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The FREE SOTA Festival gets bigger with 11 new artists announced

WA has already gone wild with news of this year's free State of the Art (SOTA) music festival, with a huge line up of WA artists headlined by **Jebediah**, **San Cisco** and **Ta-ku (Live)**. It will be the first major WA music festival at Elizabeth Quay, and FREE for the first time, as part of WA Day on Monday 6 June 2016.

SOTA has now grown in size with the addition of 11 solo artists and DJs, both on the Solo Stage as well as in the SOTA DJ Marquee.

So who are our new additions? We will have acoustic performances from:

**SYDNEE CARTER | DAN CRIBB | LUKE DUX
MARK NEAL | ELLI SCHOEN | HELEN SHANAHAN**

With Rough Love Sessions showcasing some of Perth's best house DJs playing all their own production:

**NANDO CESAR | KOVAXX
+1 | JIMI J B2B GREEN GEORGE**

These artists will join:

**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**

This line up is a mix of nostalgia and new acts, showcasing the best WA born and bred artists, spanning everything from 90s rock to electronic and soul.

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 and community artwork.

You also have the opportunities to be one of the finalists invited down to perform at Matso's 'Live, Raw and Unplugged.' The overall winner will be crowned WA's Finest Live and Unplugged Performer and will receive a trip to visit Matso's in person. This is the second year Matso's have organised this event to support great local WA talent.

The 5th annual SOTA Festival is presented by Celebrate WA, with artists booked by WAM, 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 niche for WA.

But there's still more. Thanks to our friends at Etihad Airways, you could win two return flights to the UK to see home-grown **Methyl Ethel** live at End of the Road Festival in Dorset. All you need to do is visit www.sotafest.com.au and tell us who you are most excited to see live at SOTA and why.

SOTA
A Festival Celebrating WA Music
Proudly presented by Celebrate WA
FREE – No registration required
12-9pm

For more information visit www.sotafest.com.au
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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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