



Every night of the Festival, the Star Shell in movement, music and entertainment

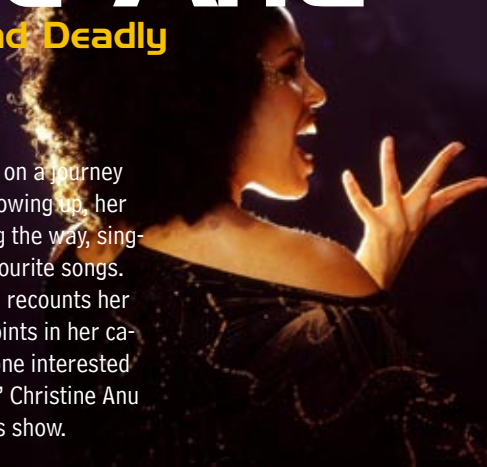
Christine Anu

Intimate and Deadly

Christine Anu's brilliant cabaret show really is "intimate" and "deadly". For the first time ever get intimate with Christine Anu as she shares her amazing career and heritage in this very special cabaret performance.

Christine Anu has become an Australian household name with her cover version of "My Island Home" which will resonate in the hearts of Australians for all time.

Christine takes you on a journey through her life, growing up, her heritage, and, along the way, singing many of our favourite songs. Between songs she recounts her memories of key points in her career. Fans and anyone interested in seeing the "real" Christine Anu should not miss this show.



Christine Anu

Intimate and Deadly

DATES: 21 - 22 Aug
TIMES: 8pm
BOOK: 8980 3333
VENUE: Star Shell
PRICE: \$25 / \$20 conc.

The NT Cultural Village presents

Dubu

Coming Together To Celebrate
 featuring Drum Drum and the
 Arafura Ensemble.

A dynamic performance bringing ancient cultures and traditions to life.

This performance will focus around a Dubu, a traditional ceremonial platform from Motuan villages in Papua New Guinea.

The Dubu was the focus for rituals and ceremonies, where clans would come together to celebrate a bountiful harvest or the betrothal of the Chief's son.

The energetic and lively performances by groups from PNG, Indonesia, Thailand, Samoa, Kiribati and other cultures, together with the classical Arafura Ensemble, will feature

exciting traditional dances, pulsating drumming, lively music, and ceremonies. This performance brings together many diverse people of Darwin to celebrate their cultures and traditions.



Dubu

Coming Together To Celebrate

DATES: 26 - 27 Aug
TIMES: 8pm
BOOK: 8980 3333
VENUE: Star Shell
PRICE: \$13 / \$10 conc.

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the Darwin Botanic Gardens will come alive with sounds,
from 6.30pm — 9.30pm.

Sean Choolburra

A sensational comedy act!

Charismatic and cheeky, Sean Choolburra's talents demand attention. As a comedian, Sean draws on his life experiences as an Aboriginal and blends his skills as a performer into the show to give audiences a blend of

hilarious black fella yarns and didge playing.

Sean Choolburra is already carving his niche as Australia's only Aboriginal comedian and versatile Indigenous performer.



Sean Choolburra

DATE: 23 Aug
TIME: 7pm
BOOK: 8980 3333
VENUE: Star Shell
PRICE: \$13 / \$10 conc.



Jan Preston

Jan Preston is recognised as one of Australia's leading female blues/jazz artists. Jan's unique ability lies not only in her exceptional talent as a piano player, singer and songwriter, but also as an entertainer. Her

mastery of boogie woogie piano leaves audiences in raptures.

"One woman, a piano and a whole lot of talent" Edinburgh Festival

Jan Preston

DATE: 12 Aug
TIME: 8.45pm
BOOK: 8980 3333
VENUE: Star Shell
PRICE: \$13 / \$10 conc.

Sophie Koh

Sophie Koh returns to her spiritual home of Darwin to launch her debut album "All the Pretty Boys".

Sophie's musical career took off in 2003 when she was Unearthed by Triple J in Darwin.

Sophie's live performances are mesmerising. She alternates between sweet acoustic tunes on her guitar to rocking out with her full band, then a ballad on her native instrument, the piano, which will wrench your heart.



Sophie Koh

DATE: 23 Aug
TIME: 8.15pm
BOOK: 8980 3333
VENUE: Star Shell
PRICE: \$13 / \$10 conc.



For more information visit
www.darwinfestival.org.au

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Sounds from a Million Islands

Collaboration Featuring DJ Dexter, Airi Ingram and Steve Teakle

**FUNKY GROOVES...
IMPROVISED MUSIC...
RETRO KEYBOARD...TRIBAL
RHYTHMS...CLASSIC VINYL
AND PUMPING DANCE...**

This collaboration between two well renowned Darwin based musicians, Airi Ingram from Drum

and Steve Teakle together with former Avalanches spin-man, DJ Dexter, will mix classics with the obscure, build up into explosions of joy and madness and create an atmosphere of unique sounds and unbelievable energy.

In their own innovative way, this group of experienced musicians will have the dancefloor alive with soul, originality and style.



Sounds from a Million Islands

DATE: 16 Aug
TIME: 8pm
BOOK: 8980 3333
VENUE: Star Shell
PRICE: \$13 / \$10 conc.

