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50+ FEATURE ARTISTS CONFIRMED FOR GREAT SOUTHERN NIGHTS LINEUP

Great Southern Nights is back with over 50 of Australia's top artists locked in to feature in a month-long celebration of live music in early 2022.

Courtney Barnett, Daryl Braithwaite, James Reyne, Julia Stone, The Veronicas and The Whitlams join a veritable who's who of Australian music to perform in nine regions across NSW beginning 18 March.

Great Southern Nights is a NSW Government initiative delivered by its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW in partnership with the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA), to kick start the NSW entertainment, hospitality and tourism industries as part of its COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and Minister for Trade and Industry Stuart Ayres said next year's lineup shows how important live music is.

"The calibre of artists now putting their hand up to be part of Great Southern Nights highlights the huge appetite for live music from both artists and fans," Mr Ayres said.

"To have these artists join Amy Shark, Baker Boy, Jessica Mauboy, Jimmy Barnes, Missy Higgins and Peking Duk on the lineup is a fantastic showcase of the diversity in Australian music and an exciting prospect for fans starved of live gigs.

"Great Southern Nights will feature more than 500 COVID-safe gigs, with almost half to be staged across regional NSW, which will be a huge boost for those regional economies and the fans to see their favourite artists perform live."

ARIA CEO Annabelle Herd said Great Southern Nights was an ideal stage to reignite the NSW live music scene after an extraordinarily challenging time for the industry.

"Great Southern Nights will have artists and crew back to doing what they love and do best – put on a show for an audience and transporting them through the joy of live music," Ms Herd said.

"The concept was such a huge success in 2020 and exactly what our industry needed, so it's no surprise to see our best talent wanting to be involved in 2022.

"We're proud to partner in this project to get artists, the industry and NSW live music venues back on their feet."

All Great Southern Nights gigs will be COVID-safe and delivered in line with the latest NSW Health advice.

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