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AUTUMN TOUR 2022

PORT FAIRY FOLK FESTIVAL TO NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL

WOODFORDIA INC. PRESENTS

# Festival of Small Halls

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AUTUMN TOUR 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

11 - 13 MAR PORT FAIRY FOLK FESTIVAL, VIC  
 WED 16 MAR CROSSLEY, ST BRIGID'S CHURCH HALL, VIC  
 THU 17 MAR DUNROBIN, DUNROBIN PUBLIC HALL, VIC  
 FRI 18 MAR APSLEY, APSLEY TOWN HALL, VIC  
 SAT 19 MAR LAHARUM, LAHARUM HALL, VIC  
 SUN 20 MAR MURTOA, MURTOA MECHANICS HALL, VIC  
 WED 23 MAR OUYEN, ROXY THEATRE, VIC  
 THU 24 MAR MILDURA, ARTS MILDURA HUB, VIC  
 FRI 25 MAR WYCHEPROOF, WYCHEPROOF SHIRE HALL, VIC  
 SAT 26 MAR POMONAL, POMONAL COMMUNITY HALL, VIC  
 SUN 27 MAR LAVERS HILL, LAVERS HILL PUBLIC HALL, VIC

WED 30 MAR BOOLAKRA, BOOLAKRA MEMORIAL HALL, VIC  
 THU 31 MAR HEYFIELD, HEYFIELD MEMORIAL HALL, VIC  
 FRI 1 APR LOCH SPORT, LOCH SPORT PUBLIC HALL, VIC  
 SAT 2 APR PORT ALBERT, PORT ALBERT MECHANICS HALL, VIC  
 SUN 3 APR QUEENSCLIFF, QUEENSCLIFF TOWN HALL, VIC  
 WED 6 APR GLENLYON, GLENLYON SHIRE HALL, VIC  
 THU 7 APR MERTON, MERTON MEMORIAL HALL, VIC  
 FRI 8 APR STANLEY, STANLEY SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL, VIC  
 SAT 9 APR BARNAWARtha, BARNAWARThA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL, VIC  
 SUN 10 APR SEDGWICK, SEDGWICK PUBLIC HALL, VIC  
 WED 13 APR RAND, RAND SCHOOL OF ARTS, NSW  
 14 - 17 APR NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL, ACT



CHARM OF FINCHES (AUS)



JACK CARTY (AUS)



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## ARTISTS

### Charm of Finches



Image by Laura Groban

#### BIOGRAPHY

Charm of Finches from Melbourne, Australia, make intricate, dreamy indie folk with many stringed things, awash with seamless blood harmonies traversing melancholy and wonder in equal measure. The sister duo, Mabel and Ivy Windred-Wornes, grew up busking old time tunes and singing on festival stages around Australia.

Their 2019 sophomore album *Your Company* won the 2020 Independent Music Awards' Best Folk/Singer-Songwriter Album and was nominated for the 2020 Music Victoria Best Folk Album Award and 2020 Australian Music Prize.

Their music has featured on ABC TV, ABC RN, Triple J, Double J and championed by community radio stations around Australia. They recorded their third full-length album "Wonderful Oblivion" at home while working remotely with acclaimed Canadian producer Daniel Ledwell. It was released in October 2021 through New York-based label AntiFragile Music.

[charmoffinchesband.com](http://charmoffinchesband.com)

- [facebook.com/charmoffinchesband](https://www.facebook.com/charmoffinchesband)
- [twitter.com/singingfinches](https://twitter.com/singingfinches)
- [instagram.com/charmoffinchesband](https://www.instagram.com/charmoffinchesband)
- [youtube.com/c/charmoffinchesband](https://www.youtube.com/c/charmoffinchesband)

## **PRESS QUOTES**

*"folk purity...affecting and emotional"*

- The Music

*"Melbourne sister duo Charm of Finches radiates an otherworldly temperament. It's as if their music and words bear ancient fruits of wisdom from the past, present and future all delicately intertwined to create timeless and masterful compositions that touch the depths of your soul."*

- Earmilk

## **APPROVED QUOTE FROM THE ARTIST**

*"Ever since we played at the Small Halls tent at Woodford Folk Festival years ago and learned of the Small Halls tour, we have been dreaming of playing one! Cosy community gigs are our absolute favourite and we just love touring! We are ridiculously thrilled we will get to travel around this amazing country and play for so many small town communities."*

- Charm of Finches

# Jack Carty



*Image by Natasha Saba*

## **BIOGRAPHY**


Prolific Australian songwriter Jack Carty has been making, touring, and releasing original music since 2010. A decade that has seen the release of five full-length studio albums; three EPs; an APRA Professional Development Award; extensive touring across Australia, The UK, North America, Europe, and New Zealand; festivals from Brisbane to Barcelona; co-writes with the likes of Josh Pyke, Dan Wilson (Semisonic), The Once, and Katie Noonan; a #1 independent album; a Top 40 album; and a loyal, grassroots following built on great songs and a powerful live show.

