

# BRISBANE FESTIVAL

## Media Release

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### THE TIVOLI TURNS ITS SPOTLIGHT ON SWEET TABOOS, LATE NIGHT PROVOCATIONS AND A “HOT MESS” OF TALENTED BRISBANE ARTISTS

The intimate, old-world glamour of The Tivoli will host a star-studded line-up of Brisbane Festival concert events, including world premiere performances from two of Brisbane's leading ladies of song.

Five-time ARIA award-winning artist **Katie Noonan** premieres **The Sweetest Taboo** at Brisbane Festival on Saturday 19 September, performing songs from her 20<sup>th</sup> studio album of the same name and fusing her beloved jazz sound with classic songs from the 1980s.

*“These are the songs that shaped my life when I was discovering pop music: the first album I bought, the first single, my first cassette, songs by my early heroes,” Ms Noonan said.*

*“They were my first secret taboos, my guilty pleasures and I'm ready to confess that I still love daggy classic '80s songs!”*

*The Sweetest Taboo* sees Ms Noonan add a jazz twist to pop songs and power ballads, aided by **Zac Hurren** (saxophones), **Sam Keevers** (piano), **Phil Stack** (double bass) and **Evan Mannell** (drums).

Returning to The Tivoli for the first time since January's *Raise 'Em Up* bushfire relief concert is Brisbane songbird **Megan Washington**, performing as [Washington](#).

She will debut tracks from her soon-to-be-released third studio album and her first since 2014, *Bafflowers*, in an anticipated premiere concert event from 12 – 13 September.

*“The album in full is very narrative and to me it works like the soundtrack to a musical,” Ms Washington said.*

*“Aside from the actual songs, there is a lot of sound design and audio-cinema including a thunderstorm, birdsong, dreamscapes and 500 year-old church bells.”*

**Emma Dean** channels Mother Earth in the world premiere of **Hot Mess Mama** on Friday 18 September, a cynical celebration with original music, a live band and musical mayhem.

World music favourites **MZAZA** bring their brand new show, **The Birth and Death of Stars**, to encourage people to take a step away from their daily lives and contemplate their place in the universe from 10 – 11 September.

**The Little Red Company** brings its online smash, **The IsoLate Late Show** to life on Friday 4 September with the same blend of show-stopping songs, rapid-fire banter and jaw-dropping local talent that won it a legion of fans during lockdown.



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Cementing their status as Brisbane musical royalty, evergreen indie rockers **Custard** take to The Tivoli stage to perform one of their signature high-energy gigs on Saturday 5 September, guaranteed to entertain not only their loyal following but a new generation of fans too.

Singer and composer **Andrew Tuttle** teams with multi-instrumentalist and producer **Cloud Tangle** for a “double launch” concert on Wednesday 16 September where they will debut work from their respective new albums, *Alexandra* and *Kinds of Sadness*.

Brisbane Festival Artistic Director **Louise Bezzina** said The Tivoli concert program shone a spotlight on Brisbane's incredible musical talent.

*“Brisbane has a well-deserved reputation for nurturing incredible musicians who've gone on to wow audiences around the country and across the globe so it's brilliant to welcome them back to perform before a hometown audience,”* Ms Bezzina said.

*“After months of lockdowns and venue closures, it's going to be so much fun to see a gig in the gorgeous Tivoli, let our hair down and celebrate Brisbane's talented artists and entertainers.”*

All performances at The Tivoli are strictly 18+.

The reimaged Brisbane Festival 2020 will be held from 4 to 26 September.

For more information, including updates and announcements, visit [brisbanefestival.com.au](http://brisbanefestival.com.au) or follow Brisbane Festival on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

All Festival events comply with relevant COVID-safe plans and health authority directions.

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Brisbane Festival and The Tivoli present:

### THE SWEETEST TABOO

By Katie Noonan

**Location:** The Tivoli, 52 Costin St, Bowen Hills

**Date:** Saturday 19 September 2020

**Performance times:** Doors 4pm, show 5pm & doors 8pm, show 9pm

**Tickets:** \$45 + booking fee

### WASHINGTON

**Location:** The Tivoli, 52 Costin St, Bowen Hills

**Date:** 12 – 13 September 2020

**Performance times:** Saturday doors 7pm, show 8pm. Sunday doors 6pm, show 7pm

**Tickets:** \$45 + booking fee

### THE ISOLATE LATE SHOW

By The Little Red Company

**Location:** The Tivoli, 52 Costin St, Bowen Hills

**Date:** Friday 4 September 2020

**Performance times:** Doors 5.30pm, show 6.30pm & doors 8pm, show 9pm

**Tickets:** \$35 + booking fee

### HOT MESS MAMA

By Emma Dean and Katherine Lyall-Watson

**Location:** The Tivoli, 52 Costin St, Bowen Hills

**Date:** 18 September 2020

**Performance Times:** Doors 7pm, show 8pm

**Tickets:** \$30 + booking fee

### CUSTARD

**Location:** The Tivoli, 52 Costin St, Bowen Hills

**Date:** Saturday 5 September 2020

**Performance times:** Doors 7pm, show 8pm

**Tickets:** \$50 + booking fee

### MZAZA - THE BIRTH AND DEATH OF STARS

**Location:** The Tivoli, 52 Costin St, Bowen Hills

**Date:** 10 – 11 September 2020

**Performance times:** Doors 7pm, show 8pm

**Tickets:** \$35 + booking fee

### ANDREW TUTTLE & CLOUD TANGLE

**Location:** The Tivoli, 52 Costin St, Bowen Hills

**Date:** Wednesday 16 September 2020

**Performance times:** Doors 7pm, show 8pm.

**Tickets:** \$25 + booking fee



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