

MOUNT ISA TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY AND SMALL-TOWN RESILIENCE IN EXPLOSIVE EVENT 'THE MOUNT ISA BLAST'

Queensland Music Festival returns to Mount Isa in 2019 for an explosive, outdoor theatrical spectacular set to blast off for three special performances from **25-27 July** in Mount Isa's **Kalkadoon Arena, Buchanan Park Events Complex**.

Created for, by and with the Mount Isa community, legendary event **The Mount Isa Blast** will once again take place in the city of smoke stacks, for a live show packed with crowd favourites from past shows, as well as brand new elements set to get the city talking.

With a focus on Mount Isa's **beauty**, its **originality**, colourful history, **diversity** and legendary **resilience**, crowds can expect stellar performances from Mount Isa's very own **William Barton, Daniel Johnson** and **Megan Sarmardin**, as well as a host of locals, as they guide the show through the untold stories of the city.



'We've taken the idea of a blast quite literally! The show is about a town exploding, with all kinds of stories and talents being uncovered from underground. The show is really about Megan uncovering Mount Isa's secrets, and learning to love what she finds.' **David Burton**

A mass **choir made of miners, dancing bob cats, motor cycle tricks, livestock** and a full symphony orchestra comprised of a **cast of hundreds of locals** will come together at Buchanan Park to celebrate the past, present and future of Mount Isa, united in song.

The ensemble will include groups and artists from across the community including **BullDust, Mount Isa Community Ensembles, Choirs, North West Indigenous Catholic Social Services, Ngukuthati Men's Shed**, local schools, **Kalkadoon Community**, School of the Air students and many more.

The Mount Isa Blast will be the newest Queensland Music Festival production, growing from a relationship with the Mount Isa Community that spans almost twenty years. Previous productions include **Bob Cat Dancing** (2003), **Swingin' Utes** (2013) and **Symphony of the Inland Sea** (2015). In all of these productions, Queensland Music Festival work with a broad selection of the local community, including singers, dancer, bob cat drivers, miners, farmers, trapeze artists and more. These events have helped shape the Mount Isa cultural community over the last twenty years, bringing the town together

across diverse cultural and social backgrounds. Each production has typically involved audience and participants of upwards of 10,000.

With the city already set to explode twice a day, there's no telling what secrets will come out of the ground when the Mount Isa Blast goes off in 2019!

Tickets for 2019's **The Mount Isa Blast** are **FREE** however those wishing to attend must **register at qmf.org.au**, to avoid missing out!

THE MOUNT ISA BLAST

Kalkadoon Arena, Buchanan Park Events Complex – Mount Isa, QLD

Thursday 25 July | Friday 26 July | Saturday 27 July

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