In 2020, following a January on-tour with The Festival of Small Halls and amidst the bushfires, the lockdowns and the uncertainty, Jack released "The World, When It's Sleeping" - A collection of five songs written and recorded on returning to Australia after two years spent living, writing, recording, and touring in The UK and Europe.

The move home was inspired by Carty's growing family, and you can hear the joy, the wonder, the vulnerability, and the love in these moody, self-produced indie-folk

vignettes. The World When It's Sleeping is Carty at his, raw, honest best; and there is more to come, with a brand-new album set for released in March 2022.

[www.jackcarty.com](http://www.jackcarty.com)

- [facebook.com/jackcartymusic](https://facebook.com/jackcartymusic)
-  [instagram.com/jackcarty](https://instagram.com/jackcarty)
-  [twitter.com/jack\\_carty](https://twitter.com/jack_carty)
-  [youtube.com/jackcartymusic](https://youtube.com/jackcartymusic)

## **PRESS QUOTES**

"Carty might well have found his happy place" ★★★★★  
- The Sunday Star Times

"A sensational album" ★★★★★  
- The Weekend Australian

"An album of confession and honesty, but also humour and the sublime" ★★★★★  
- Sydney Morning Herald

## **APPROVED QUOTE FROM THE ARTIST**

"The Festival of Small Halls is my dream gig. I know, because I was lucky enough to be a part of one and tour with Siobhan Miller through Tasmania and NSW in January 2020, during the bushfires, but before the lockdowns. It's the epitome of everything I love about music: community, friendship, travel and storytelling. I feel so lucky that I get to be a part of it again in 2022, this time with new songs and the beautiful Charm of Finches."  
- Jack Carty

## TOUR LOCATION DETAILS

DATE	TOWN	VENUE	TICKETING
11-13 March	Port Fairy, VIC	Port Fairy Folk Festival	Tickets available at <a href="https://portfairyyfolkfestival.com/">https://portfairyyfolkfestival.com/</a>
16-March	Crossley, VIC	St Brigid's Church Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a>
17-March	Dunrobin, VIC	Dunrobin Public Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or the Casterton Foodworks
18-March	Apsley, VIC	Apsley Town Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or the Apsley Post Office and Apsley Corner Store
19-March	Laharum, VIC	Laharum Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a>
20-March	Murtoa, VIC	Murtoa Mechanics Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a>
23-March	Ouyen, VIC	Roxy Theatre Ouyen	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a>
24-March	Mildura, VIC	Arts Mildura Hub	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a>
25-March	Wycheproof, VIC	Wycheproof Shire Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or the Wycheproof Community Resource Centre
26-March	Pomonal, VIC	Pomonal Community Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a>
27-March	Lavers Hill, VIC	Lavers Hill Public Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a>
30-March	Boolarra, VIC	Boolarra Memorial Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a>
31-March	Heyfield, VIC	Heyfield Memorial Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or the Heyfield Newsagents
1-April	Loch Sport, VIC	Loch Sport Public Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or the Loch Sport Public Hall
2-April	Port Albert, VIC	Port Albert Mechanics Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or the Port Albert General Store & Gas Station
3-April	Queenscliff, VIC	Queenscliff Town Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a>
6-April	Glenlyon, VIC	Glenlyon Shire Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or the Glenlyon Shire Hall
7-April	Merton, VIC	Merton Memorial Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a>
8-April	Stanley, VIC	Stanley Soldier's Memorial Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or the Stanley Post Office
9-April	Barnawartha, VIC	Barnawartha Soldiers Memorial Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or the Barnawartha Post Office
10-April	Sedgwick, VIC	Sedgwick Public Hall	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or the Mandurang Post Office
13-April	Rand, NSW	Rand School of Arts	Tickets available at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhalls.com">festivalofsmallhalls.com</a> or Rand Farm Supplies, the Rand Hotel or the Rand Post Office
14-17 April	Canberra, ACT	National Folk Festival	Tickets available at <a href="https://www.folkfestival.org.au/">https://www.folkfestival.org.au/</a>



# GENERAL PROMO

Woodfordia Inc. presents

**Festival of Small Halls Autumn Tour 2022**  
**Port Fairy Folk Festival to the National Folk Festival**  
**Charm of Finches and Jack Carty**

Festival of Small Halls is a series of music tours taking some of the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists on the road to play the 'small halls' in regional communities all over Australia.

