

# 2006 NT Indigenous Music Awards

presented by Music NT

Covering the desert to the sea and everything in between, the NT Indigenous Music Awards celebrate the Northern Territory's Indigenous music industry. The Awards recognise excellence, dedication, innovation and outstanding contribution to the Territory's music industry.

Special guest presenters will guide you through the night of rock nights... which is fast



becoming THE EVENT on the National Indigenous Music calendar.

Don't miss out on your chance to witness the Awards ceremony featuring an all star cast of performers who will strut their stuff all in the name of great music!



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An  
Indigenous  
cultural  
experience

## 2006 NT Indigenous Music Awards

**Date:** 25 Aug  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** The Gardens Amphitheatre  
Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$20 pre-sale/  
\$25 at the gate  
FREE under 12

Presented by Music NT

## Darwin Festival and Music NT presents Yilila

**Date:** 19 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10 conc  
\$5 for child 6-12

# yilila

NT Indigenous Music Award Winners for "Best CD release" and "Song of the Year" for their debut CD "Manilamanila"

Yilila mix raw reggae and world grooves with traditional Red Flag songs from the remote community of Numbulwar in Arnhem Land. They have spent the last couple of years touring around Australia blowing away

unsuspecting audiences and carving out a new direction for Australian Aboriginal music.

All the members of Yilila will join the acclaimed traditional dance group "Red Flag

Dancers" earlier in the evening to put on a special show of Red Flag Dancing from Numbulwar community in Arnhem Land. Book early as the whole evening will sell out quick.



Darwin Festival presents  
The Drowsy Drivers in

# Keating!

"The country soul opera we had to have!"

After sold out seasons in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, The Drowsy Drivers are venturing further afield. Historically accurate\* and independently verified by skimming through Don Watson's book, it's the simple and time honoured tale of an Australian political superhero and his battle against assorted mugs, dummies, dimwits, gutless spivs and scumbags. Come share in the heady rise, tempestuous reign and tragic fall of the Placido Domingo of Australian politics.

**GASP!** as Hawke ignores the Kirribilli agreement! **THRILL!** as Prime Minister Keating sticks it to the drones opposite! **CHEER!** as he wins the sweetest victory of all! **HISS!** as the evil Howard betrays his colleagues in his thirst for power! **SCOFF!** at the blatant historical revisionism! Folks of all political persuasions are welcome (though some will feel more welcome than others). You'll have the time of your life!\*

\*non-core promise

*"Keating! is brilliant. Smart, funny and performed with snotty insolence"*

Colin Rose, The Sun-Herald, Sydney

*"This is a beautiful set of numbers"*

Paul Keating



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Music &  
Theatre

## Keating!

**Date:** 14 - 15 August

**Time:** 8pm

**Book:** 8980 3333

**Venue:** Star Shell

Botanic Gardens

**Price:** \$25/\$20 conc.

**WINNER** Most Outstanding Show, 2005 Melbourne International Comedy Festival

**WINNER** The Age Critics' Award, 2005

**WINNER** The Golden Gibbo, 2005

**WINNER** Best Original Songs, Green Room Awards, 2005



# entertainment

entertainment, the Star Shell in the  
rwin Festival's premiere outdoor venue.

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## Broad This is Broad

**Date:** 17 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$30/\$25



*Deborah Conway, Mia Dyson,  
Ella Hooper, Kate Miller-Heidke,  
Melinda Schneider*

# Broad

*"No one, the performers included, really knew what to expect of Broad, and its triumph was greater than we could have imagined. As the crowd responded with a standing ovation..."*

- THE AUSTRALIAN Martin Jones

Five of Australia's most engaging singer/songwriter/instrumentalists will be on stage together singing each other's songs & talking about what makes them tick. With a variety of different voices and singing styles from all over the country.

The consummate Deborah Conway, impassioned roots/blues guitar player Mia Dyson, Ella Hooper from the multi platinum selling Killing Heidi, the quirky Poperaic stylings of Kate Miller-Heidke and Golden Guitar winning, country music sensation Melinda Schneider will combine their extraordinary individual talents. Broad will be a truly broad experience..

Inspiring  
combinations  
of style &  
performance,  
with amazing  
depth &  
warmth of  
contemporary  
songwriters in  
Australia.

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# Ajak Kwai

in association  
with Kultour



Ajak Kwai's emotionally rich voice brings to life the timeless musical traditions of the Dinka people from Southern Sudan. Her unique vocal style expresses heartfelt songs of

love, hope and peace. With her band Ajak fuses traditional Dinka music with modern

influences. Take the journey with Ajak Kwai in this unique multi-lingual concert.



