

20th April 2016 Jebediah and San Cisco to headline the FREE State of the Art music festival this WA Day

And we're back! The celebration of WA music returns this year in the form of the first major WA music festival to grace Elizabeth Quay, and best of all it's completely free.

Proudly presented by Celebrate WA, the fifth annual State of the Art (SOTA) music showcase will be held as part of WA Day Festival on Monday 6 June 2016 over three stages.

So, want to know what WA Day sounds like?

JEBEDIAH SAN CISCO TA-KU (LIVE) | KOI CHILD | THE LOVE JUNKIES MATHAS | MOSQUITO COAST | MORGAN BAIN VERGE COLLECTION | THE MERINDAS | JACOB DIAMOND OUR MAN IN BERLIN | RILEY PEARCE | THE TOMMYHAWKS GALLOPING FOXLEYS | JOEL BARKER | HUSSY | JENNIFER RENEE

With a mix of nostalgia and new acts, SOTA's line up showcases the best WA born and bred artists, spanning everything from 90s rock to electronic and soul. It's a WA sensory experience!

After announcing a short break in February, the legendary **Jebediah** are back with the best of their back catalogue. **San Cisco** will be energising the crowd with one of their last festival shows on home-soil this year, while **Ta-ku** will be playing his first ever WA show with a full live band, featuring regular collaborator Wafia on vocals.

Koi Child will be set to entertain with tracks from their brand new album, while WA indie-rock **The Love Junkies** will be fresh from showcasing at SXSW (Austin, Texas) and **Mathas** will be performing straight off the back of a nationwide tour.

Mosquito Coast will show everyone why they deserved the accolade of Triple J Unearthed High winners for 2015, and **Morgan Bain** is set to serenade with his sweet soul tunes that have been acknowledged for a host of U.S songwriting accolades. WA bands of the moment **Verge Collection** and **Our Man in Berlin** will be ready to put on a show and **The Merindas** take us back through the ages with their incredible Motown covers.

The festival will also reel in the crowds with the melodic tones of **Jacob Diamond** and **Riley Pearce**, the high-energy of **The Tommyhawks**, as well as **Galloping Foxleys**, **Joel Barker**, **HUSSY** and **Jennifer Renee**.

At some stage you might need a break to regain strength, so when you do...

Enjoy a licensed area and food market.

For the first time SOTA will be held on WA Day Monday as part of the wider WA Day Festival. Attendees will also be able to branch out from the SOTA Festival to enjoy a range of activities, including sports clinics, circus skills workshops, pop up performances, tours and community artwork.

The 5th annual SOTA Festival is presented by Celebrate WA, and will showcase our incredible WA music industry on WA Day. The collaboration comes in an effort to support, nurture and grow the creative opportunities for local artists, and to further position contemporary music as a leading cultural identifier for WA.

The popularity and awareness of SOTA continues to grow from year to year and is a key feature on the WA music calendar.

Register for the chance to WIN. By registering at <u>www.sotafest.com.au</u>, there is the chance to WIN a trip for two to the UK, courtesy of Etihad Airways to see home-grown Methyl Ethel live at End of the Road Festival.

SOTA

A Festival Celebrating WA Music Proudly presented by Celebrate WA FREE – No registration required 12-9pm For more information visit <u>www.sotafest.com.au</u> #sotafest #waday

SOTA is within a fully licenced area. Anyone under the age of 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A non-licensed viewing area for unaccompanied people under the age of 18 will be available close to the main stages.

View the announcement video at: www.sotafest.com.au

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