Each night on the tour is an intimate and unique occasion to hear original music played to the highest of standards by professional musicians, along with a chance to catch up and (re)connect with family, friends and community over cake and tea.

The Festival of Small Halls Autumn Tour 2022 traverses the length and breadth of regional Victoria, starting at the imposing historic red brick hall of St. Brigid's in Crossley in the south-western corner of the state and weaving north to Mildura, crossing the Grampians and Otways to centuries-old halls in between, through towns famous for wheat and sticks, before taking in the salty air of Queenscliff's seaside hall and crossing the NSW border to former bushranger territory in Rand.

To attend a Festival of Small Halls show is to actively participate in Australia's living history, with some of the venues on the Autumn Tour 2022 more than 150 years old, and ripe with rich tradition of entertainment and recreation.

## ABOUT THE AUTUMN TOUR 2022

- This is the 26<sup>th</sup> Festival of Small Halls Tour in Australia
- 21 regional tour stops
- Award-winning duo Charm of Finches has played to packed houses having built a fiercely loyal following throughout Australia, and internationally. With a reputation for creating atmospheric live performances with their otherworldly sound, these two sisters from Melbourne provide listeners with a soundtrack to the melancholy and hope that coexist in the hearts of many in the wake of the pandemic. It's a sound and sentiment welcomed and loved by audiences of all ages and cultural backgrounds
- Accomplished singer/songwriter Jack Carty brings his insightful ability for storytelling with him to the stage with songs from his recent EP *The World, When It's Sleeping*. Jack is a live artist much loved across the country for the joy, the wonder, the vulnerability, and importantly, the love that is found in his moody, indie-folk vignettes.

Learn about the incredible local halls we'll be visiting on the Autumn Tour 2022 [here](#)

## **APPROVED QUOTE FROM THE PRODUCER**

*"Festival of Small Halls has always been about celebrating small towns across Australia in all their diversity and resilience.*

*We feel so lucky to be continuing to produce music shows in these trying times, and to be returning to Victoria in particular, after their long lockdowns, feels like rain on the tin roof after a long dry spell.*

*We've missed celebrating the best of these incredible towns with them – their courage, their hospitality, and their unwavering sense of community.*

*It's such a privilege to be welcomed in by each of these fantastic communities, to be bringing such world class artists into their classic Small Halls and shown the best of their towns. "*

- Eleanor Rigden, Producer, Festival of Small Halls

## QUOTES FROM PREVIOUS ARTISTS ON THE AUTUMN TOUR

*"Festival of Small Halls was easily the most incredible tour experience for me. We only made it through the first couple of weeks before Covid took hold and sent us all home and yet those first shows perfectly captured the essence of human connection and delivering music to communities off the beaten tour track is so important. As an artist this tour gifted me with so many unique memories and far-too-big-to-carry-around-at-once feelings. The opportunity to travel and perform alongside The Paul McKenna Band and the amazing crew, share my stories, collect cuddles like Easter eggs, be warmly welcomed at the community dinner table, all while getting to see more of this vast land that I am privileged to call home?! My heart was in a constant state of 'ready to burst into confetti'."*

- Alana Wilkinson, Festival of Small Halls Autumn Tour 2020

*"Festival of Small Halls is a real one of a kind. As a touring artist I have been lucky enough to visit many countries over the years but only as part of Small Halls did the band and I manage to get a real understanding of the more rural areas and the beautiful people from each of the communities we visited. It's an experience that I will not forget and hope to be part of again."*

- Paul McKenna Band, Festival of Small Halls Autumn Tour 2020

*"When it comes to music, community and your sense of where you fit in the world, Festival of Small Halls knows what your heart and soul truly needs more than you do. It was an epic journey filled with boundless music, laughter and memories. If asked to do it again, we would gladly make the 17000 + km trek. Because it's worth it."*

- Geraldine Hollet, The Once, Festival of Small Halls Autumn Tour 2019

*" Festival of Small Halls solidified my love of Australia, giving me the opportunity to visit so many beautiful towns and villages that I would have never gotten to see otherwise."*

- Dave Gunning, Festival of Small Halls Autumn Tour 2018

*Festival of Small Halls was easily one of the most rewarding tour experiences I have ever been a part of. I was blown away by the generosity and warmth of spirit of everyone involved and I feel that the bonds I have made along the way will be there for years to come.'*

- Claire Anne Taylor, Festival of Small Halls, Summer and Autumn Tours 2018

*'It was one of the best, most inspiring things we've ever done! We are totally in love with the towns and communities we visited, with the extremely kind folk we met along the way, with Kate and Harry, and with the boys! Please know that we are 100% up for doing Small Halls again (and again and again). So grateful for the whole shebang. Will never forget it.'*