## ***Voted Male Musician of the Year NT Indigenous Music Awards 2005***

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu is a powerhouse of musical creativity. A multi instrumentalist his style contributed to the success of Yothu Yindi. Blind from birth, he is an exceptional musician, his beautiful voice singing the

songs of his Gumatj country will never leave you. His solo performances are a rare treat and should not be missed.

***Supporting Gurumul is Tiwi Island 6 piece band B2M with their mix of RnB pop fused with traditional Tiwi sounds.***

# Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu

# Shellie Morris

***"The unique vocal talents of the multi award winning Ms Shellie Morris are an ethereal, powerful and moving phenomena. She covers the full gamut of human emotions as her voice soars from highs to lows across an extraordinary range of five octaves. Hers is a voice that lingers in the memory and touches the heart."*** - Message Stick ABC

With her four piece band featuring guitar & producer maestro Glen Heald they'll rock the night!



## Ajak Kwai

**Date:** 12 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10conc

## Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu & B2M

**Date:** 23 Aug  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10conc

## Shellie Morris

**Date:** 21 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10conc





## Discover the unique triple-threat of Australian singer-songwriter Jeff Lang.

At once he's sliding silvery notes on a lap steel, breaking your heart on an acoustic, wailing on electric or twisting through some bizarre blues/world/rock hybrid on a Turkish Cumbush, playing strong enough that it would be easy to overlook his voice a distinctly pure and powerful vocal style... then there's the voice which leaves audiences breathless,

heartbroken and elated in equal measure. And then there are the songs, the songs this man writes are the engine powering the whole machine, and what an engine this is.

*"...plays like the devil"*

Bob Brozman

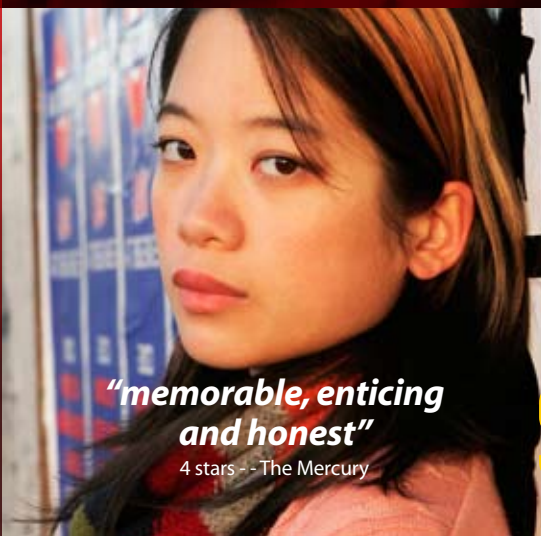
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# NT Music Festival Showcase

**Tonight Darwin tomorrow the WORLD!**

**Balstcorp, Cooperblack, worldfly, and The Groovesmiths**

A night of world class NT music that is set to take on the national arena.



*"memorable, enticing and honest"*

4 stars -- The Mercury

Direct from two months in the UK, rising star Sophie Koh returns home to delight audiences, with her graceful pop music. She has received rave reviews everywhere she has performed. Sophie has been in the Triple J charts with two singles for over 3 months and is set to follow up with the release of her new EP "Silly Thing" which she is launching in Darwin. Sophie Koh and her band will be joined by some very special guests on stage.

# Sophie Koh

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## Jeff Lang

**Date:** 18 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
 Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$25/\$20conc

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## NT Music Festival Showcase

**Date:** 24 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell,  
 Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10 conc &  
 Music NT members

## Sophie Koh

**Date:** 20 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
 Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10conc

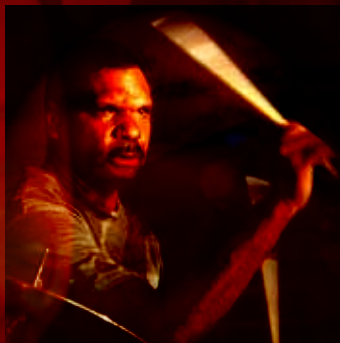
# 20 live from the **Barkly** Tableland Drifters

A sensational night of live music from the cattle country of the Barkly Tablelands and the Gulf Country of Borroloola.

The legendary Tableland Drifters, one of the first Indigenous bands in the Territory, make a welcome return to the stage with their unique style of country rock. Original band members and

songwriters Joe Davey and Lex Holt deliver a distinctive lyrical style that speaks of love lost and a life lived on the vast plains of the Barkly Tablelands.

