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June Long Weekend 11 - 14 June 2010
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Australia's Coolest Festival

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❄️ SPOKEN WORD ❄️ STORYTELLING ❄️
TANGO ❄️ CIRCUS ❄️ MAGIC ❄️

ARTISTS

A FRENCH BUTLER called SMITH ❄️ Big Erle ❄️ Big Snore
Hammers ❄️ Blue King Brown ❄️ Bruce Watson ❄️ Carol
Heuchan ❄️ Chase The Sun ❄️ Circus Wow ❄️ Coolgrass ❄️
Damon Davies and Damien Neil ❄️ Fraud Millionaires ❄️
Gobsmacked! ❄️ Gregory North ❄️ Greshka ❄️ Grimick ❄️
Hussy Hicks ❄️ Jan Lewis & Linton Vogel ❄️ Jan Preston
Duo ❄️ Jeff Lang ❄️ Kim Churchill ❄️ Lilli Pilli ❄️ Martin
Pearson ❄️ Mick Thomas ❄️ Mike Martin ❄️ O'Neill &
Rodgers ❄️ Mista Savona ❄️ Pete Wild & the Only Ones ❄️
Peter Mace ❄️ Riogh ❄️ Rough Red ❄️ Sabrina & The Red
Vans ❄️ TallaTango ❄️ The Barons of Tang ❄️ The
Lurkers ❄️ The Tealeaves ❄️ Vorn Doolette ❄️
Wongawilli ❄️ Zamboni The Magician ❄️ Zondrae King ❄️

VENUES

THE PERISHER CENTRE † SMIGGINS HOTEL †
BARRAKEE LODGE † THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER
HOTEL † THE SUNDECK HOTEL † CORROBOREE †
GUTHEGA ALPINE HOTEL † PERISHER MANOR † THE
EIGER [THE WHITE SPIDER]

INTRODUCTION TO 2010

9 VENUES * OVER 120 CONCERTS FROM EARLY TO LATE *
*** MORE THAN 130 ARTISTS & PERFORMERS ***

The **Perisher Snowy Mountains of Music** - Australia's only music festival in the snow - is back! After huge success in 2009 with over 120 artists packed into 4 days; 40cm of snow falling and 3000-plus crowds; the 2010 festival is set to shake and shimmy.

The 2010 **Perisher Snowy Mountains of Music** will once again run on the opening weekend of the Australian Snow Season - **Friday 11 June to Monday 14 June**. There will be live acts at 9 fantastic venues across Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega, 120 concerts from early to late and more than 130 artists and performers converging on the Snowies.

This year the festival is offering 3 night accommodation, breakfast and festival pass packages from as little as \$299 if you book before 7th May.

The Festival is presented by the *Perisher Resorts Chamber of Commerce* and directed by one of the leading and most prolific artistic minds in the Australian music scene - David De Santi - who has been the Artistic Director of the famed *Illawarra Folk Festival* since 1996.

In 2010 the festival will serve up a musical feast that will tempt all tastes. On any one day festival goers can choose from a menu of edgy blues, gypsy punk, rootsy reggae, honky tonk piano, frenzied folk, chilled alt. country and bent bluegrass.

The June long weekend is the official start of the Australian Ski season, so it will be cold and there will be snow to enjoy, especially for first-timers. With a 19 million dollar snowmaking investment the Perisher slopes are sure to be fast and furious, even at the beginning of the season. There are some great deals on for festival-goers on the mountain -with an early bird 3 day festival pass, skiers can attain a 3 day All Mountain Lift Pass for just \$120 and children at a mere \$66 if booked by 31st May. The National Parks & Wildlife Service is offering all festival visitors a special Three for Two days entry ticket into Kosciuszko National Park for the Summer Rate of only \$34.

The **Perisher Snowy Mountains of Music** festival begins at 5pm on Friday 11th June and continues at pace over Saturday and Sunday, finishing with a very special Finale event on the afternoon of Monday 14th June.

The festival is a chance to immerse yourself in sweet and sultry sounds from across the globe. Get out on the floor and celebrate the coming of winter in style – surrounded by some of the best live acts in Australia, high up in the mountains.

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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

David De Santi

David De Santi is an active musician, festival organiser, folklore researcher and publisher. He has directed the *Illawarra Folk Festival* since 1996, a festival which is recognised as the largest folk festival in NSW and celebrated 25 years this year. Along the way he also organised 7 Australian folk festivals between 1996 and 2003, including assisting with the Australian traditional dance portion of the *National Folk Festival* in Canberra and a bush music special for *Kiama Seaside Festival*.

