

Media Release

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
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ALWAYS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT ALWAYS LIVE

The Allan Labor Government is bringing ALWAYS LIVE back for 2024, with hundreds of artists set to pack out live music venues and bring thousands of visitors to Victoria from this November.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos today joined Aussie music icons Missy Higgins and Baker Boy OAM alongside ALWAYS LIVE Chair Matt Gudinski and CEO Psyche Payne at the Corner Hotel in Richmond – announcing a jam-packed program to run from 22 November to 8 December.

It's just one of a calendar of major event announcements the Labor Government will be making over the coming weeks.

This year's ALWAYS LIVE program features more than 65 events, including stadium shows, exclusive gigs, and intimate performances. Of the program's 289 artists, 208 hail from Victoria.

Headlining this year's program is Italian-American DJ and producer Anyma, who will take over Flemington Racecourse in an international exclusive. Anyma recently sold out six nights at the Sphere in Vegas – now he's coming to Victoria.

Tina Arena will perform at Mornington Racecourse for the 30th anniversary of her smash hit album *Don't Ask*, where she'll be joined by Richard Marx, Daryl Braithwaite, and Kate Ceberano.

Missy Higgins will cap off her sold-out tour with a unique show alongside guests Dan Sultan and Mia Wray at Sidney Myer, and an inclusive and interactive First Nations celebration of song and dance will come to Federation Square.

The White Stripes' Jack White will perform at Ballarat's Civic Hall and the Corner Hotel in Richmond, and punk rock legends The Offspring will perform a one-night-only show at Forum Theatre.

Roísín Murphy will headline a queer party in Port Melbourne, and St. Vincent will host an intimate dinner, Q&A and performance at Crown Aviary.

The Push All Ages Regional Tour will host all-ages shows in Geelong, Bendigo, Wangaratta and Horsham, and ALWAYS LIVE's youth music project Garage Band will help emerging bands make their debut.

Victoria's stellar spring schedule includes the AFL Grand Final, Melbourne Cup Carnival, Amy's Great Ocean Grand Fondo, the Food, Fire and Light Festival, MotoGP and two international netball tests featuring the Australian Diamonds. For full details of the program announcement visit www.alwayslive.com.au.

Quote attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"Incredible acts, iconic venues, country pubs, concert halls, rooftops, bars, band rooms – Victoria is always live."

Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"More than 155,000 people attended ALWAYS LIVE events last year. The program supports thousands of jobs including producers, engineers, technicians, venue staff, merchandisers and more."

Quote attributable to ALWAYS LIVE Chair Matt Gudinski

"This year's ALWAYS LIVE program not only reinforces our status as the music capital of Australia but brings an extraordinary array of unique and exclusive experiences to audiences across the State."

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