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**SAVANNAH** in The **ROUND**

# Savannah in the Round puts Australian Music First on Artist Announcement

Jimmy Barnes, Kasey Chambers, Daryl Braithwaite, Kate Ceberano, Don Walker, Beccy Cole, Adam Harvey, Brad Cox, James Johnston and Casey Barnes Lead Massive First Announcement



After a record-breaking event in 2022, Tropical North Queensland's favourite destination music and camping festival **Savannah in the Round** has announced the Australian lineup for its highly anticipated return to Mareeba from 6-8 October 2023, including 15 local North Queensland acts.

In a bid to celebrate domestic acts and put Australian artists front and centre, Savannah in the

Round has unveiled a massive Aussie-centric announcement, including beloved music legends Jimmy Barnes, Kasey Chambers, Daryl Braithwaite, Kate Ceberano and some of the hottest names in country, including Brad Cox, James Johnston and Casey Barnes, alongside a massive line-up of homegrown heroes, including Australian Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee Don Walker, multi-award winning artist Fanny Lumsden, Aussie icon Russell Morris, and countless others.

*"A few years ago I had the pleasure of heading to North Queensland as part of my Shutting Down Your Town tour and it re-opened my eyes to just how beautiful this country can be" said Jimmy Barnes. With a combination of some of the country's most beautiful locations, populated by some great North Queensland music lovers, I couldn't be happier to be heading up to Mareeba for Savannah in the Round this year."*

This year, Savannah in the Round will also include a very special edition of the iconic **Great Northern Bullriding Series**, which will see some of the world's best riders go head to head in a one-of-a-kind two-hour bull riding spectacular, soundtracked by some of Australia's best music.

The first announcement also shines a light on the immense talent born and bred in Far North Queensland with 15 locally celebrated artists getting ready to share the festival with Australia's biggest names including The Pigs, Black Image, Roz Pappalardo, Out of Abington and many more.

*"Australian music has never been hotter, so we decided this year to lead with the locals first," said Event Director James Dein. "This year's event will welcome a who's who of the best in Australian rock, pop and country heading north for a three-day party. Savannah in the Round is a true celebration of everything that's great about Australia and everything that's special about Far North Queensland and this year's event will be our biggest one yet."*

*"We're dedicated to championing our Aussie acts and putting the spotlight on them first. But watch this space still have a few surprises up our sleeves—both local and tourists."*

In addition to Savannah in the Round's expansive music offerings, punters will also be able to experience a plethora of camping, glamping and on-site festival delights ranging from a wide range of bespoke food and drink offerings to local artisanal arts and culture.

Alongside major, world class performances on Main Stage, at the Big Top Music Hall and in the Bull Bar, Savannah in the Round proudly features Indigenous visual art, music and dance displays, a market village full of local produce and products, and an onsite paddock to plate experience showcasing the freshest local ingredients you can find north of the border.

**Member for Cairns and Assistant Tourism Minister Michael Healy said** Savannah in the Round was a highlight of the 2023 It's Live! in Queensland events calendar.

*“Music festivals like Savannah in the Round deliver a unique experience, giving travellers even more reason to visit Tropical North Queensland and stay longer to enjoy more of our great lifestyle,” Mr Healy said.*

*“We look forward to welcoming more than 12,000 spectators to Savannah in the Round, which last year generated \$4.5 million for Tropical North Queensland’s visitor economy.*

*“More visitors mean more good local jobs and support for accommodation and hospitality providers, and our unique, world-class tourism experiences.”*

With rave reviews across the nation and a strong pickup of early-bird sales for the 2023 edition, Savannah in the Round is once again looking to make its mark on the region, while raising the bar for live entertainment and increasing visitation in one of the most beautiful locations in the world.

**Tickets for Savannah in the Round 2023 are on sale now via:**

<https://www.savannahintheround.com.au/>

# **Savannah in the Round**

**6-8 October 2023**

**Mareeba, Cairns Hinterland**

**Jimmy Barnes**

**Kasey Chambers**

**Daryl Braithwaite • The Black Sorrows • Kate Ceberano**

**Beccy Cole • Russell Morris**

**Adam Harvey • Don Walker • Chocolate Starfish**

**GANGgajang**

**Brad Cox • James Johnston • Casey Barnes**

**Fanny Lumsden • Jade Holland**

**Kevin Bennett & The Flood**

**Julian James and the Moonshine State**

**Taylor Moss • Hussy Hicks • Raechel Witchurch  
Loren Ryan (2023 Toyota Star Maker)**

**Col Finley • The Pigs • 8 Ball Aitken  
Black Image • Chris Matthews • Roadtrippers  
Wade Forster • Jeremy Fletcher • Roz Pappalardo  
Big Pups • Careless • Yazmindi  
Aurelle Brunjes**

**Out of Abingdon • Secret Tuesday • Lady Valiant  
Raconteurs • Mas Minimals • Mic Porter Trio**

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