

# Festival 2018

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Everyone is invited to take the plunge into Festival 2018 for 12 action-packed days of free culture taking over the Gold Coast from 4-15 April to celebrate the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).



Festival 2018 Gold Coast features over 1,000 performances across music, theatre, circus, dance, ideas, visual arts and film from across the Commonwealth, Australia, Queensland and the Gold Coast.

There will be two main festival sites in Broadbeach and Surfers Paradise operating day and night from 4-15 April as well as art in unexpected places across the coast from Coomera to Coolangatta.

- **Surfers Paradise:** 12 epic Main Stage events plus large scale installations and performances on the beach
- **Broadbeach - Surf Parade** presented by The Star Gold Coast: a street bookended by two massive stages - a dedicated **Queensland Music Stage** and the **Roundabout Stage** with adrenaline-fueled circus and dance.
- **Broadbeach - Kurrawa Park** presented by The Star Gold Coast: an enchanting art playground for young and old

For full program details visit [gc2018.com/festival2018](http://gc2018.com/festival2018)



## FAMILY PROGRAM

Internationally leading artists, a wonderland at Kurrawa Park Broadbeach and performances on Surfers Paradise Beach will enchant families from 4-15 April at Festival 2018 Gold Coast, the arts and cultural program of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Festival 2018 Gold Coast Co-Creative Director Kate Fell says everyone is invited to explore the magical spaces of Kurrawa Park Broadbeach.

"We've handpicked works of the highest quality by globally leading artists to create this enchanting playground for young and old.

"The idea is – whether you're aged 0 or 100 – you'll be able to spend an entire day delighting in the different worlds at Kurrawa Park Broadbeach."

"There are plenty of things to see, make and do, so we say: come in, stretch your imagination, have some fun, unleash your creativity and savour some of the quieter moments to reflect and concentrate," Ms Fell said.

## LISTINGS – ALL LOCATIONS

Family programming is centred around Kurrawa Park, Broadbeach however there are a number of family shows and installations in Surfers Paradise and across the coast. A number of performances on the Roundabout stage also cater for all ages, please see the website for further listings.

### Images

Register for free on Brand hub and follow the media hub folder to Festival 2018 for Festival 2018 images. <https://brand.gc2018.com/>

For interview opportunities or further images please contact [festivalmedia@goldoc.com](mailto:festivalmedia@goldoc.com)

### Event Listing:

#### **Festival 2018 Gold Coast Family Program**

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Highlights include newly commissioned *The Owl and the Pussycat*, a grand inflatable maze *Arboria*, a travelling museum of curiosities in *The Lost Lending Library* and Australia's most sought after kidult comedians, *The Listies*.

Let your imagination out to play and experience Festival 2018. For further information, visit [gc2018.com/festival2018](http://gc2018.com/festival2018)



## High School Listing Highlights:

### QUEENSLAND MUSIC STAGE

Located in Broadbeach, presented by The Star Gold Coast, the Queensland Music Stage showcases 32 different music acts gathering artists from across the state including the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns and Thursday Island.

The Queensland Music Stage lineup ranges from household names to established indie artists and the next crop of homegrown talent.

#### AMY SHARK

After touring North America, headlining festivals across Australia and securing two ARIAs, Amy Shark hits the Queensland Music Stage. Gold Coast born and bred, Amy is a contemplative and soulfully brooding singer-songwriter who sells out wherever she plays.

Queensland Music Stage, Broadbeach

4 April 7pm–8PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/amy-shark>

#### PACES

##### SUPPORTED BY LASTLINGS & AUSTEN

Presented by Bleach\* Festival

A night of new wave Gold Coast-grown electronic music, headlined by the innovative and summery vibes of Paces.

Queensland Music Stage, Broadbeach

5 April 7pm–Late

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/paces-lastlings-austen>

#### THE JUNGLE GIANTS

##### SUPPORTED BY THE CREASES & ELIZA & THE DELUSIONALS

These indie giants will whip you into a frenzy with their crazy antics and new pop tunes.

