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EXTRA PERTH FESTIVAL TICKETS AND SHOWS ON SALE NOW

More writers, music and performance events top up a bumper summer

The full **Writers Weekend** schedule and extra tickets for **Mogwai** and **Logue Lake** are among a diverse line-up of new releases as we count down to **Perth Festival 2024**.

With just over two months until our Festival's opening night on 9 February, new acts have jumped on board **The Rechabite's** 19-night sonic voyage around the world with some of the hottest contemporary music stars from near and far at the Northbridge venue. Check out the Perth Festival 2024 video [here](#).



Thee Sacred Souls. Image: Ebru Yildiz

On our Festival final night, California's **Thee Sacred Souls** bring their sweet Southern Californian soul to the stage for their Australian debut. The San Diego band's sound is velvet-smooth but their performance is full of energy and will have audiences grooving to their deeply danceable retro soul vibes. Local collective **GARBAGE** returns for an electrifying double-header dance party with Berlin-based powerhouse **CEM** and **Umfang**, a staple of Brooklyn's thriving underground electronic scene.

They add their names to a jam-packed Rechabite program that already includes **DOMi and JD BECK** (France/USA), **Greentea Peng** (UK), **Lonnie Holley**, **Moor Mother & Irreversible Entanglements** (USA), **Michael Rother & Friends** (Germany) and **Flewnt's Boorloo Block Party**, among many others.

We're taking the Festival out of our regular haunts and bringing it to Perth's best-loved all ages venue, **The Y HQ**, for a **Prom Night** party to remember. Perth's own **Pookie** is bringing her ferocious bars, authentic afro-jazz with hip hop melodies and nonchalant attitude to this free night of music and fun.

Festival favourites **Mogwai** have answered fans' pleas with a second show at **The Rechabite**, **Ludovico Einaudi** has added a third concert to his Festival appearances at **Perth Concert Hall**, and more tickets are now available for the highly anticipated WA cabin-in-the-woods stage thriller **Logue Lake**.

Curated by peak writing body **Writing WA**, the full program is now available for **Writers Weekend** at the **State Library of WA** from Friday 23 February to Sunday 25 February.

Australian music icon **Deborah Conway** will provide a special **Writers Weekend** opening night performance of songs and stories from her sensational new memoir **Book of Life**. That will unleash a packed program of more than 30 panels, workshops, readings, performances and conversations over the weekend.

Highlights include a spotlight on Pulitzer Prize-winning American author **Jane Smiley**, the SLWA's **Story Place** activations for children and a range of exciting guests including Singapore-based **Mok Zining**, 2023 Miles Franklin winner **Shankari Chandran**, **Christos Tsiolkas**, **A.J. Betts**, **Brenda Matthews**, **Holden Sheppard**, **James Foley**, **Isobel Bevis**, **Natasha Lester**, **Rachel Johns**, **Chemutai Glasheen**, **Niki Savva**, **Madison Godfrey**, *The West Australian's* Editor-in-Chief **Anthony De Ceglie** and many others.

A pre-weekend program will also see special sessions at the **City of Perth Library**, **Perth Town Hall** and **Centre for Stories** whet festival-goers' appetites from Tuesday 20 February.

STRUT Dance has unveiled its free **Perth Moves** 10-day dance hub program, including morning meditations, yoga and low-impact **Mature Moves** dance classes to a **Jungle Book reimagined** family dance workshop, **Deep Soulful Sweats** night exercise sessions, an all-age, all-style dance battle, social dance classes and late-night DJs.

And tickets are still available for R&B superstar **Sampha's** soul-fuelled finale to close out the Festival in blissful style at Supreme Court Gardens on March 3. The Mercury-Prize winner will be supported by magnetic triple-Grammy Award nominee **Nai Palm**, known for her work as the leader of the future-soul outfit **Hiatus Kaiyote**. Also on the final weekend, hip hop/afrobeat dynamo **Sampha The Great** and her powerhouse band will get the gardens jumping, with neo-soul singer **Kaiit** in support on March 1.

As the sun sets on Perth Festival 2024, these will be two must-see shows to experience under the stars on the nights either side of the March 2 **Lotterywest Closing Event, *Under the Same Sun***, which features songs of nature and nurture, mothers and the sun.

Perth Festival runs from Friday 9 February to Sunday 3 March 2024. Lotterywest Films is currently running through to Sunday 31 March 2024.

BOOKINGS AND FESTIVAL INFO: perthfestival.com.au

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Perth Festival acknowledges the Noongar people who continue to practise their values, language, beliefs, and knowledge on their kwobidak boodjar. They remain the spiritual and cultural birdiyangara of this place and we honour and respect their caretakers and custodians and the vital role Noongar people play for our community and our Festival to flourish.

Perth Festival

Founded in 1953 by The University of Western Australia, Perth Festival is the longest running international arts festival in Australia and Western Australia's premier cultural event. The Festival has developed a worldwide reputation for excellence in its international program, the presentation of new works and the highest quality artistic experiences for its audience. For 70 years, the Festival has welcomed to Perth some of the world's greatest living artists and now connects with hundreds of thousands of people each year.

Iain Grandage is the Artistic Director 2020 – 24.



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