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5 WEEKS TO GO TILL 3 DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL LIGHTS UP PERISHER!

Get out your winter woollies and slip into festival mode, there's only 5 weeks to go till **The Snowy Mountains of Music** sets Perisher on fire. Pull up a stool, take a break from skiing, warm your hands by the fire or take to the floor, with over 45 acts and 140 shows across 11 venues, there will be something for everyone at the inaugural **Snowy Mountains of Music** festival on the June long weekend.

Artists taking to the festival stages around Perisher include *Tex Perkins*, *The Audreys*, *Ami Williamson* and *Bruce Mathiske*. There'll be the high energy funk of *A French Butler Called Smith*, folk with gorgeous fiddle-singer *Jenny M Thomas* and zydeco swing with *Queen Juanita* and *The Zydeco Cowboys*. Canberra's acclaimed celtic group *Humbug* will strut their stuff, or you can listen to some roots with *Sal Kimber* and *The Good Ole Boys* or bluegrass with Golden Guitar winners *The Davidson Brothers*. Pull on your dancing shoes with *The Band Who Knew Too Much*, the afro-beats of *Usutsu* and middle east party grooves of *Azadoota*.

Families are very welcome at the festival with children under 15 free at the festival and with some hotels offering free children's accommodation. There's lots on for the kids including circus workshops in the snow, dream time story sessions with Lilli Pilli Tales, Nick Rheinberger with his very entertaining children's show and the Once Upon a Time crew will mix nursery rhymes mix with vocals, bouzouki, guitar, fiddle and percussion.

With the best accommodation at Perisher Resort partnered with the festival there's some fabulous room, breakfast and festival pass packages available. Fantastic discounts are available at *The Smiggins Hotel*, *The Sundeck Hotel*, *Perisher Valley Hotel*, *The Man from Snowy River Hotel*, *Corroboree*, *Guthega Alpine Hotel*, *Barakee Ski Lodge*, *Heidi's Chalet Apartments*, *Chalet Sonnenhof*, *Sponars Chalet*, *The Stables Resort*, *The Lodge Smiggins*, *Royal Coachman*, *Snow Bunny Ski Lodge* and *Snowy Gums Chalet*.

From 5-8 June, above all the **Snowy Mountains of Music** is a celebration of the beauty, culture and folklore of the Snowies. On the Saturday night there will be a special world music party, bringing together some of Australia's most acclaimed world music acts. Late into the evening, bar flyers can enjoy some impromptu late night jams and comedy, whilst the early birds can wax lyrical with daily poetry breakfasts. The finale event of the festival will be a grand musical feast of alpine folk music in the European folk tradition. This will be the time festival-goers can raise their voices to an oom-pah-pah of accordians, fiddles and guitars.

Earlybird tickets close 10th May, which includes some great festival pass, lift ticket and accommodation packages. Book now to secure a \$90 weekend festival pass or ticket & accommodation packages from \$300 per adult. National Parks and Wildlife are giving a fantastic discounted entry rate into Perisher with 3 Days for the price of 2 for just \$54 (save \$27). For more on the festival www.snowymountainsofmusic.com.au

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