Queensland Music Stage, Broadbeach

12 April 7pm–Late

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/jungle-giants-creases-and-eliza-delusionals>



## **LAST CHANCE TO DANCE**

Hot Dub Time Machine

Music

Main stage, Surfers Paradise Beach

15 April 10.30Pm–LATE

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/last-chance-dance-hot-dub-time-machine-aus>

Dance the night away with the global smash-hit DJ experience Hot Dub Time Machine.

Hot Dub has broken dance floors at sold-out shows all over the globe, along with festival slots at Coachella, Reading and Leeds Festival, T in the Park, Splendour in the Grass and plenty more.

Hot Dub (aka Sydney DJ Tom Loud) will play all the songs you love in strict chronological order, mixing and mashing visuals and audio live from vinyl turntables.

Don't miss the party-to-end-all-parties!

## **BLEACH\* ELECTRIFIED**

Music

Presented by Bleach\* Festival

Main stage, Surfers Paradise Beach

7 April 7pm–11pm

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/bleach-electrified>

A selection of the country's finest new artists will take over the stage with an explosion of colour, light and truly innovative pop music.

Festival favourites Confidence Man headline the night, plus performances by culture, language and genre bridging Electric Fields and Gold Coast electronic music producer, vocalist and visual artist Michelle Xen. This is art pop in its truest form.

## **ELECTRIC LADY**

Music / Australian exclusive

Main stage, Surfers Paradise Beach

10 April 7pm–11pm

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/electric-lady>

Meg Mac headlines a lineup of Australia's most powerful female fronted acts including Nina Las Vegas, Wafia and Kardajala Kirridarra.

Curated by Australian musician Holly Rankin (Jack River), Electric Lady is inspired by the movement of women electrifying their voices, rights and passion across the world.



## **FLOCK**

Dance / World premiere

Force Majeure (Australia)

Commissioned by Festival 2018

Surfers Paradise beach

12–15 April 4.30PM–5.30PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/flock-force-majeure-aus>

Set against the spectacular backdrop of Surfers Paradise beach, Flock brings together 60 local performers in a playful and stunning new work by one of Australia's leading dance theatre companies, Force Majeure.

The result is a mesmerising, meditative spectacle which explores our search for meaning in the natural world around us.

## **INTERTWINED**

Grace Lillian Lee and Fiona Wirrer George (Australia)

Fashion / Visual arts / Dance / World premiere

Commissioned by Festival 2018

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

14–15 April 6pm–7PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/intertwined-grace-lillian-lee-fiona-wirrer-george-aus>

Join a captivating celebration of multicultural diversity through art, fashion, movement and song.

Yugambah people have walked this country for generations, and many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people still call the Gold Coast home. Intertwined celebrates the beauty and diversity of identity and the complexities of remaining connected to our culture when on another's country. Led by internationally acclaimed artist and designer Grace Lillian Lee (whose work is inspired by her own Indigenous heritage), the Gold Coast community intertwines the old and new to share their stories with you.

## **WELCOME TO SAMEVILLE**

Shock Therapy Productions (Australia)

Theatre / World premiere

Commissioned by City of Gold Coast and Festival 2018


KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

9–11 APRIL 5.30PM+8PM

Ages 8+ years

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/welcome-sameville-shock-therapy-productions-aus>

You are about to enter a weird and wacky world called Sameville, Utopia on show!



Take a guided tour of a very peculiar autonomous utopian regime. In 'Sameville', you'll find yourself right in the middle of the action, surrounded by people who dress the same, move the same, and act the same. You'll meet several colourful characters and discover the truth about this mysterious place.

Welcome to Sameville is an immersive and interactive theatrical experience that explores democracy, human rights, personal empowerment and freedom of expression.

A world where Dr Seuss and Roald Dahl meet George Orwell and Aldous Huxley.

## **BLOCK**

Dance-circus / Australian premiere

NoFit State Circus and Motionhouse (United Kingdom)

ROUNABOUT STAGE, BROADBEACH

12–15 April Various times, see website

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/block-nofit-state-circus-motionhouse-uk-0>

Witness daring athleticism, split-second timing and thrilling feats as dance and circus collide.

Twenty massive blocks are deconstructed and reformed – Jenga style – for the performers to play on, move with and explore. BLOCK is about life in the city; living large, living fast and sometimes living in the cracks.

See seven extraordinary performers push their bodies to the limit to survive and thrive in the world of blocks.

