2016 ARIA WEEK PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

ARIA Week returns in 2016 celebrating its biggest line up ever

Featuring 4 sold out Crowded House shows at the iconic Sydney Opera House

Legendary music industry icon Barry Weiss confirmed as keynote speaker at the ARIA Week Masterclass
ARIA Week returns to Sydney for the sixth year from today until December 2 with its biggest and most dynamic and diverse line-up yet. ARIA Week presents a program of special one-off gigs, showcases, conferences and events taking place in and around Sydney in celebration of Australian music coinciding with the 2016 ARIA Awards Presented By Telstra.

Presented in partnership with the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW, ARIA Week will once again see Sydney and NSW abuzz with the very best new artists and ground-breaking music industry conferences, showcasing the wealth of talent and opportunity the Australian music scene has to offer.

Legendary music industry icon Barry Weiss is confirmed for a keynote interview with Richard Wilkins at the invitation-only ARIA Masterclass on Tuesday, November 22 at the Telstra Customer Insight Centre, Sydney.

Barry Weiss served as Chairman and CEO of The Island Def Jam Music Group, Universal Republic Records, RCA/Jive Label Group and Co-Founder/Partner in new label RECORDS. Weiss is best known as an important force in the careers of global superstars Britney Spears, Backstreet Boys, ‘N Sync, among numerous others.

ARIA CEO, Dan Rosen said:

"ARIA is delighted to welcome Barry Weiss to Sydney as the keynote speaker for this year’s ARIA Masterclass. With more than 35 years in the business, Barry has been at the forefront of the global music industry. He is a multidimensional executive, who has an incredibly successful track record in cultivating the careers of premier artists. It will be great to hear some of the unique insights he has gathered from his many years working in our industry."

NSW Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events Stuart Ayres, said:

"ARIA Week returns to Sydney with an incredible showcase of Australian artists. This year the program is bigger than ever before and features breakthrough acts like Peking Duk through to legendary performers Crowded House. There’s something for everyone and a true celebration of Australian music."

Sydney venues can become an official part of the ARIA Week program by registering their shows on the ARIA Week website.
www.ariaawards.com.au/aria-week/register-gig. Registered shows will be added to the list of official gigs on the ARIA Week website.

The ARIA Awards and ARIA Week are proudly supported by the NSW Government, through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW.

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ARIA WEEK PROGRAM | AT A GLANCE

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Studios 301 90th Anniversary Celebrations @ Studios 301, Alexandria

This year our annual Producers BBQ turns into our 90th anniversary celebrations, held at our studios in Alexandria. At the event we will be honouring legendary producer/engineer, Richard Lush, with the 2016 Producer Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Studios 301 & Audio Technology Magazine. We will also exclusively unveil the full details of our new multimillion-dollar, state-of-the-art recording facility, due to open in 2017. The night will feature special music performances by Gideon Benson and a DJ set by The Delta Riggs. Food and drinks provided.

Tickets: Invitation only

Nova’s Red Room: ARIA Edition with Peking Duk powered by Crust @ The Red Box, Lilyfield

ARIA Award Winning DJ Duo Peking Duk are next to hit the stage in Nova’s Red Room on Thursday 17th November.

Peking Duk will be performing all their hits ‘High’, ‘Say My Name’ and ‘Take Me Over’ to 500 fans at the Red Box in Lilyfield, all thanks to Crust.

Every Nova’s Red Room gives you your unique money can’t buy experience with the world’s biggest artists and this will be no exception.

Time: 8pm-11pm

Tickets: SOLD OUT

Friday, November 18

Dead Galaxy @ Tiny Tailor Gallery, Chippendale

After a long 5 years preparing and constructing 100 artworks in limbo I'd like announce "BRAIN WASHED - 100 ALBUM COVERS OF THE FUTURE" Exhibition @ Tiny Tailor Gallery from November 18 - 26th.
Please come down & check out the 100 collages! There’s also a limited edition hard covered LP size book featuring the 100 artworks published by the Cool Accidents peeps!

