



## **MEDIA RELEASE:**

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### ***Vivid Music amps up extensive line up to reveal biggest program ever***

More than 400 events have been revealed as part of Vivid Sydney's biggest-ever **Vivid Music** program, including the announcement of a second show from global pop icon Boy George.

After selling out his first show, Boy George will perform a second intimate DJ set on the rooftop of Café del Mar on Saturday 17 June against a fabulous backdrop of pyrotechnics and lights at Darling Harbour. Tickets will go on sale midday tomorrow 20 April [www.ticketbooth.com.au](http://www.ticketbooth.com.au).

Vivid Music Curator, Stephen Ferris said, Vivid Music showcases international acts like Boy George and celebrates the diversity and creativity of the local Sydney music scene. "Established and emerging artists will perform across a variety of Sydney music venues including The Factory Theatre, Leadbelly Newtown, 107 Presents, Oxford Art Factory, and many more as part of the X|CELERATE program in partnership the City of Sydney, expanding the Vivid Sydney footprint from the Harbour around the CBD and into Sydney's creative Inner West."

Dustin Tebutt will join homegrown singer-song writer Lisa Mitchell at The Factory Theatre in Marrickville on Saturday 10 June. The pair will weave their songs together as part of their collaborative 'Distant Call' tour, performing each other's popular hits and new music.

Exclusive to Vivid Music 2017, 'Heaps High' a new club night by Heaps Gay will be held at Sydney Tower Eye on Saturday 17 June and will feature Australian indie pop star Brendan McLean. The Sydney Tower Eye will also be home to an intimate show by electro-pop sensations, Elizabeth Rose and Touch Sensitive on 2 June.

Music lovers will also get to experience culinary delights with Cake Wines' Pie in the Sky rooftop music series on 3 June 2017. Held on three different CBD rooftops, chefs from Three Blue Ducks, Thievery and Superior Burger will create bespoke menus to be served with matched Cake Wines and paired with a range of music performances from eclectic house to disco beats. The location of three rooftops will be revealed closer to the date.

Music fans will be treated to a performance by American Jazz-legends 'The Donny McCaslin Group' at The Basement on 31 May. McCaslin collaborated with David Bowie on his last album, 'Blackstar'.

Vivid Music will also feature a series of musical showcases including 'Women in Electronic Music Showcase II' at Oxford Art Factory on Saturday 17 June, hosted by Triple J's Linda Marigliano, and a





showcase by independent record-label Personal Best on 27 May at Freda's, where dream-pop ensemble, Moody Beach and Sydney space-funk duo The Goods will feature.

New Zealand's answer to 90s femme-pop, Bic Runga, will also be making an appearance this year at the Sydney Conservatory of Music, for one night only on Sunday 11 June. Tickets are available [here](#).

### Some other events to diary note

- **[The Strides](#) – Instrumental Stylee | 26 May 2017 at Venue 505**  
Reggae, ska, dub and afro-beat originals and classics from The Skatalites to Fela Kuti! A musical experience powerfully explosive and authentic, with three acclaimed albums already under their belt.
- **[Silent Disco Ice Skating Festival](#) | 26 May – 9 June at Central Park**  
Think Blades of Glory figure skating whilst listening to an incredible live DJ set on your very own pair of headphones.
- **[Thursday Night Live with the Ladies Network](#) | 1 June 2017 at Harpoon Harrys**  
Every Thursday night during Vivid Sydney, Harpoon Harrys will present "Thursday Night Live" – a night of emerging and established live electronic acts with supporting DJs. On 1 June The Ladies Network will add their femme touch to the program.
- **Cabaret performer [Jeff Duff](#) | 3 - 4 June 2017 at Leadbelly Newtown**  
Wild and permissive London in the late 1970s! Many who experienced that madness are no longer here to recall the excitement and the excesses - but Sydney's Jeff Duff has survived to tell the tale and sing the songs!
- **Chainsaw folk [Crooked Fiddle Bank](#) | 9 June 2017 at Leadbelly Newtown**  
The Crooked Fiddle Band's live shows blister with an intense energy that is driven by their distinctive sound. The Crooked Fiddle Band mix blasts of fiery folk with the intense atmosphere and detail of post and prog-rock, resulting in a multilayered, complex and ecstatic hybrid they call 'chainsaw folk'.
- **[Painting with Light featuring Cosmos Midnight](#) | 10 June at the Imperial Hotel**  
Sydney-based electronic duo Cosmos Midnight are at the forefront of their genre, cultivating their own twist on electronica.
- **Rock 'n' roll stars [THE RADIATORS](#) | 10 June 2017 at Leadbelly Newtown**  
Deputing in Sydney in September 1978, the RADIATORS have survived the road to rock 'n' roll stardom. This Australian household name is set to rock and dance the night away.





- **Up and coming indie musician [Jack Colwell](#) | 17 June 2017 at the Golden Age Cinema & Bar**  
Jack Colwell's distinctive croon and hefty song writing chops have garnered him significant praise within Australia with a sound attributed to 90s alt-rock influences, distinctive piano inflections and confessional lyrics.

Now in its ninth year, Vivid Sydney is a major celebration of the creative industries and is owned, managed and produced by Destination NSW, the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency.

For more details and to book tickets visit [vivid Sydney.com](http://vivid Sydney.com)

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**ABOUT VIVID MUSIC**

Vivid Music presents a cutting-edge contemporary music program featuring collaborations and performances from local and international acts at various venues in Sydney. Vivid Music is presented as part of Vivid Sydney, the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas. Vivid Sydney is owned, managed and produced by Destination NSW, the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency, and runs from 26 May to 17 June 2017. For more information visit [www.vivid Sydney.com/music](http://www.vivid Sydney.com/music)

