

QUEENSLAND: A MUSICAL DESTINATION

The simple fact that Queensland has produced bands as wildly different as The Saints and Savage Garden is a testament to the state's greatest asset...its diversity. One of Australia's geographically largest states, Queensland is a melting pot of cultural influences ranging from the beautiful music of its rich Indigenous custodians to the world fusion of recent arrivals to the country with everything in between. While much of the music industry is located in the South-East corner (around the capital Brisbane), Queensland's regional centres are emerging as hot beds for contemporary music. But for now, the bulk of the state's musical output centres in and around Brisbane which is now regarded as one of the country's great incubators for new music. Thriving on a fusion of styles, Queensland has become a state where anything goes and embraces just about any style of music, from folk to hardcore punk. That not only means the state's artists are among the country's most exciting, it makes Queensland a perfect destination for any touring musician.

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Q Music is Queensland's peak body for the contemporary Music Industry. It develops, services, and represents all sectors of the Queensland contemporary music industry on national and international levels.

As a state-wide network. Q Music also produces one of the country's largest music industry conferences – *Big Sound* which will this year be staged from July 5 to 9.

TOP FESTIVALS

BIG DAY OUT (www.bigdayout.com.au)

The country's biggest music festival The Big Day Out swings into the Gold Coast each January with line-ups featuring some of the world's biggest names and the country's best emerging bands.

THE WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL (www.woodfordfolkfestival.com.au)

27th Dec '05 – 1st Jan '06

Staged over six days in the bush north-west of Brisbane, Woodford is a world class event covering everything from traditional folk music to experimental electronica.

VALLEY FIESTA (www.valleyfiesta.com)

8th – 11th July '05
Featuring a predominantly local line-up, this three-day event is arguably the biggest showcase of Queensland's contemporary music covering hip hop, funk, folk and indie rock.

NATIONAL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER (www.muster.com.au)

The Muster is a spectacular celebration of country music in Australia with 12 on-site venues featuring country, blues, bush poets, bluegrass, talent search, country dance, a wine bar/restaurant and kids country.

FESTIVAL MUSICAIRNS (www.musicairns.com)

September '05: Dates TBC
Tropical North Queensland delivers a diverse program of contemporary music events, and cultural activity across 3 weeks in September each year.

QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL (www.queenslandmusicfestival.com.au)

15th – 31st July '05
The Queensland Music Festival is an initiative of the Queensland State Government and has become the largest music festival in Australia and geographically the largest in the world. It encompasses regional, remote and metropolitan communities throughout Queensland.

HOT MUSIC SITES IN QUEENSLAND

- Brisbane (State Capital)
- The Gold Coast
- The Sunshine Coast
- Cairns
- Townsville

VENUES

BRISBANE POWERHOUSE CENTRE FOR LIVE ARTS (www.brisbanepowerhouse.org)

Any style of music from jazz, experimental, contemporary pop / rock etc. Many venues under one roof.

RIC'S BAR, Brisbane (www.ricsbar.com.au)

Ric's hosts live music or DJs seven nights and covers everything from rock to pop to hip-hop to folk and all styles of electronica.

THE ZOO, Brisbane (www.thezoo.com.au)

Arguably Brisbane's most respected venue, The Zoo has a 450 capacity and will book just about any style of music.

THE TIVOLI, Brisbane (thetivoli.com.au)

The Tivoli is undoubtedly the most beautiful venue in Brisbane that can host 600 seated cabaret style, 900 standing. Excellent for intimate shows with world class acts.

THE REV, Brisbane (www.therev.com.au)

The recently renovated Rev is in the heart of Brisbane's Fortitude Valley and has become

a magnet for national and international touring acts.

THE ARENA, Brisbane

Holding over 1000 people, this is a room for hire that plays host to bands of any genre.

THE TROCCADERO ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, Surfers Paradise

Located in the heart of the Gold Coast, The Troccadero has multiple rooms and books all styles of bands.

CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE (www.cairnsconvention.com.au)

Largest capacity venue in North Queensland. Rated top 10 in the world 3 years running by convention centre standards and a great place to end a gruelling tour with some relaxation.

THE TANKS, Cairns (www.cairns.qld.gov.au/council/ services/tanks_art_centre)

Tank's is an inspiring multi use facility for exhibitions, performances and group functions. This historic World War II site houses three oil tanks that have been transformed into a unique community arts centre.

SURFING QUEENSLAND

www.qmusic.com.au

This site includes major industry news, resources and contact details for the industry across Queensland and is an excellent starting point for everything from booking tours to finding key industry contacts.

www.brispop.com

The core of this site is a ever-growing database of Brisbane-based bands but also includes a comprehensive resources section with venues, labels, etc.

www.timeoff.com.au

Online version of the city's oldest street press, Time Off features news, reviews and an active message board community.

www.sceneonline.com.au

Scene is the state's premier street magazine focussing on the booming dance scene.

www.ravemag.com.au

Another online version of a street magazine, Rave has news, reviews and industry news.

www.tsunamimag.com

Tsunami is the principal music press on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts.

www.4zzfm.org.au

Website for the local community radio station which is a central part of the musical landscape in Brisbane.

WHO'S FROM QUEENSLAND?

The Saints, The Bee Gees, Savage Garden, Powderfinger, Regurgitator, The Go Betweens, Sekiden, Seaman Dan, The News Boys, Keith Urban.

WHAT'S NEW OUT OF QUEENSLAND?

Kicks, The 9th Wave, Intercooler, George, Giants of Science, The Boat People, The Grates, The Tremors, Vegas Kings, Charles Foster Kane, The Gin Club, Brindle, Butterfingers, The Butterfly Effect, Japunga, Afro Dizzi Act, Iron On, Hot Rubber Glove,

Guy Webster, Women In Docs, Screamfeeder, Peachfish, Death:WOLF, MIZ, Bure, Nebo, Polyvinyl, DOCH, Glasshouse, Kooii, Kristy Apps, Mexico City, Red Paintings, Stringmansassy, Genshen, Nightstick, Gentle Ben and His Sensitive Side, Pty Ltd, The Red Letters, Lancaster, Pete Murray, Tonjip, Sean Sennett, Asa Broomhall, Halfway, Shifter, Daisy Cutters, Daybridges, Gorgeous, Melanie George, Tonjip, Rollerball, Shifter, Speedst*r.

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BARIA RECORDS

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103 RECORDS

www.brispop.com

HYDROFUNK

www.hydrofunk.com.au

DEW PROCESS

www.dew-process.com

MODERN MUSIC

www.modernmusic.com.au

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