

CAIRNS FESTIVAL

Fri 25 Aug - Sun 3 Sep 2023

PROGRAM

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WELCOME

Welcome to Cairns Festival 2023,
where creativity comes alive and
cultural vibrancy knows no bounds.

As the Arts & Cultural Capital of FNQ,
Cairns invites you to immerse yourself
in an extraordinary showcase of talent,
innovation, and imagination.

From captivating music performances to
cutting-edge light installations,
let Cairns Festival ignite your senses,
challenge your perceptions, and celebrate
the richness of our artistic tapestry.

Prepare to be enthralled by an
unforgettable feast for the soul.

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FESTIVAL VENUES



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ON EVERY DAY

FRI 25 AUG - SUN 3 SEP

REEF LIGHTS - WHERE THE RAINFOREST MEETS THE REEF

6.30PM - 10.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

CITY LIGHTS

7.00PM - 11.00PM | CAIRNS CITY LIBRARY, 151 ABBOTT ST

FESTIVAL HQ STAGE*

NIGHTLY | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

HOW WE RELATE Yalanji Arts Exhibition

10.00AM TILL LATE | COURT HOUSE GALLERY

AN EXTENSION OF MYSELF Thomas Chen Exhibition

10.00AM TILL LATE | COURT HOUSE GALLERY

REEF EYE

10.00AM - 10.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE



*except Sat 26 Aug

FRI 25 AUG

ROALD DAHL'S THE TWITS

10.00AM & 6.00PM | CPAC THEATRE

Tickets sold through [ticketlink](#)
1300 855 835 | [ticketlink.com.au](#)

FESTIVAL HQ STAGE

4.30PM - 9.00PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

STRING SYMPHONY

By Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

5.00PM, 6.30PM, 7.40PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, LAGOON PLAZA

FLAMINGOS

By Dead Puppet Society

5.15PM - 5.45PM | CPAC FOYER

7.15PM - 7.45PM | TANKS ARTS CENTRE

8.15PM - 8.45PM | ESPLANADE MAIN STAGE

9.45PM - 10.15PM | TANKS ARTS CENTRE

ROVING
PUPPETS

MAIN STAGE

5.45PM - 9.30PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, WESTERN EVENTS LAWN

BOLSTER & LEE

The Knock 'Em Downs

FROM 5.45PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

GULGI-BARRA

By Miriki Performing Arts

6.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, EASTERN EVENTS LAWN

WORLD
PREMIERE

HIGHER FASTER LOUDER

By Marilyn Marsh Booth & Jute Theatre Company

7.30PM | BUMLBA-JA THEATRE, 96 ABBOTT STREET | [JUTE.COM.AU/HFL](#)

HOT & HEAVY

By The Ironing Maidens

8.00PM | TANKS ARTS CENTRE, TANK 3

WORLD
PREMIERE

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ELIZA & THE DELUSIONALS

8.30PM | ESPLANADE MAIN STAGE

GULGI-BARRA



SAT 26 AUG

STRING SYMPHONY

By Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

10.00AM, 11.10AM, 4.00PM, 7.30PM, 8.40PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, LAGOON PLAZA

SONAR SO FAR

10.30AM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, CLERK'S ROOM

GULGI-BARRA

By Miriki Performing Arts

12.30PM & 5.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, EASTERN EVENTS LAWN

WORLD
PREMIERE

MAIN STAGE

1.00PM - 9.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, WESTERN EVENTS LAWN

AEROBATIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY

4.30PM - 5.30PM* | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

GRAND PARADE

5.30PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

FLAMINGOS

By Dead Puppet Society

6.00PM - 6.30PM, 7.00PM - 7.30PM, 8.00PM - 8.30PM,
9.00PM - 9.30PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

