

AON WHAMMY BAR

Presented by Australian Musician and Triple M FM
Level 2 Escalator West

11.00am

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12.00pm

DAVE LESLIE (Baby Animals)

Dave Leslie is the lead guitarist from iconic Australian rock band The Baby Animals, who have had numerous hit songs over the last few decades. We're honoured to have Dave perform for us at MGS2018

1.15 pm

ALBERT LEE (UK)

Courtesy of Ernie Ball Music Man guitars, we're thrilled to welcome UK guitar legend Albert Lee to the show. Albert is one of the most respected guitarists in music history, having worked with Everly Brothers, Eric Clapton, Emmylou Harris and The Crickets. Lee has received numerous awards as a guitarist, winning 5 consecutive times Guitar Player magazine's "Best Country Guitarist"

2.45pm

NAT ALLISON BAND

Nat Allison delivers a pitch-perfect scream, strut antics and evil guitar showboat. A high energy, guitar heavy performance with tough lyrics, powerful vocals and guitar solos to match. To date Nat has played over 5000 gigs, and well known as guitarist in Suzi Quatro's band.

3.45 pm

RACKETT

RACKETT make loud and experimental punk-pop. Based in Sydney, Australia, the band have moved from virtual anonymity to playing in major theatres and festivals throughout Australia, receiving regular airplay on community and commercial radio.

4.45pm

SCOTT DARLOW

Scott Darlow is a versatile singer/guitarist/didge player, who has released 5 albums to date. A famously down-to-earth performer, Darlow is known for using his infectious charm, from the biggest festivals to the smallest club crowds to raise awareness and funds for World Vision Australia's Indigenous program.

EXCLUSIVELY ACOUSTIC STAGE

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12.00pm

NICK CHARLES

A class act, revered by peers and critics as one of the finest pickers and players in the land. 2015 Artist of the Year at the Port Fairy Folk Festival

1.00pm

JUSTIN BERNASCONI

Straddling styles and sounds from the Delta Blues, Appalachian Bluegrass, English Folk and all stops in between, Justin Bernasconi's highly original tunes are infused with exciting and soulful guitar playin

2.00pm

BEN KELLY

Ben Kelly's music is difficult to pigeon-hole as his musical stylings come from across many genres including Latin America, Spanish Guitar, African inspired rhythms, eastern influenced melodies, and the all inspiring driving factor of creating music and situations for the betterment of mankind.

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10.30 am

ROHAN STEVENSON (I built the sky)

Rohan Stevenson has released 2 albums, 1 EP and 5 singles as the prog-electric band, I Built The Sky. This year, Rohan dons an acoustic guitar and presents another side to his creative palette.

11.30am

SONGS AND STRINGS

Featuring **Alison Ferrier, Cat Canteri, Fiona Boyes, Zevon Hiltz, and Abbey Stone.** Five fine singer, songwriters and exponents of acoustic guitar present their songs to us in this round robin-style treat.

12.45pm

JEFF LANG

Australian guitarist-songwriter-vocalist-producer, Jeff Lang has built a reputation for making startling music that is accomplished, intricate, gutsy, melodic and loaded with soul. Anyone who witnessed Jeff at the 2015 MGS will know what an amazing, energetic show he performs.

2.00pm

DANIEL CHAMPAGNE

Daniel Champagne is regarded as a leading light in acoustic music, with a firm reputation for making festivals buzz, holding crowds in his palm, dropping jaws and breaking guitars wherever he goes. Daniel has relocated to North America where he continues his exciting career as an international touring and recording artist.

3.30pm

NICK CHARLES BLUES & ROOTS SHOW

Some of our finest blues exponents will talk about their approach, plus there'll be finger-picking good solos and "all-in" jams. **Nick Charles** hosts **Fiona Boyes, Justin Bernasconi, Charlie Bedford, Phil Manning, Ed Bates**

WINNERS CIRCLE WORKSHOP ROOM

Level 1 Escalator West

10.30am

AMEB: Rock School A Creative Focus

Please join Lead Examiner **Alyson Locke** as she takes us through Rockschoo's Guitar, Bass, Ukulele and Music Production syllabuses.

