



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Festival of Small Halls Announces Spring Tour 2018**

Acclaimed Canadian multi-instrumentalists [Madison Violet](#) and rising Kimberley star [Harry Jakamarra](#) will join the [Festival of Small Halls](#) tour this Spring, playing 20 community halls across outback Queensland and New South Wales throughout October and November.

Produced by [Woodfordia Inc.](#), and in partnership with the [Queenscliff Music Festival](#), Festival of Small Halls is a locally driven music tour bringing high-quality, live, original music to small towns across Australia since 2013.

Producer Eleanor Rigden said running the tour as a not-for-profit organisation under the wing of Australia's largest folk festival promoter enables them to "bring in the best contemporary folk artists, who would otherwise struggle to tour these regions."

"From our farmlands to the flood lands, the rainforests to the outback, the towns that are a bit off the beaten track tend to be left off big tours, which means regional folk are missing out."

"We are passionate about changing that, and by developing the tour hand-in-hand with communities, trusting in their expert knowledge of these diverse and widespread areas."

"It's especially fantastic to be empowering regional communities in partnership with such major Australian festivals like Queenscliff Music Festival, Mullum Music Festival, Woodford Folk Festival, the National Folk Festival and Port Fairy Folk Festival who work with us to make it possible," said Ms Rigden.

The Festival of Small Halls Spring Tour kicks off in Rocky Creek, one of the tiniest towns in Australia with a population of less than 100. It will dip into inland New South Wales before it works its way through the Queensland outback, finally finishing in Felton, where just under 300 people call home.

All artists on this year's tour are seasoned performers looking forward to the intimacy of playing a regional tour.

Madison Violet are musical chameleons. Their voices blend together, symbiotically, like family as if they were born to sing the same songs. And over the past decade and a half, the pair have taken to genre-bending, moving effortlessly from folk to pop to electronic to Americana. The Juno-nominated duo met in Toronto in 1999, only to find out that their fathers sat next to each other in high school, nearly 2000 kms away.

A "Mad Max" of the Kimberley, Harry Jakamarra is one of Australia's most-talked about musicians. He has recently completed recording an EP with the legendary Jeff Lang, and counts Missy Higgins and John Butler amongst his fans. Harry is packing his brother Elwood in his suitcase for an extra-special show between two brothers.

He's looking forward to being part of the largest regionally-dedicated music tour in Australia.

"It's exciting to be a part of such an age old tradition. The music I have always loved and played was born in small halls, from a culture of community," said Harry.

Now in its sixth year, the Festival of Small Halls Spring Tour will take in 20 regional towns across outback Queensland and New South Wales before the Summer Tour kicks off at the Mullum Music Festival in November 2018.

Tickets go on sale Thursday 16 August from [festivalofsmallhalls.com](http://festivalofsmallhalls.com) and selected outlets

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Wednesday, Oct-24	Rocky Creek, QLD	Rocky Creek Hall
Thursday, Oct-25	Mallanganee, NSW	Mallanganee Memorial Hall
Friday, Oct-26	Jiggi, NSW	Jiggi School of Arts
Saturday, Oct-27	Moonie, QLD	Moonie Sports Club
Sunday, Oct-28	Peranga, QLD	Peranga Hall
Wednesday, Oct-31	Wallumbilla, QLD	Wallumbilla Memorial Hall
Thursday, Nov-01	Clermont, QLD	Clermont Civic Centre
Friday, Nov-02	Alpha, QLD	Alpha Town Hall
Saturday, Nov-03	Jericho, QLD	Jericho Town Hall
Sunday, Nov-04	Barcaldine, QLD	Barcaldine Town Hall
Tuesday, Nov-6	Aramac, QLD	Aramac Town Hall
Wednesday, Nov-7	Muttaburra, QLD	Muttaburra RSL Hall
Thursday, Nov-8	Moranbah, QLD	Moranbah Arts Centre
Saturday, Nov-10	Georgetown, QLD	Etheridge Shire Hall
Sunday, Nov-11	Dimbulah, QLD	Dimbulah Hall
Wednesday, Nov-14	Nebo, QLD	Nebo Memorial Hall
Thursday, Nov-15	Ilbilbie, QLD	Ilbilbie Community Centre
Friday, Nov-16	Goovigen, QLD	Goovigen Community Hall
Saturday, Nov-17	Kalpouar, QLD	Kalpouar Hall
Sunday, Nov-18	Felton, QLD	Felton Hall

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