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Savannah in the Round Adds Internationals On Second Round Announcement

American and Canadian stars set to join Aussie Legends Jimmy Barnes, Kasey Chambers, Daryl Braithwaite, Kate Ceberano, Don Walker, Beccy Cole, Adam Harvey, Brad Cox, James Johnston, Casey Barnes and more at Savannah in the Round 2023!



Following a massive lineup announcement in April that ignited a tsunami sized wave of hype across the country, Savannah in the Round has returned with a huge second round of acts hitting the festival in 2023, including the event's first international acts of the year.

Having spent the past several years building a legion of followers with a series of chart topping hits, American country star **Alexandra Kay** will officially be making her Australian performance debut live at Savannah in the Round, where she'll show Aussie audiences why critics are comparing her to the one and only Dolly Parton.

*"The thought that I'm finally making my way to Australia is wild to me. It's a place most small-town girls like me can only dream of visiting. **Said international act Alexandra Kay.***

Playing at Savannah in the Round feels like the start of an exciting new chapter in my touring career. I get the opportunity to sing my songs to an audience that has constantly supported me by streaming my music over the last few years, and I am so excited to hear them sing these songs back to me for the very first time! I'm coming with open arms, ready to experience everything Australia has to offer. So pumped for my first show in the land down under!"

Already a staple in the Canadian music scene, with two Canadian Country Music Award nominations and three Western Canadian Music Awards under their belt, True-grit country band **The Dungarees** will also be joining Alexandra Kay as one of the international acts landing in North Queensland this year.

*"We simply can't wait to come back to Australia, it has been far too long. Australian Country music fans are the best in the world, and we have Savannah in the Round circled in big bright marker on our calendar. Performing in Australia always feels like home." **Said James Murdoch of The Dungarees.***

From performing in the snowy French Alps to opening for Hoodoo Gurus and The Cat Empire by tropical shores, Far North Queensland's very own singer-songwriter Bobby Maguire will also be joining an already immense lineup of talent in 2023, as well as country duo Zac & George, Melbourne-based troubadour Tim Woodz and local Cairns acts Eddie Skiba and Talitha Jae.

The second round of artists joins an already stellar lineup, 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 artists Beccy Cole, Adam Harvey and Fanny Lumdsen, Aussie icon Russell Morris, and countless others.

In a bid to ensure local talent is front and center, Savannah in the Round is also excited to welcome Sydney act The Pigs, Black Image, Roz Pappalardo, Out of Abington and many more to the event in 2023.

"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.

"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 couldn't be more excited to welcome in our international acts to the Savannah in the Round family"

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 predicted to bring more than 12,000 visitors to Tropical North Queensland.

"This is a special event in a magic location for visitors to experience quality entertainment while enjoying the Tropical North's world-famous hospitality and awe-inspiring landscapes," Mr Healy said.

*"Savannah in the Round is a treasured highlight of our *It's Live! in Queensland* events calendar with last year's installment generating \$4.5 million for the region's visitor economy."*

"It's another great example of destination events backing good Queensland jobs and the Tropical North's tourism and hospitality operators."

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 is proudly supported by the Queensland Government and features on the *It's Live! in Queensland* events calendar.

Savannah in the Round

6-8 October 2023

Mareeba, Cairns Hinterland

Second Lineup:

Alexandra Kay • The Dungarees

Zac & George • Bobby Maguire • Tim Woodz • Eddie Skiba • Talitha Jae

First Lineup:

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 Whitchurch

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

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