musique Brisbane

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FACT SHEET

what: Free music everywhere. *Fête De La Musique* is a live, one-day music celebration presented by Brisbane City Council in association with Brisbane Marketing and Alliance Francaise. The event is aimed at enhancing the scope and diversity of musical practices in all the musical genres.
Translation: Free music of all types, by the people, for the people.

when: Tuesday, 21 June, 7am to midnight (performance times vary from venue to venue)

where: More than 81 venues across Brisbane. In the true international spirit of *Fête De La Musique* this will include non-traditional or unique places for music such as buses, cafes, grocery stores, art galleries, libraries, museums, outdoor areas, CityCat terminals and bridges.

who: 215 musical acts – signed and unsigned, established and new, famous and emerging - performing for free for 20-50 minutes at designated locations

did you know?

- ▶ This is the fourth year that Brisbane City Council has staged a *Fête De La Musique* celebration, which is recognised by the international *Fête De La Musique* organising body.
- ▶ Other Australian cities that also stage *Fête De La Musique* events include Adelaide, Canberra, Perth and Sydney – although, Brisbane's celebration is by far the largest and truest to the concept of *Fête De La Musique*.
- ▶ *Fête De La Musique* also known as Music Day means: festival of the music!
- ▶ *Fête De La Musique* was established in France in 1982 by Jack Lang who at the time was the French Minister of Culture. The event then began expanding into Europe in 1985 and less than 15 years later *Fête De La Musique* took place on the five continents.
- ▶ In 2010 more than 450 cities in 116 countries across the globe participated in *Fête De La Musique* including New York....Reykjavik....Medellin....Valparaiso....Cotonou....Senigallia.... Miami....Nairobi....London....Panama....Tel-Aviv....Berlin....Rosario....Istanbul....Quito.... Osaka....Conakry....Sao Paulo....Budapest....Toronto....Sydney....Shanghai...Roma....Caracas.... Islamabad....Guadalajara....Ulan-Bator....Baku....Stockholm ...Hong-Kong.... Geneva.... Rangun....Bangkok....Sarajevo....Athens....Dakar....Calcutta....Zagreb....Kigali...
- ▶ It takes place every 21st June, the day of the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere and winter solstice in the southern hemisphere.

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- ▶ In France and now other cities around the world, *Fête De La Musique* is celebrated with group upon group of musicians, whether well rehearsed or completely off the cuff, invading cafes, terraces, streets and squares. People sing and dance till dawn, swept along in an infectious wave of celebration that touches the whole nation.
- ▶ The event has become a social phenomenon in France and even had a postage stamp devoted to it in 1998.

fast facts

- ▶ *Fête De La Musique Brisbane* venue and performer statistics:

Year	Venues	Performers
2008	20	93
2009	54	335
2010	65	291
2011	81	215

- ▶ *Fête De La Musique Brisbane* has become a very popular annual gig for many Brisbane performer including names such as: Bang Bang Boss Kelly, Candice McLeod, Lauren Moore, Lilly Rouge, Lion Island, Lychee Time, Pear and the Awkward Orchestra, Simone Pitot and The Albums and Vic Tromp.

some of the expected highlights for 2011

- ▶ A choir and a percussion group performing on the Goodwill Bridge.
- ▶ HQ Male Grooming Hair Salon at West End has really embraced the spirit by shouting all their performers new hair dos in readiness for the big day of music.
- ▶ Soloist Hannah Rosa will clock up five gigs in five different locations during the day – a grocery store, a CityCat terminal, a Council Bus, Queen Street Mall and Central Station.
- ▶ Picnic garden lunch performances at The Old Museum.
- ▶ A rock band performing at the Wonder Factory in the Royal Brisbane and Children's Hospital.
- ▶ Soulful, acoustic and unplugged lyricists playing on the veranda of Bleeding Heart Art Gallery.
- ▶ World music at Kangaroo Point Park...rock, raga, jazz and other music from around the Globe.
- ▶ French fare will be being served at QPAC's Café and also from Café Amaretto (doing special Fete picnic hampers for those heading to The Old Museum)
- ▶ Accordion, Vic Tromp is lining up for his third crack at *Fete de la Musique Brisbane* and will be performing at Central Station
- ▶ Museum of Brisbane will be hosting four gigs from acoustic/pop/folk/ jazz performers Pat Tierney, Kitsunegari ,Jodie Cowie and The O'Brien/ Fowler-Roy/ Green Trio
- ▶ Musicians waltzing down the aisles or sounding off in the choir gallery right up to the rafters of St John's Cathedral
- ▶ Musicians performing in 14 libraries across Brisbane

international charter

1. *Fête de la Musique* takes place every year on June 21
2. *Fête de la Musique* is a live music celebration aimed at enhancing the scope and diversity of musical practices in all the musical genres

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3. *Fête de la Musique* is an appeal to spontaneous and free participation open to individuals or ensembles (instrumental or singing) and musical institutions to give both amateurs and professionals the opportunity to express their musical talent
4. All concerts are free to the public. The coordinators undertake to promote musical practice and live music within this framework without a profit-making goal
5. *Fête de la Musique* is an exceptional day for all types of music and public
6. *Fête de la Musique* is as often as possible, an outdoor event, taking place in the streets, squares, public parks and playgrounds etc. Indoor venues may also be used as long as they respect the rule of free entry to the public
7. *Fête de la Musique* is an opportunity to provide public access to places that are not traditionally concert venues such as museums, hospitals, public buildings, corporate foyers, public transport facilities etc

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