

Festival of Small Halls Announces

Queensland Spring Tour 2021

Featuring Darren Hanlon and Kelly Brouhaha



Festival of Small Halls has announced that **Darren Hanlon** and **Kelly Brouhaha** will be the guests of fifteen communities on October's **Queensland Spring Tour 2021**.

Presented by veteran festival producers **Woodfordia Inc.**, the twenty-third edition of the much-loved not-for-profit music tour is taking on a fifteen-stop tour schedule with one of Australia's most well-loved singer songwriters, **Darren Hanlon**, and folk-blues powerhouse **Kelly Brouhaha**.

'This Western Queensland Tour is the closest thing to our original tour from back in 2013. We have fond memories of the scenery, the people, the bakery road stops and of course, the glorious Halls. It's going to be amazing to head out again with Queensland-based artists who haven't had the chance to check out this part of their own backyard.' says producer **Eleanor Rigden**.

'We were on a Zoom call a few days ago with Scottish artists who headed out on this tour in 2019, and they reckon it's the best tour they've ever done – that's in no small part due to the people they met and the welcome they received from these towns.'

Famous for their larger-than-life folk festivals over the last three decades, **Woodfordia** have established the **Festival of Small Halls** as a high-quality tour on the Australian scene and internationally. The two songwriters landing on the October tour are only going to strengthen that reputation.

After years of touring the far-flung corners of Australia and the greater world, Gympie-based **Darren Hanlon** has carved a sacred place in the hearts of many who cross his path with his candid and charming music and storytelling. He is known for his engagement with his audiences and having the ability to make a large crowd feel like they're in a lounge room amongst friends. Not deterred by the Covid situation, Hanlon has managed to have a rich few years, appearing in and singing the credits of the new Slim Dusty bio-pic '**Slim & I**' and garnering high rotation on ABC with his pandemic themed song '**We All Cope in Different Ways**.'

'I'm so excited to have the opportunity to perform in these towns, most of them I've never even been to before,' says **Darren Hanlon**.

'**Small Halls** does an amazing job of reaching places that have been neglected on the Australian touring map. Can't wait to meet some of my fellow Queenslanders.'

Tour-mate Kelly Brouhaha is a South Australian-born award-winning songwriter – one of those artists whose unique style simply cannot be put into a box. From big blues to soulful country, it is music that is real and raw and vulnerable. A sought-after session musician, she's also known for lending backing vocals, percussion and guitar duties to some of the country's finest including **Beccy Cole, Jen Mize, Libby O'Donovan** and **Amber Joy Poulton**.

'I am so excited to be invited to play the Small Halls tour,' says **Kelly Brouhaha**.

'For someone who prefers living on the road in a van and hasn't been able to travel in quite some time, I'm really grateful to have the opportunity and the privilege to experience Western Queensland with this excellent crew. I moved to Brisbane a day before NSW went into lockdown and to have an opportunity like this to keep playing shows while the live industry is really struggling feels like a real honour.'

The **Festival of Small Halls Spring Tour** starts on October 13 at Greymare Hall (Kambuwal Country) before continuing on to fourteen more communities in Western Queensland. The tour concludes at Mapleton Hall (Jinibara Country) on October 31.

Tickets on sale from 10 September at www.festivalofsmallhalls.com

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FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS QUEENSLAND SPRING TOUR 2021
featuring *Darren Hanlon and Kelly Brouhaha*

		Town	Venue
Wed	Oct 13	Greymare (Kambuwal People)	Greymare Hall
Thu	Oct 14	Texas (Bigambul and Kambuwal People)	Texas Memorial Hall
Fri	Oct 15	Dirranbandi (Gamilaraay; Yuwaalaraay and Yuwaalayaay)	Dirranbandi Civic Centre
Sat	Oct 16	Cunnamulla (Kunja Country)	Paroo Shire Hall
Sun	Oct 17	Muckadilla (Gunggari People)	Muckadilla Hall
Wed	Oct 20	Alpha (Iningai People)	Alpha Town Hall
Thu	Oct 21	Hughenden (Yirendali People)	Parish Hall
Fri	Oct 22	Charters Towers (Gudjul People)	St Paul's Playhouse
Sat	Oct 23	Clermont (Wangan Country)	Anglican Church Hall
Sun	Oct 24	Thangool (Gaangalu Country)	Thangool Recreation Reserve
Wed	Oct 27	Brigalow	Brigalow Public Hall
Thur	Oct 28	Talwood (Gamilaraay Country)	Talwood Community Centre
Fri	Oct 29	Cambooya (Wakka Wakka; Gaibal; Jarrowair Peoples)	Cambooya Hall
Sat	Oct 30	Crows Nest	Anduramba Hall
Sun	Oct 31	Mapleton (Jinibara Country)	Mapleton Hall

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