Currently David performs with *Wongawilli*, Australia's world-renowned bush band which has collected no less than 16 awards at the Australian Bush Music Awards and Bush Band Championships. He also plays with Italian folk groups *L'Émigrante*, *Zumpa* and *The Viaggiatori*.

From 2000 to 2005 David was the editor and co-owner of Australia's folk music magazine Trad&Now.

In 2004, with Jane Brownlee, he received the *National Library of Australia Folk Festival Fellowship* and in 2006 was awarded the *Folk Alliance Australia Community Achievement Award*. He has also been on the Folk Alliance Australia executive committee.

In 1991, David became convinced that further promotion of the Australian tradition was required and along with Rob Willis and the *Wongawilli Colonial Dance Club* embarked upon the *Pioneer Performer Series*, a series of publications and recordings. To date David has published and produced 11 publications and 4 recordings of various Australian performers. In recognition of the work in the Pioneer Performer Series he was awarded the 1992 Heritage Award at the Australian Bush Music Awards in Glen Innes.

In 1999 he was co-musical director and performed in *Italian Stories*, a community based play from *Theatre South* based upon the experiences of Italian migrants in the Illawarra and toured with the show in Tasmania in 2001.

David De Santi is once again at the helm of the Perisher Snowy Mountains of Festival and brings with him a wealth of knowledge about organising and creating a festival with character, friendliness and enjoyment.

ARTIST HIGHLIGHTS

Blue King Brown

The infectious energy and passion of this award-winning, chart-topping rootsy reggae and funk 11 piece band is sure to draw one of the biggest crowds to the Snowies. Led by dynamic frontwoman Natalie Pa'apa'a, Blue King Brown is reminiscent of the socially conscious reggae of the 1970s and has had sold out shows since it first hit the streets big-time in 2005. Carlos Santana himself said 'They are the voice of the street and the band of the future'.



Jeff Lang

Described as a musician that 'paints pictures in sounds', Jeff Lang has earned worldwide acclaim as a virtuosic guitarist, dynamic songwriter and startlingly unique live performer. Jeff Lang is an extraordinarily individual musician blending rock, roots, folk, blues, ballads and improvisation and a stunning lyricist. Don't miss out on this chance to catch one of Australia's most formidable talents live in action.



Mista Savona

'Turn up the music and let it play' Melbourne's Mista Savona is going to get you moving, grooving and talking of revolution. This ten-piece band is one of Australia's leading exponents of root reggae, dancehall and heavyweight dub music. Their blistering new album just released - Warn the Nation - is being hailed as one of the most accomplished reggae albums ever to come out of Australia and features some of the biggest names on the reggae scene including Capleton, Sizzla, Horace Andy and Prince Alla.



Chase the Sun

If it's blues you're after well look no further than Chase the Sun touted as a group of 'sheer power, dexterity and originality' (Drum Media). They're a sultry soul-tinged trio who sing of lonely highways and living free with a bit of Stevie Ray Vaughan and Jimmy Hendrix thrown in. A must-see-live act – make sure you catch this powerhouse cranking out a new take on a classic sound.



Mick Thomas

The festival is thrilled to have acclaimed roots and blues singer/songwriter/raconteur Mick Thomas on the 2010 bill. Formerly of Weddings Parties Anything, Mick Thomas has been forging a very successful career in his own right for some time and in 2008 took out Artist of the Year at the Port Fairy Folk Festival.



A French Butler Called Smith

The 2009 festival favourite - A French Butler Called Smith - will get Perisher pumping with their high energy, organic funk and world roots music. Consisting of Scott French, Jake 'the Butler' Martin and Brennan Smith, since the last Snowies festival the instrumental trio have been busy pumping dancefloors across the country from Brisbane to Fremantle and have just released their new album Milkdrop Circus.



Jan Preston

'Australia's Queen of Boogie Piano' will woo festival-goers with her signature husky tones and 1920s honky tonk piano. Over the years Jan Preston has shared the stage with many of Australia's best jazz and blues performers including Mike Nock, Chris Wilson, Dutch Tilders, Jim Conway, Phil Manning and Mal Eastick. Whatever the occasion be transported to a bygone era with Jan Preston's boogie woogie beats.



