



## SLAYING ON THE DANCEFLOOR: SOPHIE ELLIS-BEXTOR TO HEADLINE BONDI BEACH PARTY

Someone call Bondi Rescue, there's been a murder on the dancefloor! British pop icon **Sophie Ellis-Bextor** has been announced as headline performer of **Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras' Bondi Beach Party** on **Saturday 24 February 2024**. Known for her electrifying blend of disco pop and electronica, Ellis-Bextor will bring her distinctive sound to the iconic sands of Bondi Beach, joining a stellar line-up of international and local artists.

Sophie Ellis-Bextor's career, spanning over two decades, is not only marked by her unforgettable hits like *Murder on the Dancefloor*, *Heartbreak (Make Me A Dancer)*, and *Groovejet (If This Ain't Love)* but also by her lasting impact on the dance music landscape, where her distinctive anthems have become the soundtrack to countless memorable nights out around the world.

Celebrating its resurgence, *Murder on the Dancefloor* will be a highlight of Ellis-Bextor's Bondi Beach Party set. Over twenty years since its release, the song has recently climbed back to the top of the charts, thanks to its iconic use in the film *Saltburn*. With its catchy melody and Ellis-Bextor's mesmerizing vocals, the track has become a viral sensation, amassing millions of streams and topping Spotify's Viral 50 chart in the U.S.

Joining Sophie Ellis-Bextor is a line-up of extraordinary talent, including the pop phenomenon **Slayyyter** (USA), and celebrated DJs **Jay Jay Revlon** (UK), **Lagoon Femshaymer** (UK), and **Corey Craig** (US). Local favourites **Tyoow**, **Mama de Leche**, and **Beth Yen** (ACT) will also be there to amplify the party vibes as the sun sets on this iconic global landmark.

Bondi Beach Party is more than just a party; it's a celebration of music, culture, and inclusivity. It's set to be an electrifying showcase of exclusive performances that will resonate long after the last beat drops.

With the Festival set to begin in just two days, **Mardi Gras CEO Gil Beckwith** said "On the eve of our 46th festival, I warmly invite you all to join us in a spirit of unity and togetherness. For the next 17 days, let's embrace the power of our community. We're here to connect, to share, and to envision a bright future together. In a world that can sometimes feel overshadowed by darkness, our festival stands as a beacon of light. So, I urge you, come with open hearts and minds, ready to connect, celebrate, and embody the inclusivity that lies at the very core of our community."

As the Festival kicks off in just two days, anticipation is building for what promises to be an unforgettable celebration of love, diversity, and unity. Alongside the headline-grabbing Bondi Beach Party featuring Sophie Ellis-Bextor, the Festival's packed schedule includes the mesmerising Parade, electrifying Sissy Ball, beloved Laneway, and iconic Mardi Gras Party. Each event is designed to showcase the strength and vibrancy of the LGBTQIA+ community, offering something for everyone.

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Tickets are selling fast, so secure your spot at this iconic event and be part of the magic at the 2024 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival.

Get your tickets now at [www.mardigras.org.au](http://www.mardigras.org.au).

As Australia's only truly global city and gateway for international arrivals, Sydney's cultural diversity makes it the perfect playground for the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras. As well as enjoying the excitement of the 2024 Program, visitors can also explore renowned galleries, museums and theatres, the booming creative scene, eclectic arts, music and culture all in one city.

The 2024 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival is proudly supported by Government Partner of the Mardi Gras Festival, the City of Sydney, and Strategic Sponsor the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

## THE DETAILS

**What:** Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Bondi Beach Party

**When:** Saturday 24 February 2024

**Where:** Bondi Beach

**Tickets:** \$239 +bf

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