

# Fête de La Musique Brisbane

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Brisbane hair salons, churches and libraries set to hum as part of global music festival

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You can leave your iPod at home on Tuesday June 21 because in Brisbane there will be free music everywhere thanks to Brisbane City Council's **Fête de la Musique**.

*Fête de la Musique* is Brisbane's music scene at its most celebrated and diverse with choirs and percussion groups belting out tunes on the Goodwill Bridge to West End hair salons hosting DJ and acoustic sets (with all performing musicians sporting new hair dos to boot).

There'll also be rock bands in a children's hospital, picnic music at The Old Museum, early morning breakfast grooves by the river or musicians waltzing down the aisles, trumpeting on the front stairs and singing in the choir gallery in church cathedrals.

*Fête de la Musique Brisbane* will see Australia's new world city come alive with performances from 215 musicians, instrumentalists, soloists, choirs and rock bands in 81 of the most unlikely venues across the city.

For the fourth year running, Brisbane has embraced the international music festival *Fête de la Musique*, which sees thousands of performers giving free concerts in non-traditional venues in more than 450 cities across the world on exactly the same day every year – 21 June.

From country to classical, hip hop to house, jazz to opera to rock to tribal the idea is to take music out of its traditional venues and into accessible public spaces. No tickets required. No box seats reserved.

Amateur and professional acts have registered to perform including some of Brisbane's most of-the-moment musical talent such as Bang Bang Boss Kelly, Little Sister, Lily Rouge and Pear and the Awkward Orchestra.

Those wanting to plan out their day of music can now jump online to the official festival website at [www.fetedelamusiquebrisbane.com.au](http://www.fetedelamusiquebrisbane.com.au) to check out the program.

Keeping in tune with the festival's aim to take music out of its traditional venues, jazz and pop tunes will radiate to the rafters of St Johns Cathedral and accordion player, Vic Tromp (performing for his third time at *Fete*) will greet lunchtime train commuters at Central Station.

Early morning commuters will be swinging on the streets at Riverlife while World Music from Greece, Bosnia, Romania and Turkey will have walkers in a whirl at the Kangaroo Point cliffs.

And it's not just festival goers that will get to experience a variety of music venues.

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Alternative pop folk singer, Hannah Rosa – a relative newcomer to Brisbane’s music scene - will clock up an impressive five gigs throughout the day in a South Bank grocery store, a train station, aboard a CityCat, in the Queen Street Mall and on a Council bus.

*Fête de la Musique* has rapidly grown in popularity since being established in France in 1982 and the international organising body states that the event was celebrated in more than 116 countries and 450 cities worldwide in 2010 including London, New York, Berlin, Rome, Sydney, Bamako, Tel-Aviv, Havana, Tokyo and Cairo.

The event takes place every 21st June marking the summer and winter solstice in the northern and southern hemispheres.

For more information or to view the program, visit [www.fetedelamusiquebrisbane.com.au](http://www.fetedelamusiquebrisbane.com.au) or phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.

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