







**THE PROGRAM: Friday 14 August** - Brought to you by the Folk Federation of NSW

| <b>Friday 14 August – Opening / Acknowledgement of Country 7:20pm</b> <b>Ticket Price: \$15</b><br><b>Welcome Concert Starts 7:30pm</b> |   |
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| Artist & Time   | Biography   |
| <b>Shelley's Murder Boys – 7:30pm</b><br>              | <p><b>Shelley's Murder Boys</b> will take you on a journey from the depths of Sydney to the hills of Appalachia. Playing energetic old-time favourites, dark folk classics, and originals inspired by the trials and tribulations of our time you are in for a real old-timey adventure. The band has appeared at numerous festivals including Illawarra Folk Festival, Nimbin Roots Festival, Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival and Dorrigo Folk and Bluegrass Festival. They have featured on ABC radio including Simon Marnie's Sonic Journey as well as touring with and supporting international acts such as The Turner Brown Band (USA) and My Bubba (Sweden/Iceland).</p> |
| <i>10 min break for live crosses, interviews and chat</i>   |   |
| <b>Warren Fahey – 8:10pm</b><br>                     | <p><b>Warren Fahey AM</b> is a 'musical Jack-of-all-trades'. He has collected folklore, produced festivals, established the legendary Folkways Music store, written over 30 books, produced far too many recordings (his Larrikin and Rouseabout labels have been the mainstay of Australian folk music), scripted and presented award-winning ABC radio programs and, in his mid-seventies, still performs as an actor and singer.</p>   |
| <i>10 min break for live crosses, interviews and chat</i>   |   |
| <b>Kejafi – 8:50pm</b><br>                           | <p>Music with an irresistible Highland spirit, <b>Kejafi</b> play traditional and original music celebrating the deep Australian and Scottish connection. The Sydney-based trio create an exciting and energetic sound with dual fiddles, octave mandolin and moving songs that will have your feet tapping and heartstrings pulled.</p>  |
| <i>10 min Wrap – Event ends approx. 9:30pm</i>  |   |

| <b>Saturday 15 August – Saturday Poets Brunch</b>  |   | <b>Ticket Price: \$5</b> |
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| <b>Start Time 10:30am</b>  |   |                          |
| Grab a cuppa and something to munch on as you settle back to enjoy the pleasure of the Spoken Word. If you want to recite a poem register when buying your ticket to avoid disappointment. |   |                          |
| Host Poet & Time   | Biography   |                          |
| <b>Peter Mace – Bush Poet</b><br><b>10:30am – 12:30pm</b><br>   | <p><b>Peter Mace</b> has entertained audiences at major festivals in Australia, performed for Great Southern Rail and on the cruise ship Rhapsody of the Seas. Winner of the prestigious Golden Dampier Award at Tamworth on three occasions, he has been named Reciter of the Year at the National Folk Festival (NFF) and was the 2012 Australian Bush Poetry Champion. In 2018 he won the inaugural ‘Blue the Shearer Award’ (NFF) for his best original poem, “What Price a V.C.” Peter’s selection of traditional, contemporary and original material will take you on a journey that will have you laughing with delight one minute and shedding a tear the next.</p> |                          |


| <b>Saturday 15 August: State of Play – Forum 1:00pm</b>  |  | <b>Ticket Price: Free</b> |
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| Facilitator & Time   | Description  |                           |
| <b>Pam Merrigan – 1:00 – 2:00pm</b><br> | <p>An invitation for folk organisers, agents, performers and those interested, to come together to discuss the current state of play in this time of Coronavirus. Share your concerns for the folk scene and your ideas for guiding our folk communities through these times.</p> <p><b>Pam Merrigan</b> is President, Folk Federation of NSW and former Director of the National Folk Festival.</p> |                           |




| <b>Saturday 15 August – Workshop: BEATING AROUND THE BUSH</b>  |  | <b>Ticket Price: \$5</b> |
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| <b>Start Time 2:30pm</b>   |  |                          |
| Presenter & Time   | Workshop Description   |                          |
| <b>Warren Fahey – 2:30 – 3:30pm</b><br> | <p>Warren has been championing Australian folk music for over 50 years and reckons he still has a few more surprises in his swag. In this workshop he will share stories of his musical journey and perform some of the yarns, poetry, ditties and songs from his seemingly bottomless swag. ‘I started collecting and singing bush songs when I turned twenty and still love their stories and what they mean to us as signposts to our history’.</p> |                          |

