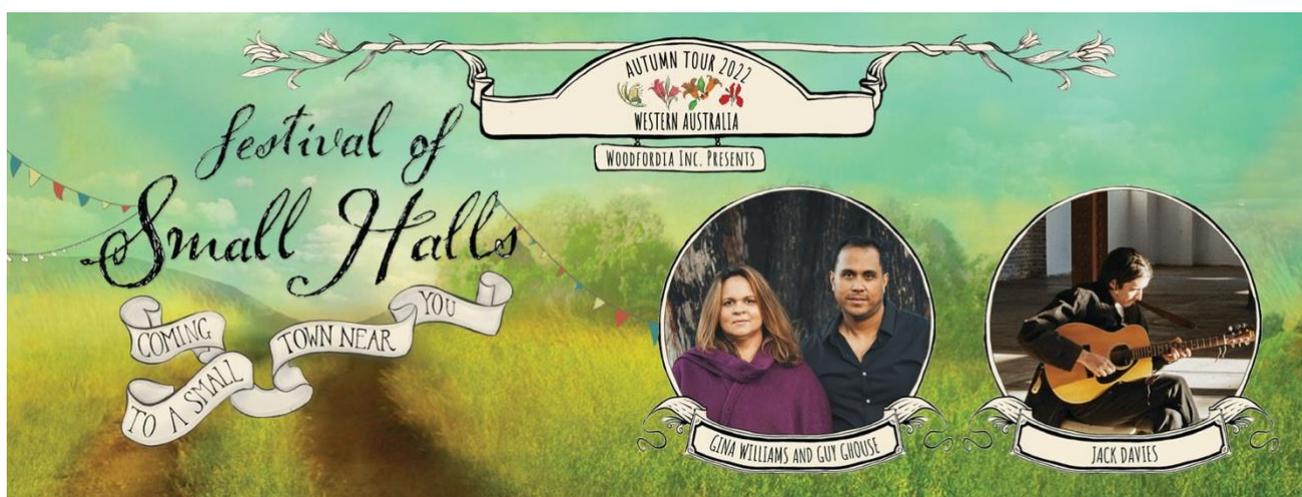


Festival of Small Halls Announces Autumn Tour 2022: Western Australia



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Festival of Small Halls has announced that award-winning duo, Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse together with witty lyricist and powerful storyteller Jack Davies, will tour their home state on the inaugural Western Australia edition of the much-loved regional music tour.

Presented by veteran festival producers Woodfordia Inc, the Autumn Tour 2022: Western Australia is the 27th edition of Australia's busiest regional music tour.

Long armed with a vision to bring big music to small places, Festival of Small Halls is being invited in to fourteen communities scattered across the rich and diverse landscapes of south-western and central Western Australia. Halls of all shapes and sizes will throw open their doors and welcome these extraordinary artists in for three weeks of music, laughter, community, and the finest regional hospitality.

The autumnal-themed tour will wend its way from south to north, beginning in the charming town of Gelorup, in the Capel Shire, and looping all the way around the south west, as far east as Esperance and Kalgoorlie, before finishing up in the quaint fishing village of Lancelin more than 100km north of Perth.

Famous for their larger-than-life folk festivals over the last two decades, Woodfordia presents a programme to be loved by their core base and new fans alike with these festival audience favourites.

"Festival of Small Halls has enjoyed more than eight years of success as touring model, bringing the highest quality of musicians to small towns who are looking to access excellent music, and all the benefits it brings, in their own local area, said Producer Eleanor Rigden.

In that time we've been inspired, humbled and moved by the strength and spirit of the hundreds of remarkable communities who have invited us in and used what we have to offer to create such powerful musical experiences.

"We've been chatting with our friends in the west since 2018, and after a disappointing false start in April 2020, we're ecstatic to finally have to opportunity to be hosted by these fourteen wonderful small halls in Western Australia" said Ms Rigden.

In years marked by uncertainty, event cancellations and fewer touring opportunities, the performing artists are keen to hit the road for the series of intimate performances.

"We are thrilled and honoured to be included in the Festival of Small Halls, it's something we have wanted to be part of for a really long time, say Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse.

“We love the intimacy of smaller performances and being able to visit towns and communities and make friends where we otherwise may never get to is a wonderful thing.”

Described as the meeting point between the ancient and the contemporary, Williams and Ghouse capture the hearts and imagination of their audience and connect with them through the power of song. They merge the fingerpicking brilliance of Ghouse’s guitar with Williams’ incandescent vocals and rare Noongar language to create an exceptional musical journey of love, loss and joy.

The wisdom and intimacy of Gina and Guy’s performance will be co-billed with indie-folk sensation Jack Davies. Known as the lead singer in the attention-grabbing and dynamic Jack Davies and The Bush Chooks, Jack is looking forward to performances in a more intimate environment.

“I’m very excited to get to try out a number of new songs and jokes on unsuspecting crowds, said Jack

“A show each night means you can really play around with it and have some fun with the songs and rambles in between. A dream.”

Now regarded as one of Western Australia’s finest emerging songwriters, Jack Davies honed his craft busking on Perth’s busy streets and in small cafes.

After his national success with the Bush Chooks, Jack embarked on a solo career and through a rich blend of spoken word, song and Indi/folk acoustic guitar playing, takes his audiences on a journey from sorrow to laughter, from rich Western Australian imagery to poking fun and staring at the world - a true storyteller.

Festival of Small Halls Autumn Tour 2022 starts on Wednesday the 27th April at the Gelorup Hall before continuing on to thirteen more communities across Western Australia

For a full list of festival venues and to purchase tickets, visit: www.festivalofsmallhalls.com

Festival of Small Halls is a much-loved not-for-profit music tour presented by Woodfordia Inc. the production team behind the iconic Woodford Folk Festival, bringing the finest home-grown talent to community halls across regional Australia.

Interviews are available. Full tour dates and locations listed in the media kit, attached.

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