Tickets: Free [https://www.facebook.com/events/1067883299999945/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1067883299999945/)

**HOLY HOLY Darwinism Tour @ The Metro, Sydney**

HOLY HOLY will perform at The Metro, Sydney as part of ARIA Week to celebrate the release of their brand new single 'Darwinism', the first single lifted from their highly anticipated sophomore record, set for release in 2017.

HOLY HOLY will be supported by I Know Leopard and Alex L'Estrange

HOLY HOLY had a huge 2015 which featured the release of their debut album 'When The Storms Would Come', a remarkable collection of songs which debuted at #11 on the ARIA charts and several sold out tours.

Time: Alex L'Estrange - 8.30, I Know Leopard - 9.30, HOLY HOLY - 10.30


**Sunday, November 20**

**APRA AMCOS In Conversation ‘Smash Hits: ‘80s – NOW!’ feat. Jenny Morris, Kasey Chambers and Alex Hope @ Cell Block Theatre, National Arts School, Darlinghurst**

Take a journey through multiple decades of hit making with award-winning songwriters Jenny Morris, Kasey Chambers and Alex Hope.

With all three music creators at different stages in their careers, Chit Chat leads a discussion on what it takes to write music that inspires, connects and endures.

The event celebrates 30 years of the ARIA Awards and 90 years of APRA AMCOS in an enlightening exploration of pop music with three remarkable songwriters.

Time: 5pm-7pm

Tickets: FREE for APRA AMCOS members, $10 for non-members

Tuesday, November 22

ARIA Masterclass @ Telstra Customer Insight Centre, Sydney

Keynote Interview with Barry Weiss

And panel topics including:

What will the music industry look like in 30 years? Hosted by Asam Spencer

Making Music Cities

Digital Content Convergence

Over 30 speakers have been invited to join the 2016 ARIA Masterclass.

Time: 9am - 1pm

Tickets: Invitation Only

Rare Finds & Sailor Jerry Present Gideon Benson, Slumberhaze, Ivey | Sparrows and The Griswolds DJ's @ OAF Gallery Bar

As a part of paying homage to the ARIA awards 30th anniversary, Sydney-based boutique PR and management agency Rare Finds are excited to announce their official ARIA Week event, to be held at OAF Gallery Bar on Friday 25th of November - presented by Sailor Jerry.

Headlining will be prolific Sydney-based musician Gideon Bensen, who will be joined by local stalwarts Slumberhaze, indie-rock upstarts IVEY and experimental-electronica songstress, Sparrows.

On Gideon Bensen’s debut solo EP “Cold Cold Heart,” Bensen has drawn up a veritable treasure map for music fans who grew up obsessing over their favourite albums and artists. The record has been widely embraced by tastemakers including triple j, BBC, Clash UK and Rolling Stone. The ex-guitarist of The Preatures has also been keeping busy in the live arena, having recently completing a national tour with The Delta Riggs

Possessing a creativity that is expansive and boundless, Slumberhaze influences range from David Bowie to Outkast. The band will be launching their new single ‘Silence’, which is the first release since their highly
acclaimed ‘Rhyme, Rhythm & Romance EP Trilogy which spawned singles Cool Don't Stop, Nothing Buy You and Neon Demon - all of which gained strong radio support - including triple j and double j rotation.

Gold Coast-based indie-pop sweethearts, IVEY will be launching their new single ‘Last Week’. The group first turned heads in 2015 after receiving national airplay from triple j as part of the Unearthed High Competition. The group have also supported the likes of British India, Art of Sleeping, The Delta Riggs, Tired Lion and The Belligerents.

New Sydney-based producer / vocalist, Sparrows recently unveiled her completely self-produced and recorded single ‘Get To Know You’. The track has been supported by the likes of triple j, MTV, Yen, Spotify, community radio and a slew of worldwide tastemaker blogs.