| <p><b>Saturday 15 August: From the City to the Bush Concert</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Ticket Price: \$10</b></span></p> <p><b>Concert Commences 4:00pm</b></p> |   |
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| Artist & Time   | Biography   |
| <p><b>Rosie McDonald &amp; Nigel Lever – 4pm</b></p>                                   | <p>Drawing upon the rich lineage of Anglo/Celtic folk traditions and the rhythmic and melodic traditions of American Folk genres, Rosie and Nigel play a cross-pollination of musical styles, presenting ballads, tunes and original material. <b>Rosie McDonald</b> (vocals, guitar, bouzouki and bodhran) has played in many bands including Seanchas, RAPT, Mothers of Intention and Folklore. <b>Nigel Lever</b> (vocals, mandolin, flatpicking acoustic guitar &amp; octave mandolin) is a renowned bluegrass player in bands including 3 Marketeers, The Faraway Eyes, Karen Lynne Band and Acoustic Shock.</p> |
| <p><i>10min Break – Live Chat</i></p>   |   |
| <p><b>Freya Peterson 4:40pm</b></p>   | <p>12-year-old, self-taught singer songwriter and ukulele player <b>Freya Peterson</b> first performed at an Illawarra Folk Festival open mic in 2020. She then went on to be awarded <b>Folk Federation of NSW’s ‘Junior Young Folk Artist’</b> in that same year. Freya loves all types of music but is particularly inspired by the music of Grace Vanderwaal and Vance Joy.</p>   |
| <p><i>5-8 min Break – Live Chat</i></p>   |   |
| <p><b>Felicity Dowd 5:00pm</b></p>   | <p>At just 16 <b>Felicity Dowd</b> demonstrates wisdom and understanding beyond her years. The young singer-songwriter uses her voice to speak up about cultural, moral and governmental issues that affect her as a young Australian. Named <b>Folk Federation of NSW’s 2020 ‘Senior Young Folk Artist of the Year’</b>, Felicity’s repertoire includes Jazz, Country, Folk, Pop and Blues.</p>  |
| <p><i>10 min Break – Live Chat</i></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Chloe &amp; Jason Roweth – 5:30pm</b></p>                                      | <p><b>Chloe and Jason Roweth</b> have been researching and presenting the living tradition of Australian music for over 25 years. Drawing their inspiration from the warmth of old-style bush entertainment, they work with vibrant arrangements of new and old traditional Australian songs, poetry, yarns, and dance tunes, weaving together and carrying forward diverse threads of the Australian tradition. They also specialise in themed presentations forging unique combinations of music, folklore and social history.</p>  |
| <p><i>10 min wrap - Event ends approx. 6:10pm</i></p>   |   |

| <p><b>Saturday Night 15 August – Feature Concert</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Ticket Price: \$20</b></span></p> <p><b>Concert Starts 7:30pm</b></p> |   |
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| Artist & Time   | Biography   |
| <p><b>Saije – 7:30pm</b></p>   | <p><b>Saije</b> is an award-winning, contemporary folk duo whose soulful harmonies, dynamic guitar-lines and percussive breakdowns breathe life into heartfelt stories. Their song writing is crafted from the depths; stirring melodies bound together with graceful lyricism. Through multitasking techniques, the pair create a full-bodied sound enriched by flavours from their travels around the globe. Awarded Folk Alliance Australia’s ‘Young Artist of the Year 2019/20’ Saije toured their latest release, ‘Kindred’, throughout Australia, US and Canada uplifting audiences through their music and messages of connection.</p>                   |
| <p><i>10 min break for live crosses, interviews and chat</i></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Kate Burke – 8:10pm</b></p>                                      | <p>Multi-instrumentalist singer songwriter <b>Kate Burke</b> has won much acclaim as a member of folk duo Kate and Ruth and Irish/Australian traditional band Trouble in the Kitchen, and more recently with the ARIA-topping folk country trio The New Graces. Despite being a science communicator, session guitarist, producer and composer of music for film and television, Kate's main love is for traditional song and tunes. She has performed at festivals and venues across Australia and internationally and has recorded with artists such as Andy Irvine and Luke Plumb.</p>   |
| <p><i>10 min break for live crosses, interviews and chat</i></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Nancy Kerr &amp; James Fagan – 8:50pm</b></p>                    | <p>Beloved UK/Australian duo <b>Nancy Kerr and James Fagan</b> combine stunning vocals and stellar instrumentation on fiddle, guitar and bouzouki with Nancy's insightful and poetic lyrics. The couple have brought joy, inspiration and some memorably energetic arrangements to global audiences for 25 years. Their recent live album <i>An Evening With Nancy Kerr And James Fagan</i> ‘captures one of folk music’s most enduring and talented acts in their natural habitat and provides the perfect snapshot of the duo at the top of their game’ (Thomas Blake – Folk Radio). Don't miss this chance to see this classic duo giving it everything!</p> |
| <p><i>10 min wrap – Event ends approx. 9:40pm</i></p>   |   |