## **SOWETO SKELETON MOVERS**

Dance

Roundabout Stage, Broadbeach

9–11 April Various times, see website

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/soweto-skeleton-movers>

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/soweto-skeleton-movers-workshop>

Hailed as the best act of the world's biggest hip hop festival, Breakin' Convention, these skeleton movers from South Africa will thrill and delight you with their joyous dance.

With bounce in their steps and looks of mischief, the Soweto Skeleton Movers fuse the South African street dance style 'pantsula' with cheeky contortionism, incredulous footwork and magical hat tricks.

*"You can't tell where the illusion of superbendiness ends and the real thing takes over..."* The Independent, UK

## **360 ALLSTARS**

Urban circus



Onyx Productions (Australia)  
ROUNABOUT STAGE, BROADBEACH  
5–8 APRIL Various times, see website  
<https://www.gc2018.com/event/360-allstars-onyx-productions-aus>  
<https://www.gc2018.com/event/360-allstars-workshops-onyx-productions-aus>

World champion athletes and performers hit the stage in this adrenaline-fuelled urban circus.

Prepare for non-stop action; there's breakdancing, beatboxing, BMX flatlanding, basketball freestyling, drumming and Roue Cyr. Boasting a stellar international cast, 360 ALLSTARS is a phenomenal, physical performance that explores all forms of rotation.

*"A supercharged show... heart pumping music, dazzling lights and video, and incredibly talented athletes and musicians."* Theatermania, New York

## **JAMIE MACDOWELL & TOM THUM**

Music  
KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH  
15 APRIL 12PM+2PM  
<https://www.gc2018.com/event/tom-thum-and-jamie-macdowell>

Chart-topping singer-songwriter Jamie MacDowell and world-class beatboxer Tom Thum unite in a perfect musical match.

See them live and discover why they've racked up best music awards at the world's leading fringe festivals, including Brighton Fringe 2014 and Adelaide Fringe 2016.

## **INSTALLATIONS**

### **ARBORIA**

Interactive Installation  
Architects of Air (United Kingdom)  
KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH  
5–15 APRIL 9AM–6PM  
<https://www.gc2018.com/event/arboria-architects-air-uk>

You'll be amazed by the beauty of light and colour when you enter the luminarium – a monumental, walk-in sculpture that has enchanted millions of people across the globe.

Journey through the dazzling maze of winding paths and soaring domes, and awaken your sense of wonder.

Since 1992 over three million visitors in more than 40 countries across five continents have immersed themselves in the spectacular, luminous world of Architects of Air. For the first time, the Gold Coast will experience this special installation.



## **IMPULSE**

Interactive installation / Australian premiere

SURFERS PARADISE BEACH

4 APRIL 7PM–11 PM

5–15 APRIL 1PM–11PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/impulse-lateral-office-cs-design-can>

Take a ride on one of 15 illuminated musical see-saws in this award-winning interactive art playground. You'll become the musician and artist as your movement and rhythm activate the light and sounds of the see-saw.

Created and produced with the support of Quartier des Spectacles Partnership, Montreal A creation of Lateral Office and CS Design A production of Lateral Office and CS Design.

## **GIANT SING ALONG**

Interactive installation / Australian premiere

Daily tous les jours (Canada)

SURFERS PARADISE BEACH

4 APRIL 7PM–11 PM

5–15 APRIL 1PM–11PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/giant-sing-along-daily-tous-les-jours-can>

You're invited to come together and sing your heart out – karaoke style – with a field of microphones on the beach.

Giant Sing Along is just that – an open opportunity to sing along with your community. A huge screen will feature the words of your favourite songs as voted by the people of the Gold Coast, and auto-tune will make sure you sound and feel good!

## **MUSEUM OF THE MOON**

Public art / Australian premiere

CHINATOWN MALL, SOUTHPORT

4–15 APRIL 10AM–10PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/museum-moon-luke-jerram-uk>

Museum of the Moon is an incredible seven-metre-wide, floating moon sculpture with NASA imagery on its surface. Each centimetre of the replica equals 5kms of the lunar surface.

While you bathe in the moonlight, listen to a surround-sound composition featuring archive audio from the moon landings by BAFTA award-winning composer Dan Jones.