- Siskin River, Australian Artists, Festival of Small Halls, Autumn Tour 2015

*'The Rhythm Boys unanimously agree that Festival of Small Halls Australia was one of the best tours we've ever been on... being immersed in the beautiful rural communities of Victoria and NSW made the experience all the more authentic and special. The crowds were extremely enthusiastic and appreciative for bringing music into their small halls.'*

- Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys, Canadian Artists, Festival of Small Halls, Autumn Tour 2015

Other previous Festival of Small Halls artists include:

Andrea Kirwin (AUS)	Tullara (AUS)	Darren Hanlon (AUS)
Kelly Brouhaha (AUS)	Sue Ray (AUS)	Paddy McHugh (AUS)
Bobby Alu (AUS)	Karl S Williams (AUS)	This Way North (AUS)
women in docs (AUS)	Hussy Hicks (AUS)	Shellie Morris (AUS)
Siobhan Miller (SCO)	Blair Dunlop (ENG)	Jack Carty (AUS)
Hat Fitz and Cara (AUS)	The Jellyman's Daughter (SCO)	
Ash Bell & Sara Tindley (AUS)		John Flanagan (AUS)
The East Pointers (CAN)	Lucy Wise (AUS)	Liam Gerner (AUS)
Fru Skaggerak (NOR/SWE/DEN)		Old Man Luedecke (CAN)
Madison Violet (CAN)	Vishten (CAN)	Liz Stringer (AUS)
The Small Glories (CAN)	Harry Jakamarra and Elwood Gray (AUS)	
Vance Gilbert (USA)	The Little Stevies (AUS)	The Mae Trio (AUS)
Del Barber (CAN)	Andy Brown (CAN)	Irish Mythen (CAN)
Rose Cousins (CAN)	The Starboard Cannons (AUS)	
Jordie Lane with Clare Reynolds (AUS)		

Quotes available on request.

## QUOTES FROM OUR PATRONS

"I just want to thank Meander Valley Council and particularly Patrick Gambles for the fabulous concert we had on Friday night. Our little community being under siege [from bushfires] for nearly a week and inundated and virtually "taken over" by strangers - I was dispirited, anxious, dog tired and in no mood for this event - it appeared to be just another thing we didn't need right at that moment. What eventuated was that it was EXACTLY what we DID need! The hall looked amazing and we burst with pride. It sounded amazing and we congratulated each other. The crowds were tremendous and we patted each other on the back. The concert was a HUGE success and we felt our spirits lift and our morale soar as we stomped, clapped, yahoo'd and danced with each other. Thank you MVC and Patrick and his team for this moment of light relief in a time of such gloom (literally!). Well done"

- J Lamont, Chudleigh Hall Committee

"This is truly one of the most lovely projects I have seen developed in regional Aus in forever. What a brilliant thing! Big visions and open hearts. These sorts of things sew community back together."

- P Larkins, Girgarre

"Made the four hour trip from Sydney to Grenfell to see these amazing international and local entertainers. What a great night. Can't wait for next year's. Thank you for making my boy exceedingly happy! Kirby exclaimed that Wednesday night at Grenfell Festival of Small Halls Australia was, "the best night of his entire life!" A big call for an 8 year old. Your cd has been on constant rotation, and it seems we'll be making a trip to Canberra, to see you again before you leave Oz. Thank you so very much."

- B Meur, Grenfell



"We live in an isolated area and are very drought-stricken at present. Our community is being hit hard...times are tough for people on our land, and in a micro-community, the effects are felt by all. However, sitting there last night watching such a beautiful and moving performance, all was lost for a while."  
- K Sutton, St George

A great experience at Numinbah Valley School of Arts Community Hall. Was invited and really had no idea what to expect. Great concept and a wonderful way to use these halls. Friendly people and wonderful talents on stage.  
- R Maguir, Numinbah Valley

## **QUOTES FROM THE MEDIA**

"Once again the good people from the Woodford Folk Festival have hit the nail right on the head... Where in Australia are there promoters thinking of doing a tour featuring such improbable places as Forest Hill, Eulo, Barcaldine, Wallaville?"  
- Sam Cutler, Rhythms Magazine

"I always thought about the history of the place, the community meetings, the weddings, the dances, the loves lost and found. It always made me a little sad that those spaces were so often locked up and underused. So it cheered me to hear about the Festival of Small Halls..."  
- Noel Mengel, Courier Mail

"The event is not just an experience for those who watch it, but also for the musos themselves."  
- Lauren Grounsell, Caloundra Weekly

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