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AUSTRALIA'S BEST PERFORMERS LINE UP FOR MELBOURNE CONCERT

Live music is back and Australia's cultural capital is putting on the ultimate celebration as the Andrews Labor Government and Mushroom Group partner to stage 'Music From The Home Front' on Saturday 24 April.

Some of the biggest names in Australian music will perform at the ANZAC Day eve concert in front of a crowd of up to 2,700 at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl and a national broadcast audience.

Headline acts include Amy Shark, Ben Lee, Bliss N Eso feat. Kasey Chambers, Budjerah, Dean Lewis, Gordi, Hayley Mary, Jerome Farah, Jess Hitchcock, Jimmy Barnes, Lime Cordiale, Mahalia Barnes, Mia Wray, Sam Fischer, Royal Melbourne Hospital Scrub Choir, Tash Sultana, The Kid LAROI, The Rubens, Tina Arena, Vance Joy, You Am I, with more to be announced.

The live national broadcast will kick off at 7.30pm on Channel 9 and 9NOW and 7.30pm AEST via YouTube on Saturday 24 April.

'Music From The Home Front' was conceptualised by the Mushroom Group's Michael Gudinski. It was first staged on 25 April 2020 and watched by a television audience of 1.159 million viewers. Michael was well into planning this year's concert when he tragically passed away on 2 March 2021.

The concert will feature household names, special moments and surprise collaborations showcasing the breadth and diversity of talent in the local music industry while paying tribute to the rich ANZAC history.

The concert follows the Labor Government supported concert series '2021 Sounds Better Together' which marked the return of live music and crowds in January with large shows in four regional locations and intimate gigs in Melbourne band-rooms.

In addition to supporting the live music industry in Victoria, 'Music From The Home Front' will help boost visitation to the CBD and showcase Melbourne's live music credentials to potential visitors from interstate.

The Victorian Government has invested almost \$25 million in dedicated support for the Victorian music industry since the start of the pandemic.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale at 12noon AEST Friday 16 April via musicfromthehomefront.com with prices starting at \$69.

Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Mary-Anne Thomas

"We are proud to support Music From The Home Front in 2021 and it's fantastic we can welcome crowds to this year's event and show our support for the live music industry."

Quotes attributable to Mushroom Group Chief Executive Matt Gudinski

"Dad had many great passions throughout his career, but his love of the local music industry never shone brighter than it did during the last year and it's incredibly fitting that Music From The Home Front was one of the events he was working on right up until his last day."

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