ROVING
PUPPETS

REEF LIGHTS - WHERE THE RAINFOEST MEETS THE REEF

6.30PM - 10.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

CITY LIGHTS

7.00PM - 11.00PM | CAIRNS CITY LIBRARY, 151 ABBOTT ST

HIGHER FASTER LOUDER

By Marilyn Marsh Booth & Jute Theatre Company

7.30PM | BUMLBA-JA THEATRE, 96 ABBOTT STREET | JUTE.COM.AU/HFL

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

7.30PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

ELECTRIK LEMONADE

7.45PM | ESPLANADE MAIN STAGE

*15 min display between 4.30pm - 5.30pm
(dependent on air traffic)



SUN 27 AUG

SONAR SO FAR

10.00AM & 12.00PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, CLERK'S ROOM

STRING SYMPHONY

By Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

10.30AM, 11.40AM, 5.00PM, 6.30PM, 7.40PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, LAGOON PLAZA

HOT & HEAVY

By The Ironing Maidens

1.00PM | TANKS ARTS CENTRE, TANK 3

WORLD
PREMIERE

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MAIN STAGE

2.00PM - 6.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, WESTERN EVENTS LAWN

FESTIVAL HQ STAGE

4.00PM - 8.00PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

BOLSTER & LEE

The Knock 'Em Downs

FROM 4.45PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

GULGI-BARRA

By Miriki Performing Arts

6.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, EASTERN EVENTS LAWN

WORLD
PREMIERE

FLAMINGOS

By Dead Puppet Society

6.00PM - 6.30PM, 7.00PM - 7.30PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY
8.00PM - 8.30PM, 9.00PM - 9.30PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

ROVING
PUPPETS

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CITY LIGHTS

7.00PM - 11.00PM | CAIRNS CITY LIBRARY, 151 ABBOTT ST



MON 28 AUG

STRING SYMPHONY

By Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

10.00AM, 11.10AM, 5.30PM, 7.00PM, 8.30PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, LAGOON PLAZA

FESTIVAL HQ STAGE

5.00PM - 8.45PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

BOLSTER & LEE

The Knock 'Em Downs

5.45PM - 9.00PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

REEF LIGHTS - WHERE THE RAINFOREST MEETS THE REEF

6.30PM - 10.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

CITY LIGHTS

7.00PM - 11.00PM | CAIRNS CITY LIBRARY, 151 ABBOTT ST

LAUGHING HEART COMEDY

7.00PM | THREE WOLVES, 32 ABBOTT ST

[EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/E/169942706209](https://eventbrite.com.au/e/169942706209)

