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INDIGENOUS MUSIC CAMP CALL-OUT: MUSICIANS INVITED TO TAKE PART IN LANDMARK EVENT

The Gold Coast's premier art and cultural event, Bleach* Festival, is seeking 20 Indigenous musicians to take part in a landmark event as part of Bleach* at Festival 2018; part of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Applications are still open for *By the Beach* – a five-day immersive experience held on the Gold Coast next month – which sees successful applicants participate in an intensive music residency program in preparation for a large-scale music production bound for Festival 2018 in April.

Bleach* Festival Artistic Director **Louise Bezzina** said *By the Beach* offered emerging artists the opportunity to develop artistically, personally and culturally in a supported and engaging environment.

"2018 is a transformational year for Bleach* Festival, with the Commonwealth Games running in parallel with the festival right here in our own backyard," Bezzina said.

"As such, we're preparing to launch our most ambitious program yet, headlined by a ground-breaking original musical production that is certain to capture the hearts and minds of both Gold Coast locals and visiting international guests."

The *By the Beach* program presents a rare opportunity for emerging and established Indigenous musicians to collaborate with an extraordinary team of artists including **Brian Ritchie** (Violent Femmes, The Break, ACO, MONA FOMA curator), **Fred Leone** (Black Arm Band, Impossible Odds, Clancestry QPAC), **Kyle Slabb** (Director of Jaali Inc), **Veronique Serret** (Strings), **Sam Pankhurst** (Bass) and **Greg Sheehan** (Percussion).

Bezzina said the Bleach* Festival team was on the search for a diverse group of musicians from across Queensland and surrounding regions, covering a range of ages, skills and musical influences.

"For more than five years, Bleach* has unearthed and elevated a number of world-class artists, many of them local, and we look forward to connecting with more talented artists as part of the *By the Beach* program."



Expressions of interest can be registered via <http://2017.bleachfestival.com.au/blog/4704/> or by contacting info@bleachfestival.com.au or 07 5525 6468.

Applications close Monday 23 October 2017. Successful applicants will be notified by 31 October 2017.

By the Beach is a new initiative of Bleached Arts, the creators of Bleach Festival – the Gold Coast’s signature arts and culture festival. This project is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.*

- WHAT:** *By the Beach Indigenous Music Camp*
- DATE:** Monday 20 November – Friday 24 November
- LOCATION:** Bond University, Gold Coast
- PROVIDED:** \$250 to cover living expenses; shared accommodation for non-Gold Coast musicians; daily lunches.
- ARTISTS PROVIDE:** Own travel to/from Gold Coast; instrument/s; personal belongings; additional food; cost of additional recreational expenses.

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