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FIVE MORE NIGHTS JAM PACKED WITH DARWIN FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

With less than a week left before the end of the Darwin Festival, people could be forgiven for thinking the Festival is almost over, but there are still another five nights of performances, music and entertainment to be had.

The Star Shell will continue to be the hub of entertainment as **Batari Taiko Trio** present two lively performances on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Wednesday night's performance "Plate Tectonics" uses a variety of percussion, wind instruments and multimedia equipment to produce a powerful and evocative show. Thursday night's performance, "Traditional Japanese Taiko Drumming", will capture the dynamic energy and raw power of Taiko Drumming.

Lively African rhythms, funk and techno hiphop, produced by percussion performer and teacher Anne Harkin, combined with exquisite dancing by Mel Rogers from Melbourne will fire up the audience with their performance of **Fire in Your Belly** this Thursday night at the Star Shell in the Gardens.

Get set for a magical night set in bohemian Paris, as OzOpera perform Puccini's **La boheme** at the Darwin Entertainment Centre this Thursday and Friday night. This powerful production is one of the most popular operas of all time.

After being swept away by La Boheme, anyone wishing to become a star for a night can do just that in OzOpera's **Sing Your Own Opera** on Saturday 28 August. Anyone buying a ticket to Sing Your Own Opera becomes part of the performance. It will be an event loaded with energy and excitement as the performing audience sings their way through the romance and comedy of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.

Friday night will be a huge night at the Gardens Amphitheatre as **Xavier Rudd**, who has just returned from a sell-out tour of the USA, will deliver an unforgettable concert featuring his unique and harmonious combination of lyrics, vocals, instruments and energy. Xavier's performances are warm, powerful and emotive, and typically receive huge audiences. Xavier will perform live at the Gardens Amphitheatre on Friday August 27.

Enjoy a night of exotic and mesmerising Balinese dance, music, drama and mask with **Tunas Mekar Balinese Collective**, featuring a Darwin based group and three visiting Balinese performers at the Star Shell at 8pm Friday 27 August.

Tracks Dance's **Snakes Gods and Deities** will preview this Wednesday night, and will continue with six performances to be performed under a magical raintree canopy in the Golf Links golf course. Snakes Gods and Deities will transport you to a wondrous world of spectacular live drumming, music and dance that awakens the sense and enlightens the soul.

Outside and Over the Top, presented by Corrugated Iron Youth Arts will astonish audiences with lanterns, puppets and fire on Friday and Sunday nights. Entry is free so people can sit back, enjoy the performance, and be dazzled.

Surviving Jonah Salt presented by Knock 'Em Down Theatre and JUTE at Brown's Mart Theatre has four more performances from Wednesday to Saturday night. This compelling piece of theatre is about three crazy women and one angry young man who get lost and found in the desert of the Northern Territory.

The Festival Club continues to offer the best live music and entertainment every night from 9.30pm at the Star Shell in the Botanic Gardens. Entry is free if you have a ticket from a Festival event, otherwise its only \$5.

The Darwin Festival is still in full swing with five nights to go, and plenty of performances, so get along to a few events before its all over for another year.

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