Supporting the Tableland Drifters is the Borroloola sensation, the Sandridge Band. This up and coming young band have slayed their audiences at gigs across the Barkly with a driving rock reggae style that is gaining them lots of attention.



Together Tableland Drifters and the Sandridge Band will bring you a night of hot rock and cool harmonies and driving saltwater rhythms.



## Sandridge Band



Presented by Cultural Village of the NT

## WAKA OUR JOURNEYS OUR CANOES

*An amazing night of high energy performance, song, story and ritual from PNG, Indonesia, Thailand, Samoa and Kiribati cultures that share a history of sea travel in the Asia-Pacific region.*

40 performers accompanied by life size and replica canoes present music and dance from our near neighbours representing their connections of trade and travel throughout Polynesia and south-east Asia.

Experience a multi cultural feast of dances and rituals with the Cultural Village of the NT as they portray the arduous journeys that took place for fishing or trading, for weddings or funerals or migration among

these diverse cultures which all have traditional stories and performances that speak of heroism and skill on the sea. A celebration of culture and community.



## live from the **Barkly**

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**Venue:** Star Shell  
Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10conc



## WAKA our journeys our canoes

**Date:** 26 -27 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10conc





# Clare Bowditch

## and The Feeding Set

Electric sweet melodies and powerful moving rhythms Clare Bowditch has an unassuming originality, an incredible narrative sensibility and the uncanny knack of

telling beautiful stories that are achingly personal. The combination of Clare Bowditch's voice, her brilliant band, The Feeding Set and a warm Darwin night will be absolutely sublime!

*the new sound of East Timor*

**galaxy**

From their original headquarters in a bombed out house in their hometown of Los Palos, Galaxy has risen from the trauma and chaos of the independence struggle to become one of the most well-respected bands in the world's newest nation.



With their unique blend of rap, funk, acoustic and hard rock meeting the traditional rhythms of the Fataluku people of east of Timor and the resistance

songs of the independence movement, Galaxy is truly a leader in contemporary Timorese music.

**Neil Murray and Shane Howard**

**2songmen Together in concert**

Shane Howard (founding member of Goanna) and Neil Murray (founding member of Warumpi Band) have each contributed some of the finest

songs in Australian music. Their songs speak of the country, it's people and our unique national identity. Touring together for the first time.

**2songmen**  
Take two songs of anthemic proportions "Solid Rock" and "My Island Home" and you have the heart and soul of Australia.

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## Clare Bowditch and The Feeding Set

**Date:** 25 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$25/\$20conc

## Galaxy

**Date:** 16 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10conc

Supported by Airnorth

## Neil Murray & Shane Howard

**Date:** 22 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$30/\$25 conc.

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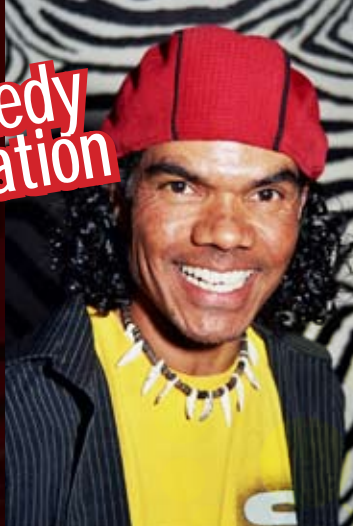
# Sean Choolburra

comedy sensation

Fresh from a stand-out series of shows at the Sydney Opera House Sean Choolburra is one of Australia's rising Indigenous stars of comedy. When he appeared as a guest on the Footy Show they laughed so hard they got him back for a second appearance!

Sean Choolburra is a very charming and engaging comic on stage. His ability to share the naivety of the small town aboriginal boy still coming to grips with the big city lights will have you in stitches...

**Whatever you do don't miss him!**



Blurring the boundaries between classical and rock music, FourPlay's repertoire includes arrangements from

a diverse range of artists such as the Beastie Boys, Radiohead, Nina Simone, Jeff Buckley, Charles Mingus, Depeche

Mode and Metallica. Their own compositions are also inspired by a wide array of diverse music.

No matter what your musical bent a FourPlay gig is an affair not to be missed.



# FourPlay

Australia's premier rock 'n' roll string quartet

# Malam Budaya Indonesia

*An Indonesian cultural experience*

featuring Sasak

Your chance to experience the cultural diversity of Indonesia. The enchanting rhythms of the Gamelan Orchestra, the dynamic dance Kipah Sikarang from Aceh, plus dynamic dance group Sasak performing dances from across Indonesia from West Papua to North Sumatra.



