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## KING STINGRAY LEAD TALENTED LINE-UP AT GARMA 2023

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Homegrown heroes King Stingray will be playing at this year's Garma Festival, topping a line-up that includes a host of local, regional and national musical talent, the Yothu Yindi Foundation (YYF) said today.

YYF CEO Denise Bowden said the announcement would be met with delight, particularly in the local community.

"King Stingray have consistently wowed audiences across Australia for several years, but nothing beats the reception they receive when they play back home," Mrs Bowden said.

"Born out of rock royalty in this part of the world, they've forged their own unique path to success, blending the ancient with the contemporary and a range of genres to serve up a sound best described as 'Yolngu surf rock'.

"Their first single "*Hey Wanhaka*" was an instant success when it was released in October 2020, and they've just gone from strength to strength since then. We can't wait for them to perform at Gulkula."

Mrs Bowden said a host of talented local bands and musicians were also on the program, including Dhapanbal Yunupingu, Garrangali Band, Larry Gurruwiwi and Malawurr, Eylandt Band, Enungkwerrimandja (Salt Lake Band), Diamond Dogs, and Cedric Marika.

"The musical line-up at Garma always has a strong local flavour, and with Djambatj (Yolngu excellence) being the theme for this year's event, we're again showcasing some of the best of what the region has to offer.

“After the wild success of his Garma show last year, we’re thrilled that J-MILLA is returning to perform, and we’re also really excited to be hosting Mutitjulu Band, Bobby Alu, Kee’ahn, Kristal West, Declan Kelly, William Barton, Spankin Hide, and Tenzin Choegyal (Tibet Effect).”

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Garma will take place from Friday 4 – Monday 7 August at Gulkula, on the Gove Peninsula in the NT.

Tickets for this years’ event have now sold out.

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