NT Music Festival

Incorporating the second annual NT Indigenous Music Awards

The NT Music Festival will once again be staged as part of the Darwin Festival and will showcase and celebrate the Territory's

vibrant original music scene. The NT Music Festival presents the **NABARLEK CONCERT, NT INDIGENOUS MUSIC**

AWARDS, WORKSHOPS AND THE MUSIC NT FESTIVAL CLUB every night of the Festival.

NT Music Festival

Presented by Music NT.

Midnight Oasis presents

evolution!

Trad to Funk

Evolution! – the bringing together of musicians and dancers for a night of Afro-Arabic excess. A mix of traditional grooves and moves will mingle alongside a percussion techno mix, culminating in an explosive performance at the Darwin Festival Star Shell.



evolution!

DATE: 24 Aug
TIME: 7pm
BOOK: 8980 3333
VENUE: Star Shell
PRICE: \$13 / \$10 conc.

Dya Singh

in association with Kultour

Dya Singh presents traditional Sikh-Punjabi vocals and melodies together with a blend of Indian and global sounds and various instruments with superb results.



MYSTICAL TRAVELLER

Performance One

Hear the golden voice of Dya Singh splendidly blended with the didjeridu, pulsating Indian tabla talking-drum percussion, Irish drum, Greek bouzouki, scintillating Kashmir santoor, five string bluegrass fiddle and some exciting North Indian Dance.

COSMIC GURU

Performance Two

A celebration of Mother Earth and the world we live in through some timeless music from the Sikhs. A concert combining uplifting and meditational music with an ancient message. A rare experience of hypnotic vocals and world music instrumental artistry.

Neil Murray

with special guest George Rrurambu

Neil Murray, a founding member of the Warumpi Band, is one of Australia's most respected singer/songwriters and is set to give Darwin Festival audiences an unforgettable night of live music.

Neil's award-winning song, "My Island Home" originally written for the Warumpi Band has become something of an unofficial anthem and featured in the closing ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympics.



Sarah Blasko

Sarah's hauntingly beautiful voice and entrancing melodies have captivated audiences nation-wide.

After a successful summer festival season and her subsequent sold-out Australian national tour (including Splendour in the Grass), Sarah Blasko is now set to take

her critically acclaimed debut album *The Overture & the Underscore* to the Darwin Festival Star Shell.

"Anyone with a weakness for emotional, intelligent female singer-songwriters will be hooked by this gutsy music" Courier Mail

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Dya Singh

DATES: 7.15pm, 12 Aug - perf 1

& TIMES: 8pm, 14 Aug - perf 2

BOOK: 8980 3333

VENUE: Star Shell

PRICE: \$13 / \$10 conc.



Neil Murray

DATE: 25 Aug

TIME: 8pm

BOOK: 8980 3333

VENUE: Star Shell

PRICE: \$20 / \$18 conc.

Sarah Blasko

DATE: 28 Aug

TIME: 8pm

BOOK: 8980 3333

VENUE: Star Shell

PRICE: \$25 / \$20 conc.



For more information visit www.darwinfestival.org.au

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A collaboration between the Makassarese and the Yolgnu people of North-East Arnhem Land



A remarkable and mesmerising performance, developed at this year's Garma Festival in Arnhem Land.

The strong historical connections between the Yolgnu people in Arnhem Land and the

Makassarese from Indonesia have been revived in an historic and overwhelming reunion of the two cultures at the Garma Festival, resulting in a powerful performance brought to the stage at the Darwin Festival.



Takbing Siwaliya & Gupapuyngu Dancers

DATE: 15 Aug
TIME: 8pm
BOOK: 8980 3333
VENUE: Star Shell
PRICE: \$13 / \$10 conc.

Traditional Sumbanese Dance

Sumbanese dances, Sanggar Riki Mata from Sumba in Indonesia will perform their traditional style of dance accompanied by rhythmic percussion and traditional

instruments. These performers will delight audiences with their colourful costume, hypnotic music and mesmerizing dance.



Traditional Sumbanese Dance

DATE: 18 Aug
TIME: 8pm
BOOK: 8980 3333
VENUE: Star Shell
PRICE: \$13 / \$10 conc.

Two Funny Blokes!!

What happens when Australia's funniest comedy juggler and most entertaining campfire singer team up for a tour of outback Australia? Feats of skill, fantastic yarns, and fabulous comedy! All backed up with some great music. Join Ian McKellar and Phil O'Brien for a great night of entertainment.

IAN MCKELLAR

Ian McKellar has been performing in Australia and internationally for over 20 years. Darwin audiences would remember him



for his recent performance with British comedians Hale and Pace.

PHIL OBRIEN

Hear some of Phil O'Brien's crazy adventures in the Aussie bush.



Author of "101 Adventures that got me absolutely nowhere" and armed only with his guitar and experiences, no-one tells a better or funnier yarn.

Two Funny Blokes

DATE: 24 Aug
TIME: 8.15pm
BOOK: 8980 3333
VENUE: Star Shell
PRICE: \$15 / \$12 conc.