11.30am

POSITIVE GRID CLINIC

With **James Ryan.** BIAS mini is a 300W small format guitar head with 16 fully editable amp presets. You can also connect to BIAS AMP software (iphone/ipad/Mac/PC) to open up a world of component options (all without a soldering iron). Choose between different preamp and power amp circuits, change the tubes and transformers, add clipping diodes and tryout different rectifiers.

12.30pm

BOSS TONE DESIGN MASTERCLASS

In this masterclass, Joshua Munday will show you how to 'hear' guitar tones on famous guitar recordings and then show you step-by-step how to recreate them! After explaining the original studio techniques used on each famous record, Josh will then demonstrate his approach using the BOSS GT-1000.

1.30pm

VOX SHOWCASE

In this session Australian guitarist James Ryan (Men at Work, Jon Stevens, Kate Ceberano) will showcase the newest amps released by VOX including the new monster AC30S1, the pocket-sized MV50s and all new, all Nutube MVX150 series. James will play some songs, do some Q&A and show you how to get the best out of this new gear.

2.30pm

MATON AP5 PRO PICKUP SEMINAR

By Head of Research and Development Patrick Evans. Patrick has been at Maton for over twenty years and is one of the designers behind the AP5 PRO. He will go through every aspect of the Maton's world renowned AP5 PRO Pick up System. From design to operation. The AP5 PRO is the first choice for some of the worlds most respected guitar players.

3.30pm

COLE CLARK SHOWCASE

Miles Jackson, CEO of Cole Clark, Neil Kennedy, designer of the new Cole Clark Kennedy bass and Jamie Pye, Cole Clark Artist, will present the new Cole Clark Kennedy bass and Cole Clark acoustic guitars. We will cover timbers, construction and electronics.

4.30pm

MALCURA PRESENT KATOH GUITARS

MALCURA are a "Heavy Flamenco" trio from Melbourne. See them as they take Katoh guitars through their paces.

MEET THE PLAYERS

Cafe Corner.
Ground Level

Get up close and personal with the Pros, in this play & chat session. It's an MGS Q & A where you get to talk to the pros and hear some of their magic too.

12noon

THE ART OF ELECTRIC BASS

Featuring Rod Bustos, Craig Newman, Mitch Cairns. A bit of playing, a bit of talking, a bit of demonstration about what it takes to be a pro bass player

1.30pm

PHIL MANNING

As a founding member of Chain, one of Australia's best known blues bands, Manning has been equally successful as a soloist and sideman for a lengthy list of artists. Phil's musical tastes have broadened to include folk, celtic and world music flavours.

3.00pm

FINGERSTYLE GUITAR

Featuring Thomas Leeb, Van Larkins, Mark Fisher. Inspiring the making of the Acoustic Nation movie, this style of guitar playing is capturing a lot of players. We're happy to present three of the very best exponents in an enthralling session.

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11.00am SHANNON BOURNE

Melbourne Guitar Show regular Shannon Bourne is known as one of Australia's premier guitarists. Shannon has just released an incredible new solo instrumental guitar album, 'Words Fail' and will perform music from it at the guitar show. One not to miss.

12.00pm FIONA BOYES BAND

Australian Blues guitarist and singer, Fiona Boyes, has been variously described by reviewers as a 'musical anomaly', or 'Bonnie Raitt's evil twin'. Fiona has become an internationally recognised and awarded recording and touring artist, who has even got the nod of approval from the late Pinetop Perkins and Hubert Sumlin.

1.00pm ALISON FERRIER BAND

Alison Ferrier is a prolific songwriter and talented guitarist, performing regularly in Melbourne with some of the town's best musicians. In the last couple of years, she's played at Port Fairy Folk Festival and Cool Summer Festival, had a successful solo tour along the east coast of Australia, and made Bluebirds, an album with supergroup collaboration Suzannah Espie, Kerri Simpson and Barb Waters.

