

A COOLER MUSIC FESTIVAL

2-16 AUGUST 2026

BRISBANE
**Winter
Sessions**

**FESTIVAL
PROGRAM**



WELCOME TO THE 2026 BRISBANE WINTER SESSIONS FESTIVAL!

We warmly welcome you to our fifth Brisbane Winter Sessions Festival.

35+ Artists
12 Beloved Brissie Venues
2-16 AUGUST 2026

This festival is all about supporting local artists, live music and businesses and encouraging the next generation of music makers.

We firmly believe in the transformational power of the arts to bring people together and help us realise our commonality, rather than our difference.

Presented by Frontal Lobe Productions, we've set out to create a festival that really brings people of all ages together. Gathering through music is so important for the soul, for community spirit and connection.

We are very proud to deliver our fifth festival and super happy to share that the festival programming is mainly Aussie, almost entirely local and with many free events! It's never been more important to support live music and live music venues.

Brisbane Winter Sessions Festival is proudly supported by Brisbane City Council. We are so grateful for their support of live music.

We want everyone to have a good time. We do not tolerate discrimination of any kind nor anti-social/aggressive behaviour. Here at Brisbane Winter Sessions Festival, we want everyone to have the best time possible!

Be kind, look after each other and most of all soak up the big-hearted groove of this truly special live music festival in Brisbane starring some amazing local musicians!

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the Country we make sounds on together – Meanjin on Turrbal and Yuggera country (Brisbane) – and pay our respects to past, present and emerging elders of "the glad tomorrow" (Oodgeroo Noonuccal).

We urge you to support our amazing musicians and venues this winter.



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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

SUN 2 AUG 2026

FLYING COLOURS PRESENTS DJ VADIM | [FREE EVENT](#)

2PM - 9PM

DJ VADIM, DJ KATCH (RESIN DOGS), DJ TYRONE (GEORGE)

Internationally renowned DJ, producer and Jazz Fudge label founder DJ Vadim brings his fusion of underground hip-hop, reggae, dub, soul, funk and electronica for one immersive arv/eve session.

WED 5 AUG 2026

JIVA ON BRUNSWICK | [FREE EVENT](#)

5PM - 10PM

DIASPORA CALLING

Acts: Various DJs, live performers, spoken word artists.

A celebration of African music and culture featuring a mix of DJs, live performances and spoken word.

THU 6 AUG 2026

MIRRORBALL MINISTRIES | [PAID EVENT](#)

6.30PM - 11PM

OLIFANTENPAD BRASS BAND + GOSTI

Acts: Olifantenpad Brass Band, Gosti (Tunji Beier, Philip Griffin, Linsey Pollak)

Queensland's only Balkan/Eastern European brass band (10-piece) pairs with world music trio Gosti for a night of folk, Balkan tunes, and original compositions on handmade instruments.

RIC'S BAR & BACKYARD (NIGHT 1) | [FREE EVENT](#)

7.30PM - 3AM

AUGUST WINTER SESSIONS

Acts: The Machine, Glassy DJ, DJ AS.98

Full-throttle live rock and DJ sets as the Valley heats up for winter. Machine delivers explosive covers across rock, grunge and funk.

FRI 7 AUG 2026

RIC'S BAR & BACKYARD (NIGHT 2) | [FREE EVENT](#)

7PM - 3AM

AUGUST WINTER SESSIONS

Acts: No Right Turn, Glassy DJ, DJ Condor

Night two of the Ric's party. No Right Turn reinvents pop hits with a gritty rock edge, + killing party DJs.

SAT 8 AUG 2026

THE RUBY JAZZ CLUB | FREE EVENT

7.30PM - 10PM DR. JEFF USHER: A TRIBUTE TO RAY CHARLES

Acts: Dr. Jeff Usher (solo piano/vocals)

Intimate solo performance from one of Brisbane's living treasures. Blind since birth, Jeff brings 40+ years of jazz mastery to a heartfelt journey through Ray Charles classics.

TUE 11 AUG 2026

BLACK BEAR LODGE | PAID EVENT

7.15PM - 11PM RAISING THE ROOF VOLUME 3

Acts: Vinted Vineer, Lottie McLeod, Exit Guide, Chelsea Costar, Flamingo Blonde (MC)

Annual fundraiser for Brisbane Youth Service on EKKKA Public Holiday eve. 100% of ticket proceeds donated. Indie/rock/alt-rock. \$15 presale / \$25 door.

WED 12 AUG 2026

THE ALLIGATOR CLUB | FREE EVENT

8PM - 11PM THE PRIMETIME SEXTET

Acts: The Primetime Sextet led by Ashley Hutton

Multi-set performance of jazz standards and originals capturing the energy of 90s NYC jazz, with Ashley fresh from a professional development stint in New York.

THU 13 AUG 2026

CROWBAR BRISBANE | PAID EVENT

8PM - 10.30PM PHIL JAMIESON - PJ AIR TOUR

Acts: Phil Jamieson (+ support TBC)

One of Australia's most revered frontmen (Grinspoon) in an intimate solo setting, previewing his sophomore album '10Charlie'. \$51+.

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THU 13 AUG 2026

THE CAVE INN | FREE EVENT

7PM - 9PM KRISTY APPS & THE PERFECT STORM + COSMIC SUN LOUNGE

Acts: Kristy Apps & The Perfect Storm, Cosmic Sun Lounge

Double bill of Brisbane artists: Kristy's rock-roots grunge meets Cosmic Sun Lounge's jangly indie pop. Pizza, good company, great music, free entry!

FRI 14 AUG 2026

THE RUBY JAZZ CLUB | PAID EVENT

7.30PM - 10PM MITCH BELLERT QUINTET

Acts: Mitch Bellert (drums), Ben Bruni (trumpet), Josh Hatcher (tenor sax), Eden Armstrong (piano), Elliott Parker (bass).

Hard-bop and post-bop jazz from some of Brisbane's finest. Hidden speakeasy vibes, red door, no signs.

SAT 15 AUG 2026

THE JUNK BAR | FREE EVENT

7.30PM - 10PM A NIGHT OF LIGHT & SHADE

Acts: Tyrone Noonan Band, Fergus Hogan, Satellite Mile (solo)

Three distinct voices: ARIA-winning jazz-pop, raw vulnerable balladry, and progressive darkwave soundscapes, all stripped back for an intimate acoustic evening. Free entry but booking essential.

SPICE NIGHTLIFE | PAID EVENT

10PM - 3AM THE PRECIOUS BADDIES

Acts: DJ sets, go-go dancers, resident queens; surprise performances from Kayty Banks and Shadeya.

Brisbane's weekly queer club night goes festival mode. Glitter-drenched, high-energy, inclusive dancefloor.

SUN 16 AUG 2026

THE TRIFFID | PAID EVENT

DOORS 1PM THE MASTER APPRENTICES - TURN UP THE TRIFFID

Acts: The Masters Apprentices feat. Mick Bower, Brian Vaughton, Craig Holden + special guest Doug Ford

Legendary 60s Oz rock band reunites with both eras' principal songwriters sharing a stage for the first time. Expect "Turn Up Your Radio," "Because I Love You" and deep cuts.

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