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KING STINGRAY SET TO STAR AT GARMA 2024

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Hometown heroes King Stingray will be back at Gulkula in 2024 to headline this year's Garma Festival, the Yothu Yindi Foundation (YYF) announced today.

Festival Director Joel Ulbricht said the Yolngu surf rockers, whose new single '*Best Bits*' has just been released to much fanfare, topped a star-studded line-up that brought together musicians and bands from all parts of the country, with a strong emphasis on local artists.

"We're proud to showcase an extraordinary array of First Nations musical talent with a broad mix of flavours and the distinctive Arnhem Land sound for which the region is renowned," he said.

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music scene is flourishing, with Yolngu and other artists really pushing the boundaries in the studio and on the stage, and this year's line-up captures that innovation and excitement."

Alongside King Stingray, the program is packed with homegrown musicians and bands who continue to make waves nationally and overseas, including singer / songwriter Dhapanbal Yunupingu, Yirrmal, Larry Gurruwiwi & the Birrtjimi Choir, Diamond Dogs, and the Andrew Gurruwiwi Band, who will be launching their new album '*Sing Your Own Song*' just a few days before Garma starts.

Bala Baru and Young Balang will bring local hip-hop vibes, Garma favourites Garrangali are on the bill, while Drifting Clouds (Gapuwiyak) and Johnno Yunupingu (Galiwin'ku) demonstrate the strength and diversity of regional talent.

Fresh from a show-stopping sold out performance with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the Opera House comes the incredible vocalist Ngaiire, celebrated hip-hop stars Birdz & Fred Leone will tear up the stage, and songstress Jess Hitchcock – described as a ‘genre-defying force’ - is sure to entertain.

We’re delighted to host renowned indie-pop siren Jem Cassar-Daley, central Australian Mulga Bore Hard Rock band, Darwin’s firecracker rapper Kootsie-Don and Tjaka, whose didgtronica is causing a stir.

Short Black Opera are celebrating their 15th year with Deborah Cheetham bringing the incredible Ensemble Dutala, and story-teller, songwriter and soundscape artist Allara Briggs Paterson completes a stunning line-up.

The 2024 Garma Festival will take place from 2-5 August at the Gulkula ceremonial grounds in northeast Arnhem Land in the NT.

Tickets are still available for local residents – visit the Sticky Tickets website to register.

For more information, please visit garma.com.au

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