One of Australia’s most celebrated indie-pop groups, The Griswolds will be spinning records on the night.

Rare Finds ARIA Week party will be held at OAF Gallery in Darlinghurst. Entry is free via RSVP @ www.rare-finds.com.au/rsvp and subject to venue capacity.


Time: 8pm - 11pm

5 Seeds presents “Fight For Your Right” #IRL feat. Basenji, Just A Gent and Luke Million @ Oxford Arts Factory, Darlinghurst

5 SEEDS are throwing a FREE fully immersive party at Oxford Arts Factory on November 22 with Just A Gent, Basenji and Luke Million, to bring to life one history’s greatest party starter tunes, “(You Gotta) Fight For Your Right (To Party)”.

Partnering with Universal Music Australia’s creative agency BRING, 5SEEDS are letting guests step inside this iconic track and its equally as iconic music video, with a series of immersive sets and one of the country’s most epic electronic lineups.

RSVP to the FREE PARTY here: https://www.5seeds.com.au/irlparty/

Times: Luke Million - 8:30pm, Just A Gent - 9:30pm, Basenji - 10:30pm
In Stereo @ Giant Dwarf Theatre, Redfern

If you were to ask Australia’s teen girl population, In Stereo is the hottest act in the country right now!

The trio, who command an online fan base numbering well into the hundreds of thousands, have taken Australia by storm. With the success of their recent touring and chart success and with shows selling out in only minutes, it is obvious that for these Sydney teens the ride has only just begun!

With teen bible Dolly Magazine naming the boys “The Hottest Boy Band Around Right Now”, In Stereo are sure to make this sold out show as part of ARIA Week celebrations one to remember.

Time: 5pm - 8pm

Tickets: SOLD OUT in under 30 seconds

Thursday, November 24 - Sunday, November 27

Crowded House @ Sydney Opera House Forecourt

On November 24, 1996, Crowded House said Farewell to the World with a celebrated concert held on the steps of the iconic Sydney Opera House. This November, almost 20 years to the day, they return to that iconic space to celebrate their induction into the ARIA Hall Of Fame at the 2016 ARIA Awards.

With four SOLD OUT shows on the steps of the iconic Sydney Opera House this November, it is clear that Australia’s and the world’s love affair with Crowded House, which started 30 years ago, has not only stood the test of time but continues to grow.

Time: from 7pm

Tickets: SOLD OUT

Friday, November 25

AUSTRALIAN MADE: 30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION EXCLUSIVE SCREENING FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY @ 40 Event Cinemas and Village Cinemas

30 years ago, two significant moments in Australian music industry history
arrived out of a passion for Australian contemporary music.

The first was the inaugural ARIA Awards in 1986. The second was the staging of a major series of outdoor festivals in the summer of 1986/87 under the banner AUSTRALIAN MADE. They were both ambitious ideas borne out of a frustration for the lack of respect for, and recognition of, our country’s musicians.

To celebrate this milestone, AUSTRALIAN MADE: 30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION will screen exclusively at 40 Event Cinemas and Village Cinemas on Friday, 25 November for one night only. Click here to view the official trailer - www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yXWIvSITI4.

Both events back in 1987 not only broke the rules, they forever changed the perception about how we, as a country, viewed our place on the world stage when it came to music.

Acclaimed director Richard Lowenstein and a 50-strong film crew captured the on-stage performances and backstage camaraderie between artists for production of a feature film of the Australian Made Tour.

AUSTRALIAN MADE was a critical and box-office success when it was first-released nationally in July 1987.

Academy Award® winner Jill Billcock was responsible for the rapid-fire editing, with music production by the legendary Mark Opitz, who’d previously collaborated with AUSTRALIAN MADE producer John McLean on Cold Chisel’s Last Stand - the country’s first theatrically-released rock film.