## Star Shell events

### Sean Choolburra

**Date:** 21 Aug  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10conc

### FourPlay

**Date:** 23 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell, Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10conc

### Malam Budaya Indonesia

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**Time:** 8pm  
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**Venue:** Star Shell, Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$15/\$10conc



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presented by the Australian Darwin  
Cantonese Opera Association

# Cantonese Opera

Once again Cantonese opera fans and lovers of stage art can indulge their passion with the return of the Cantonese Opera following the success of previous Darwin Festival performances. The evening will include four opera extracts in full costumes, Erhu solos,

Chinese music and dance. Each of the extracts will be subtitled in English and MC's will address the audience in both Chinese and English. Take this opportunity to experience the sound, costume and energy of Cantonese culture created by these lively performances.

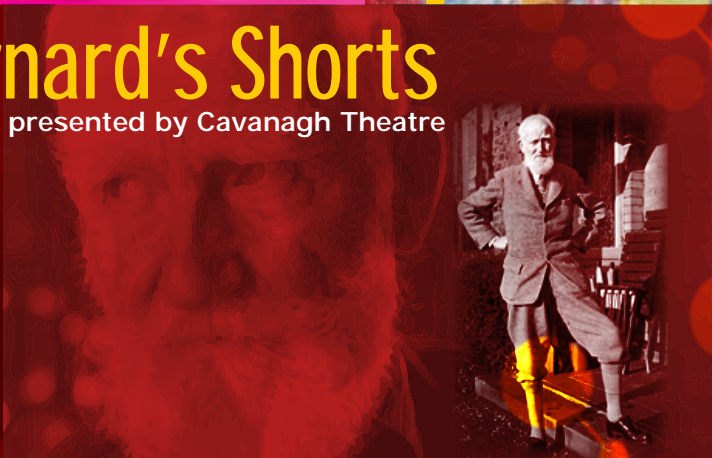


## George Bernard's Shorts

presented by Cavanagh Theatre

Two One Act staged play readings of G.B.Shaw's The Fascinating Foundling - A Disgrace to the Author and Passion, Poison and Petrification or The Fatal Gazogene - A Brief Tragedy for Barns and Booths.

Discover another side of GBS with these two very funny one act plays. Rehearsed readings, acted with script in hand.



OperatuNiTy and Charles Darwin University present

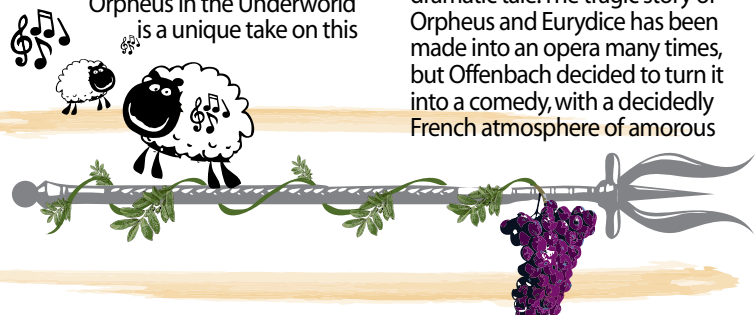
## Orpheus In The Underworld

By Jacques Offenbach

Offenbach's comic operetta "Orpheus in the Underworld" is a unique take on this

dramatic tale. The tragic story of Orpheus and Eurydice has been made into an opera many times, but Offenbach decided to turn it into a comedy, with a decidedly French atmosphere of amorous

misbehaviour and ensuing complications. The gods and goddesses of classical mythology, with a great deal of fuss and bother, all get involved in trying to sort out the problems caused by Pluto's abduction of Eurydice. It all ends happily ever after, with lots of comic moments on the way.



## Music

### Cantonese Opera

**Date:** 12 Aug  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
 (English only)  
**Enquiry:** 8946 6143 (English)  
 8928 0079  
**Venue:** Playhouse Theatre  
 Darwin  
 Entertainment  
 Centre  
**Price:** \$15/10 conc.

### George Bernard's Shorts

**Date:** 25 - 26 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8948 0049  
**Venue:** Theatrette  
 Museum and Art  
 Gallery NT  
**Price:** \$12/\$10 conc.

### Orpheus in the Underworld

Sung in English

**Date:** 15 - 19 Aug  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Charles Darwin  
 University Theatre  
 Building 17  
**Price:** \$27/\$22 conc.

