



A World of Music in the Heart of the City

Sydney Folk Festival is back – with a world of music in the **heart** of the city!

Launched in August 2019 to great acclaim - with an online version in 2020 due to COVID – this huge 7-venue 3-day event - featuring 60+ individual shows and two festival hubs - returns to Sydney with its electrifying brand of urban folk.

Whether you like your folk big and rowdy or simple and spare, a soulful, solo singer expressing big ideas or a whirling outfit playing up a storm, you'll be spoilt for choice from 13-15 August in the Sydney CBD!

Early-bird tickets are already on sale at www.sydneyfolkfestival.com.au and organisers have just announced the first "faces of the festival" – exciting duo **We Mavericks** (pictured below right).

Described as "folk that resembles everything else", the award-winning duo has been making a bold mark on both sides of the Tasman with their thrilling originals, entertaining stories and incredible energy. *We Mavericks'* organic blend of pop-folk retains echoes of soulful Americana and Celtic roots music while packing the emotional punch to heal scars! Comprising a foot-stomping Kiwi girl and a Riverina country boy, *We Mavericks* create music that is more than the sum of its parts. Lindsay Martin's masterful strings and vocal meets Victoria Vigenser's magnificent voice, with driving rhythms and a connection you have to hear to believe.



As always, exciting young talent is a feature of the fest and **Felicity Dowd** (below left), Folk Federation NSW's 2020 Young Folk Artist is the newest star on the folk horizon. At only 17 years of age, Bega-born Felicity has



the wisdom and understanding of a much more mature singer-songwriter. Instead of focussing on teenage angst and matters of the heart, she uses her voice to speak up about cultural, moral and political issues that affect her deeply. She passionately blends Country, Folk, Blues, Jazz and Pop influences into her acoustic repertoire of modern classics and original compositions. Felicity is the 2020 Tamworth Songwriters Association talent quest winner and a current student within the 2020/2021 Talent Development Project. At this year's Tamworth Songwriters Association Salute Awards, she won both the Novice and Youth Categories; and, In March 2021, she released her first single "Blue Skies" to raise funds for the Cobargo Community Bushfire Recovery Fund.

A celebration of folk music, culture and community, bespoke concerts highlighting the diversity of folk, workshops and interactive sessions... plus dance and spoken word programs! With something for everyone, Sydney Folk Festival 2021 truly promises "A world of music in the heart of the city!"
More artists announced soon...

For more info, early bird tickets and more, visit www.sydneyfolkfestival.com.au or <https://www.facebook.com/SydneyFolkFest/>

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