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Vanessa Amorosi Set to Wow Ekka Audiences

Widely recognised as one of Australia's most talented vocalists, Vanessa Amorosi will thrill Ekka audiences with her performance on Friday 13 August at 8.30pm on the Barry Park Stage.

With eight ARIA Award nominations and a prestigious APRA Award under her belt, Amorosi's first-time Ekka performance is a highlight of this year's Show and will be a major draw-card for visitors.

Already this year, Amorosi has toured Australia as a special guest to Rob Thomas and has played to over 300,000 people nationwide.

Her latest ARIA Top 10 album 'Hazardous' has been awarded Gold status in Australia. The first single from the album, "This Is Who I Am", which achieved double platinum status, debuted at #1 on the charts and retained this position for two weeks. A feat not achieved since Kylie Minogue in 2007!

Amorosi's most recent single, 'Mr Mysterious' features multiple ARIA award winner Seany B. Debuting at #6 on the ARIA charts, the single climbed to #4 in its second week and achieved Gold status.

Part of the Ekka Concert Series presented by Triple M and B105, Amorosi's performance will include some of her most innovative work to date.

Supporting Amorosi is Australian Idol winner Stan Walker, who will be on stage from 7.30pm and out to show Ekka audiences what he can do.

But the Ekka's amazing entertainment program doesn't stop there...

This year other exciting acts including **Katie Noonan and the Captains**, the **Queensland Opera**, and **Tenorissimo** combined with all the glamour of the Cotton and Wool Parades make this year's entertainment line-up simply unbeatable.

The Auditorium Concert Series, happening in the Walter Burnett Building, is a highlight of the Ekka 2010 calendar and features some of the most talented musical performers to come out of Australia.

The stunning voices of Tenorissimo' kick off the series on Sunday 8 August at 6pm. This internationally acclaimed quartet, is comprised of some of The Ten Tenors most recognisable and experienced members, including Craig Atkinson, Andrew Pryor, Jason Turnbull and David Kidd, with Swings Dion Molinas, Nathan Kneen, Paul Tabone and Luke Venable.

On B105 People's Day (Wednesday 11 August) up-and-coming artists from the Queensland Opera will perform for Ekka Audiences. These emerging artists have been selected from Opera Queensland's Young Artists Program - a unique training initiative specifically designed to provide rising performers with a valuable opportunity to refine their professional skills.

Capping off the Concert Series, home town songbird Katie Noonan and her new band The Captains will draw a crowd on Friday 13 August at 7pm.

Also in the Auditorium are two fantastic kids shows, The Shrek Stage Show and New MacDonald's Farm. Both shows are happening twice every day throughout the Show.

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The hugely Wool and Cotton Fashion Parades that were presented in the 80s and 90s are back again in Ekka 2010! Illustrating the talent of Australia's burgeoning fashion industry, the **Cotton and Wool Parades presented by The Courier-Mail** will entice audiences with their energy and diversity and offer a unique opportunity for Show-goers to experience the largest publicly available fashion shows anywhere in Queensland.

The Parades will take centre stage in the Auditorium at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm daily. An additional show will be staged at 4pm each day of the first weekend and Wednesday 11 (B105 People's Day). The last parade will be staged at 3pm on Saturday 14 August.

All performances and parades are included in the price of admission to the Show.

With laughs in the morning, glamour after lunch and tunes all night, the Ekka is a destination-location for fabulous entertainment for the whole family to enjoy!

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