



## Sydney Turns Up The Volume During Vivid Music

Get ready Sydney! For 23 nights Vivid Music is set to deliver an incredible line-up of unmissable international and local music performances as part of Vivid Sydney, the largest festival of light, music and ideas in the Southern Hemisphere.

The 2019 Vivid Music bill includes heavy-hitters The Cure, FKA twigs, Maggie Rogers and Underworld; Australian music icons, Paul Kelly and RUFÜS DU SOL; along with local artists Dirty Three and Briggs amongst a line-up of close to 100 local music acts covering every imaginable genre.

Curator of Music for Vivid Sydney, Stephen Ferris said, "We've upped the ante this year with an eclectic line-up of acts. There's something for everyone, from die-hard fans to the simply curious and those who love a good time."

"2019 also marks the third year of Vivid XICelerate, a partnership between Destination NSW and City of Sydney, to support ongoing growth of the city's music scene," said Stephen.

Curator of Vivid LIVE, Ben Marshall added: "This year's Vivid LIVE has been a genuine pleasure to program – from The Cure and Underworld to Teyana Taylor and Briggs to Keaton Henson and the late Jóhann Jóhannsson, it's a selection of ambitious artists who've spectacularly succeeded on their own terms by blurring genres, subcultures and artistic practices to create something truly distinct."

As well as taking over every stage at the Sydney Opera House for Vivid LIVE, this year's artists will also perform across more than 23 inner city venues including the Art Gallery of NSW, Ziggy's Barber Shop, Staves Brewery and St Stephen's Uniting Church to name a few.

Prepare to stay up late, mark your diary and secure your tickets soon so you don't miss out.

### **GROUPER**

Oregon-based experimental artist Grouper is set to transport Vivid Sydney audiences into her altered state of sound, playing two distinct, never-to-be-repeated shows across two nights. Grouper's sets are always unique in that the music is never performed live in the same way twice.

**When:** 24 & 25 May

**Where:** Sydney Opera House

### **THE CURE DISINTEGRATION 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY - GLOBAL LIVE STREAM**

After selling out their five Australian exclusive shows held to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the magisterial masterpiece *Disintegration*, alt-rock legends The Cure will broadcast their fifth and final Vivid LIVE performance live via the Opera



House's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) from **8pm AEST on Thursday 30 May**. The broadcast will be available around the world for a period of time following the show.

**When:** 24, 25, 27, 28 & 30 May

**Where:** Sydney Opera House

### **KONZERTPROJEKT PRESENTS: LIGHT QUALITIES**

Light Qualities is an exciting series of four concerts presented by emerging Sydney-based composer-performer collective Konzertprojekt, in collaboration with St Stephen's Uniting Church. The mini-festival will showcase a diverse range of Australian music, with a particular focus on emerging musicians, as the series will present some of the up-and-coming musical voices of Sydney.

**When:** 25 May, 31 May, 6 June & 14 June.

**Where:** St Stephen's Uniting Church

### **BRIGGS' BAD APPLES HOUSE PARTY**

One of Australia's true multi-hyphenate stars, rapper, producer and media entrepreneur Briggs is joined by members of his indigenous collective for the Bad Apples House Party, a night of no-holds barred hip-hop attitude at the Sydney Opera House. Special guests joining Briggs on stage will include: Electric Fields, David Dallas, The Kid Laroi, Birdz, Jesswar, Nooky, Kobie Dee, Philly, Rebecca Hatch, and jayteehazard.

**When:** 30 May

**Where:** Sydney Opera House

### **INTO THE NIGHT WITH FLORIAN**

Reborn from the ashes of a lost musician, Florian is a femme-machine with an Australian accent, pink hair and dance moves for days. This disco diva dives into the Golden Oldies for a night of long-lost favourites, original tunes and 80's throw backs. Florian's touch is unapologetically pop with soaring vocals and evocative melodies infused with vibe. Enchanted by the human experience, she electrifies you sonically, visually and physically. The only place to escape is the dance floor.

**When:** 30 May

**Where:** The Soda Factory

### **I KNOW LEOPARD**

Sydney art pop darlings I Know Leopard are heading out for their first headline national tour since 2015 to celebrate the release of their long-awaited debut album, *Love is a Landmine*. Whittled from over three years' worth of demos, the album is written against a back drop of emotional turmoil that culminates with new love blossoming. Don't miss their debut Vivid Music appearance.