STRING SYMPHONY



CITY LIGHTS



TUE 29 AUG

FESTIVAL HQ STAGE

5.00PM - 8.45PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

BOLSTER & LEE

The Knock 'Em Downs

5.45PM - 9.00PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

REEF LIGHTS - WHERE THE RAINFOREST MEETS THE REEF

6.30PM - 10.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

LIGHT MOVES - BY BONEMAP*

6.30PM, 7.30PM & 8.30PM | LAKE PLACID RECREATIONAL RESERVE, BARRON GORGE

HIGHER FASTER LOUDER

By Marilyn Marsh Booth & Jute Theatre Company

6.30PM | BUMLBA-JA THEATRE, 96 ABBOTT STREET | JUTE.COM.AU/HFL

CITY LIGHTS

7.00PM - 11.00PM | CAIRNS CITY LIBRARY, 151 ABBOTT ST



LIGHT MOVES



BOLSTER & LEE

**Important - arrive 15 minutes prior show start time.*

WED 30 AUG

FESTIVAL HQ STAGE

5.00PM - 8.45PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

BOLSTER & LEE

The Knock 'Em Downs

5.45PM - 9.00PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

GULGI-BARRA

By Miriki Performing Arts

6.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE, EASTERN EVENTS LAWN

WORLD
PREMIERE

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6.30PM | BUMLBA-JA THEATRE, 96 ABBOTT STREET | JUTE.COM.AU/HFL

REEF LIGHTS - WHERE THE RAINFOREST MEETS THE REEF

6.30PM - 10.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

CITY LIGHTS

7.00PM - 11.00PM | CAIRNS CITY LIBRARY, 151 ABBOTT ST



THU 31 AUG

HIGHER FASTER LOUDER

By Marilyn Marsh Booth & Jute Theatre Company

11.00AM & 7.30PM | BUMBLBA-JA THEATRE,
96 ABBOTT STREET | JUTE.COM.AU/HFL

FESTIVAL HQ STAGE

5.00PM - 8.45PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

REEF LIGHTS - WHERE THE RAINFOREST MEETS THE REEF

6.30PM - 10.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

CITY LIGHTS

7.00PM - 11.00PM | CAIRNS CITY LIBRARY, 151 ABBOTT ST

CUB SPORT

Jesus at the Gay Bar

7.30PM | TANKS ARTS CENTRE, TANK 5

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CUB SPORT



For more information
on all events see
[cairnsfest.com.au](#)



FRI 1 SEP

FESTIVAL HQ STAGE

5.00PM - 9.00PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

BOLSTER & LEE

The Knock 'Em Downs

5.45PM - 9.00PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

MOVING PICTURE NIGHTS - BLUEBACK

6.00PM | NORMAN PARK, GORDONVALE

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6.30PM - 10.00PM | CAIRNS ESPLANADE

CITY LIGHTS

7.00PM - 11.00PM | CAIRNS CITY LIBRARY, 151 ABBOTT ST

SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR

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7.30PM | CPAC THEATRE

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HIGHER FASTER LOUDER

By Marilyn Marsh Booth & Jute Theatre Company

7.30PM | BUMLBA-JA THEATRE, 96 ABBOTT STREET | [JUTE.COM.AU/HFL](https://www.jute.com.au/hfl)

BITE CLUB

8.00PM | TANKS ARTS CENTRE, TANK 3

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SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR



BITE CLUB



SAT 2 SEP

FESTIVAL HQ STAGE

5.00PM - 8.45PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

JAZZ UNDER THE STARS

5.30PM | CAIRNS BOTANIC GARDENS, FLECKER LAWN

BOLSTER & LEE

The Knock 'Em Downs

5.45PM - 9.00PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

THE JUNGLE GIANTS

6.30PM | MUNRO MARTIN PARKLANDS

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BITE CLUB

8.00PM | TANKS ARTS CENTRE, TANK 3

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THE JUNGLE GIANTS



SUN 3 SEP

CARNIVAL ON COLLINS

9.00AM - 3.00PM | TANKS ARTS CENTRE,
CAIRNS BOTANIC GARDENS & GREENSLOPES STREET

FESTIVAL HQ STAGE

3.00PM - 7.30PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

BOLSTER & LEE

The Knock 'Em Downs

4.45PM - 8.00PM | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, FRONT LAWN

QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Barton meets Tchaikovsky

6.00PM | CPAC THEATRE

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CITY LIGHTS

7.00PM - 11.00PM | CAIRNS CITY LIBRARY, 151 ABBOTT ST

QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



CARNIVAL ON COLLINS



COURT HOUSE GALLERY LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL HQ MUSIC STAGE

FRI 25 AUG OPENING

4.30PM | WELCOME TO COUNTRY
5.00PM | BRISCOE SISTERS
6.00PM | NAYGAYIW GIGI DANCE TROUPE
7.00PM | KOAHLITION FEAT. DJAWARRAY
8.00PM | MAU POWER