# Gil Sullivan

Darwin Festival  
Presents

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Darwin Festival presents the complete piano sonatas to be performed over five nights by internationally acclaimed pianist Gil Sullivan.

***"Playing informed by brilliance of tone and accuracy ..."***  
(The Australian).

Mr Sullivan is one of the only pianists in the world who plays the entire piano works of Mozart. He has been described in the European press as **"The finest interpreter of Mozart in the world"** (Südhessen Woche). In Australia, critics have been equally enthusiastic -

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the complete piano sonatas of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

***The complete Mozart piano sonatas over five nights.***

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## Gil Sullivan

**Date:** 22 -26 Aug  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Charles Darwin University Theatre Building C17  
**Price:** \$25/\$20conc  
\$90 all five performances



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# Duo Lointain

Sound and Vision

Internationally renowned German guitarist and composer Wulfin Lieske and Australian cellist Rebecca Harris are Duo Lointain.

With a flair for the new and avant-garde performing compositions from around the world, Duo Lointains repertoire includes Djilile and Tailitnama Song by Australia's Peter Sculthorpe, Spiegel im Spiegel by Estonian composer Arvo Pärt, Suite Espagnole by Cuba's Joaquín Nin and Germany's Wulfin Lieske's own composition. Dramatic projected N.T. images by award winning photographer Bronwyn Wright inspire an improvised musical feast.

Performed in the historic Qantas hangar surrounded by the MVEC's notable vehicles in addition to the fusion of sight and sound, local historian Bob Alford will talk about the historical significance of the hangar.



Music

## Sound & Vision Duo Lointain

**Date:** 13 Aug  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Qantas Hangar  
MacDonald Street  
Parap  
**Price:** \$23/\$17conc  
under 12 \$13

A partnership between Duo Lointain, Charles Darwin University's 2006 Concert Series and The Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club of the NT

## Groovin' the Moo <sup>10 BANDS</sup> 10 HOURS

Though it has only appeared in the form of rumor and speculation thus far, we're here to tell you that your wait is finally over. **Gomez** are coming to town. And with them a head-spinning display of diversity and poundage, including **Augie March**, **Youth Group**, and an array of shooting stars and rare breeds from the NT. So for all you committed music fans who have been holding vigil since the Black Keys for another Big Gig, pony on down to the sonic village that is the Amphitheatre on the last Saturday in August and rock til you drop.

**GOMEZ • YOUTH GROUP**  
**AUGIE MARCH • THE DRONES**  
**TRUE LIVE • ASH GRUNWALD**  
**THE MESS HALL + DJs & more**



## Groovin' the Moo 10 Bands 10 Hours

**Date:** 26 Aug  
**Time:** Gates Open 2pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
[www.groovinthemoo.com](http://www.groovinthemoo.com)  
**Venue:** Darwin Amphitheatre  
Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** earlybird \$53.50  
pre-sale \$63.50  
at the gate \$70

## Music NT Festival Club

**Date:** 11 - 27 Aug  
**Times:** 9:45 onwards  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
 Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$5, or FREE if you  
 present your  
 ticket to a Festival  
 event from the  
 same night.

For full program  
[www.musicnt.com.au](http://www.musicnt.com.au)  
 or call Music NT 8981 1995

# Music NT Festival Club

*presented by Music NT & Darwin Festival*

***The Music NT Festival Club is the place where you can rub shoulders with the celebrities, meet your friends after a show, or party on into the night with powerhouse tunes from Darwin's own KONGO crew: Chuan, Fat Lip, Loose Cannon and EFlip – every night!***

Darwin Festival and Music NT are once again collaborating to produce the best Festival Club Darwin has ever seen, featuring local original live music.

More than 50 Territory musicians will take over the Darwin Festival Star Shell this year for a fabulous 17 nights of home grown music and mayhem. The Music NT Festival Club will bring the best

contemporary acts in the Territory to the Star Shell for a thrilling line-up of local original talent.

The following provides a taste of what is in store for this year's Music NT Festival Club. The Groovesmiths who's music is a splendid blend of organic drum and bass rhythms, driven by a bluesy hip hoppin' reggae, rolled into a jazz ethic ... sounds strange? NEO's powerfunk

'Freak show'! Darwin's brand new Celtic/ska/punk band Greedy Stout, R & D, a mix of blues, rock, dark spoken word and soaring guitar solos. Wailing sax lines, cutting guitar and rock solid rhythm section from Sex in the Desert, the acoustic soulman Matt Ryder, Leah Flanagan combining traditional forms from opera to classical and jazz with a whisky drunk piano style, some hot talent from Alice Springs and many more.