Saturday, November 26

HOPE ROCKS @ Hope Estate, Hunter Valley

Music, food and wine – they go hand-in-hand and there are few things more pleasurable than experiencing them all at once. HOPE ROCKS will be a super filled evening with some of Australia’s most well-loved bands gracing the stage: Baby Animals, The Screaming Jets, Ian Moss, Richard Clapton, The Superjesus, Dragon and Choir Boys. HOPE ROCKS will take place at one of NSW most picturesque outdoor concert venues and be a spectacular night. Says Suze DeMarchi of Baby Animals “We are thrilled to be a part of the first ever HOPE ROCKS festival. We love a great outdoor gig and what better than to partner that with some fine wine and a picturesque location… it’s a win win”.

MTV Beats & Eats festival featuring Steve Aoki, Savage, Tigerlily, Paces, Didier Cohen, Throttle, MAALA and Cutloose, @ Stuart Park, Wollongong

If you’re kicking yourself for missing MTV’s inaugural MTV Beats & Eats festival last year then we’ve got some bloody good news for you. We’re stoked to announce that our epic music event is coming back this year on Saturday 26 November!

We’ll be hitting up a new location, bringing the summertime festival vibes to Stuart Park in Wollongong with a line-up of local and international acts, as well as the best eats in town for you to froth on.

For tickets and more info, head to: www.mtv.com.au/beatsandeats

Maniacs + UNFD Present: The New Noise featuring Ocean Grove, our Past Days, Harbours and more @ The Metro: The Lair

The New Noise 2016 is a FREE ALL AGES event that will showcase Australia’s most exciting up and coming heavy bands at The Lair in Sydney on Saturday November 26. Coinciding with ARIA Week 2016, the inaugural New Noise 2016 will kick off with Ocean Grove, Our Past Days, Harbours, Diamond Construct, Arteries and Ghosts on Broadway.

Presented by UNFD, Maniacs and ARIA Week, The New Noise 2016 will feature as part of ARIA Week, which returns to Sydney from November 18 in its dynamic and diverse fifth year with the biggest lineup yet. ARIA Week presents a program of gigs, showcases, conferences and events taking place in and around Sydney in celebration of Australian music in the lead-up to the 2016 ARIA Awards.

The New Noise 2016 is a FREE all ages event held at The Lair (Metro Theatre) in Sydney. The event has SOLD OUT.

Time: 3pm - 7pm

Tickets: SOLD OUT in under 30 minutes

Anatomy Class - Album Launch @ Oxford Art Factory (Gallery Bar), Darlinghurst

Join Anatomy Class at the launch of their debut album, 'Tell Me What You
See’ for a night of indie-rock action, killer tunes and great vibes at the Oxford Art Factory on Saturday 26th November. With special guests Spidering.

Time: 8pm - 11pm


Monday, November 28 - Friday, December 2

Electronic Music Conference @ Ivy Ballroom, Sydney

EMC and EMCPlay will also be a key part of ARIA Week 2016 this Nov 28—Dec 2. Each year, EMC attracts hundreds of thought and business leaders, artists, delegates and aspiring DJs and producers to Sydney for a range of keynotes, panels, networking sessions, masterclasses, showcases, parties and more led by the likes of Alison Wonderland, Amsterdam’s Night Mayor Mirik Milan, Jimmy Edgar, Nick HP (Majestic Casual), Nina Las Vegas plus more. By night, EMCPlay will showcase some of the most exciting emerging electronic music artists, playing alongside Australia’s electronic music heroes, from the iconic to the most buzz-worthy acts of the year. For the first time this year, the inthemix Awards will take place in EMC week, with the results set to be announced on Thursday December 1 at a gala dinner in the Ivy Ballroom.

EMC PREMIUM tickets include the inthemix gala awards dinner.

Tickets: from $118 @ [http://electronicmusicconference.com/buy-tickets](http://electronicmusicconference.com/buy-tickets)

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