2.15pm TRIPLE M FINALE JAM

You've spent the weekend watching some of Australia's finest guitar talent, you've picked up your dream guitar bargain, seen a cool demo or two and thinking life couldn't get any better... BUT ... we've saved the best until last! Some of Australia's slickest pickers will come together on one stage for the Triple M Finale Jam. The line up includes: **Jack Jones (aka Irwin Thomas), Brett Garsed, James Ryan, Shannon Bourne, & Charlie Bedford**

EXCLUSIVELY ACOUSTIC STAGE

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11.30am VAN LARKINS

Combining classical guitar style with musical influences like electronica, Psytrance and 70s funk, Van Larkins' ground-breaking techniques and complex compositions have earned him a coveted spot on the U.S. CandyRat Records roster, multiple endorsements and praise from the world's best fingerstyle artists

12.30PM MARK FISHER (PHISHA)

Talented Melbourne based acoustic guitarist Phisha brings a refreshingly modern approach to the acoustic singer songwriter genre, infusing traditional folk sensibilities and evocative lyrics, with jaw dropping style and technique.

1.30pm THOMAS LEEB

Thomas Leeb is a frequent performer at concerts and festivals in Asia, the Americas and Europe and has been featured in numerous guitar magazines all over the world. Every year, he teaches workshops and master classes in universities and colleges and his album "Desert Pirate" was voted one of the essential albums of the last twenty years by Acoustic Guitar Magazine. His peculiar guitar style owes as much to percussive techniques as traditional fingerstyle guitar

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10.45am CAT CANTERI

Cat Canteri is a true musician in the sense that she lives for the music, primarily as a solo artist but also with a rich history of collaboration with other bands and songwriters. Cat's acclaimed current album is called Inner North

11.45am THE WEEPING WILLOWS

Featuring Andrew Wrigglesworth
The Weeping Willows play almost every week of the year, often three or four times, winning over new fans and loyal friends wherever they go. It's the reason they turn up on more festival bills than just about any other local act

12.45pm ESPANA

Featuring Matthew Fagan, Bernardo Soler, Dean Gaudion
Internationally renowned 10 String Guitarist Matthew Fagan combines musical passion and virtuosity to celebrate the Spirit of Spain with music from his new album "el Vito", featuring Bernardo Soler and Dean Gaudion.

2.00pm WORLD OF ACOUSTIC GUITAR

Hosted by **Nick Charles** and featuring **Daniel Champagne, Peter Baylor, Jeff Lang, Adam Miller, Van Larkins**. The acoustic guitar has left its imprint on many cultures and musical genres across the world. This show will feature some of the diverse styles and sounds of the instrument

WINNERS CIRCLE WORKSHOP ROOM

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10.30am AMEB Classical Guitar

'Communicating through tone and technique' and discussing the importance of establishing a solid foundation. Exploring how simple scale and arpeggio techniques are developed throughout the various AMEB grades and how technique and tone can facilitate musical expression at any level. Musical excerpts will be performed to demonstrate key learnings and to provide insight into the process of preparing or sitting for an AMEB examination.

11.30am FENDER SEMINAR

Session details to be advised soon

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1.30pm LINE 6 SHOWCASE

In this session we will deep dive into the flagship Line 6 Helix guitar processor and what it can do in the studio and on stage. Writer, performer and producer **Michael Paynter** (Icehouse, The Veronicas) will show you how he uses Helix to layer tracks in pop, rock, and country music, as well as how he uses Helix live. You'll learn tips, tricks and how to make the most of Line 6 Helix.

2.30pm FRACTAL AUDIO WORKSHOP

Featuring **Michael Dolce**

Michel Dolce will demonstrate his use of the Fractal gear live and in the studio. Michael has been part of The Voice' house band on their 'Live to air' shows and on recordings as well as numerous recordings with Delta Goodrem and more

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Cafe Corner.
Ground Level

12.00pm BRETT GARSED

Brett Garsed is one of Australia's most celebrated guitarists. Best known as John Farnham's guitarist on numerous tours, Garsed also made a name for himself overseas with Nelson, and later with Chicago-born guitarist TJ Helmerich. Brett is now back in Australia and we're lucky to have him join us in this intimate session in which he'll discuss his career and guitars.

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