SUN 27 AUG CULTURAL

4.00PM | TOSHI SAKAMOTO
4.45PM | MARK SARTORI
5.30PM | KLARE KUOLGA
6.15PM | BRODEN TYRELL
7.15PM | NEIL MURRAY

MON 28 AUG FOLK ACOUSTIC

5.00PM | SUNBIRD TRIO
5.45PM | MIKE TOMKINSON
6.30PM | ANAIS CAMPBELL
7.15PM | TULLARA
8.00PM | CINNAMON SUN

TUE 29 AUG CHICKS TO THE FRONT

5.00PM | POETIC CHAOS
5.45PM | TENNI
6.30PM | DANIELLE DAVIS
7.15PM | AMBER FARNAN
8.00PM | TESSA DEVINE

WED 30 AUG REGGAE/ROOTS

5.00PM | YIRGJHILYA
6.00PM | VIVIEN AISI
7.00PM | ROB HOWE & THE GUILLOTINES
8.00PM | MANUKA

THU 31 AUG HEAVY HITTERS

5.00PM | HIDDEN PILLARS
6.00PM | THE ZEPHYRBEES
7.00PM | THE BRAZILIANS
8.00PM | ELKO FIELDS

FRI 1 SEP BLUESY

5.00PM | BENNY & THE CLONES
5.45PM | AURELLE BRUNJES + BAND
6.30PM | RACONTEURS
7.15PM | THE JOKER POKERS
8.15PM | COLD WATER BAND

SAT 2 SEP SALSA VIBES

5.00PM | HOOLIA
6.00PM | LOS CARACOLES
7.00PM | THE AMAZONAS

SUN 3 SEP FINAL DAY FUNK

3.00PM | KATANAK
4.00PM | MISS V
5.00PM | IZY
6.30PM | HARRY ANGUS DUO

HARRY ANGUS



ELKO FIELDS



ESPLANADE MAIN STAGE

FRI 25 - SUN 27 AUG

FRI 25 AUG

5.45PM | MADAM MANANA

6.30PM | WATER STREETS

7.30PM | BOY OF MANY COLOURS

8.30PM | ELIZA & THE

DELUSIONALS

SAT 26 AUG

1.15PM | MISS TEE

1.55PM | ABI & HOLLY MUIR

2.40PM | LADY VALIANT

3.40PM | HYLIDAE

4.45PM | PHAT LOVE

7.45 | ELECTRIK LEMONADE

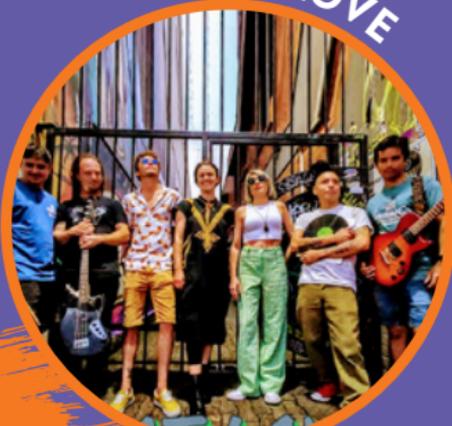
SUN 27 AUG - INTRODUCING...

CAIRNS FESTIVAL CONTINUES TO LAUNCH THE NEXT GENERATION OF TALENT WITH INTRODUCING... FEATURING THE VERY BEST EMERGING MUSICIANS. THIS YEAR'S STAGE IS HEADLINED BY LOCAL UP-AND-COMING STAR JELLY OSHEN AND FORMER FLAME MENTEE, TENNI.

ELIZA & THE DELUSIONALS



PHAT LOVE



ELECTRIK LEMONADE



EXHIBITIONS

AN EXTENSION OF MYSELF

Thomas Chen

UNTIL SUN 3 SEP | COURT HOUSE GALLERY, CLERK'S ROOM

HOW WE RELATE

by Yalanji Arts

UNTIL SUN 3 SEP | COURT HOUSE GALLERY

ENERGY 2023

WED 30 AUG - MON 2 OCT | TANKS ARTS CENTRE, TANK 4

REFRAME

QLD Regional Art Awards

SAT 2 - SUN 24 SEP | BOTANIC GARDENS VISITOR CENTRE



Jennifer's Body,
painting by Emily Zagata
Woree State High School
Yr 12 2022



The Duality of Mankind as I feed the lion / as I tame the lion
(detail), digital c-type print by Thomas Chen 2022