The Crooked Fiddle Band

Fresh from Brian Eno's Luminous Festival at the Sydney Opera House, The Crooked Fiddle Band will bring their signature no-holds-barred frenzied flavour to the festival program. It's gypsy music like you've never heard it before – there's no doubt by the first song the entire audience will be pulsating in the mosh pit!



Vorn Doolette

With a voice like chocolate velvet South Australia's pin-up troubadour Vorn Doolette is sure to swoon and croon you. Already being compared to the likes of some of the biggest male artists ever including Tom Waits, Johnny Cash and Rufus Wainwright, you'll have no trouble wiling away the hours to the sound of Vorn Doolette, whom in 2009 was named among Rolling Stone's 15 Artists to Watch.



The Tealeaves

Curl up beside a fireside, watch the snow falling and let The Tealeave's sunny songs - reminiscent of Cat Stevens and Simon and Garfunkel - wash over you. Overflowing with harmony, melody and lyricism The Tealeaves' heartwrenching and uplifting rainy-day songs will stay with you long after the festival has finished.



The Barons of Tang

Leaving a trail of battered dance floors across the nation, The Barons of Tang break genres with their Lashing Tango, Rockabilly, Metal, Latin and Gypsy, horns and hard hitting guitar riffs all thrown into the pot. With a 7-piece line-up of Accordion, guitar, double bass, saxophone, congos and drums The Barons are sure to create a dance floor blitz!



The Lurkers

There's nothing like some subversive banjo mixed with real-world politics. With Double bass, banjo, guitar and three-part close harmonies The Lurkers play edgy home-spun hillbilly, old timey bluegrass music about \$300,000 mortgages, pirateering and environmental collapse. It's a soundtrack for your own non-privatised revolution.



Wongawilli

Iconic folk music ambassadors and bush band *Wongawilli* have entertained audiences at festivals right across Australia, China and Europe and are recognized as a leading force in the revitalization of our folk traditions. Don't miss out on experiencing their passionate tradition and expert musicianship which unearths well-known and forgotten songs from convicts to miners to lost sweethearts.



Children at the Festival

The **Perisher Snowy Mountains of Music** is a family friendly festival with children under 15 FREE and some great acts programmed just for the kids – all day at the Perisher Centre. The kids line-up includes:

- Circus Wow
- Gobsmacked!
- Lilli Pilli Storytelling
- Jan Lewis
- Bruce Watson
- Magician - The Great Zamboni
- Lots of dancing to live bush bands

Special Festival Sessions

The **Perisher Snowy Mountains of Music** is not just about the music, it's a celebration of the Snowies and a celebration of life. This year Artistic Director David De Santi has been hard at work programming some very special events for the festival calendar. On Saturday night come on down to the Smiggins Hotel and dance past midnight with the festival's best world music bands coming together in one big frenetic **world music party!**

Ever wanted to learn how to tango properly? What better place is there to learn the dance of love than high up in the mountains surrounded by snow? This is festival-goers' chance to get up-close-and-personal with that someone across a crowded room in the **Tango Workshop**.

Poetry returns as a firm festival favourite with daily **poetry breakfasts, live poetry slams** and **competitions**. Featured poets at the festival are Carol Heuchan, Gregory North, Jan Lewis & Linton Vogel, Peter Mace, Russell Hannah and Zondrae King. One and all from across the country can compete for the Broken Ski Poetry Award and the Snowy Poetry Cup which received entrants from near and far last year.

Late into the evening, bar flys can enjoy some impromptu **late night jams** featuring some of Australia's finest musicians. The finale event of the festival will be a grand celebration of the **folklore of the Snowies** – music, song and poetry - which has long been such a part of the Snowy Mountains culture since the first skiers took to the mountains. This will be the time festival-goers can raise their voices and take their partners to the floor for one last time for an oom-pah-pah of accordians, fiddles and guitars.

Accommodation Partners

Festival accommodation packages start at as little as \$299 per adult which includes a 3 day full festival pass + 3 nights bed and breakfast. Many of the accommodation partners are also venues and with free shuttle around the venues, festival-goers can get around easy and enjoy music in wind, hail, rain or snow!

Accommodation partners include:

*Perisher Valley Hotel *Smiggins Hotel * The Man From Snowy River Hotel * Sundeck Hotel *Corroboree * Guthega Alpine Hotel * Barrakee Ski Lodge * Heidi's Chalet Apartments * Chalet Sonnenhof * Sponars Chalet * The Stables Resort * The Lodge Smiggins * Royal Coachman * Snow Bunny Ski Lodge * Snowy Gums Chalet

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