| <b>Sunday 16 August – Sunday Poets’ Brunch 11:00am</b>   |  | <b>Ticket Price: \$5</b> |
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| <b>Host Poet &amp; Time</b>  | <b>Biography</b>   |                          |
| <p><b>Sarah Temporal 11am – 1pm</b></p>   | <p><b>Sarah Temporal</b> is a prize-winning performance poet, writer and educator from the Northern Rivers NSW. She won the 2018 Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup and has performed poetry at festivals and events Australia-wide. Her work, which explores origin stories and radical transformations, can be found in various Australian literary journals and anthologies. Sarah initiated and runs Poets Out Loud, a community arts initiative which empowers people of all ages through the spoken word.</p> |                          |

| <b>Sunday 16 August – Parody Come-all-ye</b>  |  | <b>Ticket Price: Free</b> |
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| <b>Hosts and Time</b>   | <b>Description</b>   |                           |
| <p><b>Russell Hannah &amp; Dale Dengate – 2:00 – 3:30pm</b></p>  | <p>The only thing certain about 2020 is that planning has been totally uncertain. Nevertheless, Russell and Dale certainly intend to host a Parody Concert as part of SFF@HOME. These two are veteran comperes of numerous parody concerts at folk festivals.</p> <p>When lockdown happened in this time of COVID19 and we faced new regulations governing our daily behaviour, parodies began to spring up everywhere. Individuals and online choirs were singing about washing hands, social distancing and leaders who behaved strangely and ruined their country’s health. Toilet rolls tumbled about while mask making became the new cottage industry.</p> <p>Dancing or singing is outlawed in large gatherings such as folk festivals but we will put on a virtual concert and sing about it. If you’ve written or heard a parody this is the concert for you. All parodies are acceptable but those written about our current COVID situation are especially welcome.</p> |                           |

| <p><b>Sunday 16 August – Farewell Concert</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Ticket Price: \$15</b></span></p> <p><b>Concert Starts 4:00pm</b></p> |  |
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| Artist & Time  | Biography  |
| <p><b>Oud Vibrations – 4:00pm</b></p>                             | <p>Oud, Turkish lute and Darabuka dance together in a sparkling demonstration of instrumental unity. Melodies from Asia Minor and the Middle East are combined with original compositions and extraordinary improvisation by two of Australia's most proficient exponents of these exotic instruments. What makes <b>Oud Vibrations</b> both special and spectacular is the capacity of these two players to allow their instruments to speak to each other with intimacy, delicacy and passion. Andy Busuttil and John Robinson are Oud Vibrations.</p> |
| <p><i>10 min break for live crosses, interviews and chat</i></p>   |  |
| <p><b>Craig Sinclair – 4:40pm</b></p>                           | <p><b>Craig Sinclair</b> combines timeless folk storytelling with a lyrical fingerstyle acoustic and slide guitar style, to craft a uniquely Australian blues sound. Recently relocated to Sydney from the south coast of WA, Craig performs as a soloist and as part of folk group the Peppercorns. His solo shows draw on a rich musical canvas which ranges from whimsical ragtime country blues to evocative open-tuned textures, weaving place, character and history to create memorable moments for his audience.</p>                             |
| <p><i>10 min break for live crosses, interviews and chat</i></p>   |  |
| <p><b>Chaika – 5:20pm</b></p>                                   | <p>ARIA nominated ensemble melding the earthiness of folk with the dexterity of jazz and craft of classical, <b>Chaika's</b> vast influences create superb genre-blending music that transcends labels. 'Like a gust of wind ushering in a new season of possibilities' (What's on Sydney) they are steadily forging a new direction in Australian music. Described as 'spine-tingling' (Rhythms) and "extraordinary" (Fine Music FM), the Sydney-based sextet surprise, thrill and move the unsuspecting listener.</p>                                  |
| <p><i>10 min Wrap – Event ends approx. 6pm</i></p>   |  |