**When:** 31 May

**Where:** Oxford Art Factory



### WOMEN IN MUSIC

Ziggy's Barber Shop is hosting a series of pop-up live music nights featuring established and emerging female artists including Abby Dobson (Leonardo's Bride), Jade MacRae, Jessica O'Donoghue, Lupa and SAYAH & XIRA. Held in the eclectic surrounds of this beloved hair salon just moments from Oxford Street, you can recline in a traditional barber chair or get up on the dance floor and cut moves to the sounds of these wonderful women.

**When:** 30 May - 1 June

**Where:** Ziggy's Barber Shop Darlinghurst

### UNDERWORLD

Returning to the Sydney Opera House with four Australian exclusive performances, legendary British techno duo Underworld are set to transform the cavernous Concert Hall into equal parts exhilarating dance party and ecstatic spiritual communion, unleashing their signature mix of body-rattling beats, spectacular lighting, and cutting-edge electronic sounds.

**When:** 31 May – 3 June

### LISA FISCHER & GRAND BATON

Bringing a dose of New York jazz, rock, gospel and pop to Vivid Sydney is legendary Grammy-winning singer Lisa Fischer and her band, Grand Baton. Re-inventing, evolving and creating, Lisa is the true essence of Vivid Music with her futuristic twist on melodies, drawing turmoil and joy to the surface in just one breath. Re-interpreting the greats by Led Zeppelin, Amy Grant, Little Willie John, and The Rolling Stones as well as her own originals, Lisa brings the evolution and passion of music to Sydney's north shore.

**When:** 4 June

**Where:** The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood

### VIVID ART AFTER HOURS: OKENYO

OKENYO has been described as 'equal parts Frank Ocean, Grace Jones and M.I.A.'. Her voice is bewitching and she pushes the boundaries of electronic soul and pop. She is best known for the song "Woman's World" from her debut album *The Wave* and has just released the new single "Hang Your Hat." Catch this star on the rise for a free show as part of Vivid Sydney.

**When:** 5 June

**Where:** Art Gallery of New South Wales

### FKA TWIGS

Internationally acclaimed songwriter, director and dancer, FKA twigs will perform for one night only at Carriageworks for Vivid Sydney. Drawing on electronic music, punk and R&B, her avant-garde debut studio album *LPI* was released to critical acclaim. Experience 'the most adventurous popstar working today'.

**When:** 9 June

**Where:** Carriageworks



### **RÜFÜS DU SOL – SOLD OUT**

The ARIA winning Australian three-piece have won the world over with two platinum-certified albums, *ATLAS* and *Bloom*, and their third album, *Solace*, cementing them as one of the world's pre-eminent live electronic acts. Their sold-out Vivid Sydney performances follow on from a sold-out national tour – these Aussie legends are in high demand.

**When:** 13 – 15 June

**Where:** Carriageworks

**Vivid Sydney 2019 program video content and images are available at:**  
[www.vividsydney.com/mediacentre](http://www.vividsydney.com/mediacentre)

#### **Media Enquiries:**

Nathan McIlroy, The Mint Partners

[nathan@themintpartners.com.au](mailto:nathan@themintpartners.com.au) / 0421 668 440

Abbie Wheeler, Destination NSW

[Abbie.Wheeler@dnsw.com.au](mailto:Abbie.Wheeler@dnsw.com.au)

#### **ABOUT VIVID SYDNEY**

Vivid Sydney is the largest festival of light, music and ideas in the Southern Hemisphere. Celebrating its eleventh anniversary in 2019, Vivid Sydney is continually setting the benchmark for world class events, creativity and innovation. It will transform the Harbour City into a colourful creative canvas from the 24 May to 15 June, 2019. The Festival features spectacular largescale light installations and projections; contemporary and cutting-edge music performances and collaborations; public talks by renowned thought leaders, industry seminars, conferences and creativity workshops, all celebrating Sydney's place as the creative industries hub of the Asia-Pacific. Vivid Sydney is owned, managed and produced by Destination NSW, the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency, and in 2018 attracted 2.25 million attendees. For more information visit [vividsydney.com](http://vividsydney.com)