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THE EKKA CONCERT SERIES JUST GOT BIGGER!

As the Ferris Wheel awaits its first patrons and the lights from YoGo Alley flicker the excitement it becomes clear - the Ekka is nearly here. This year the Ekka brings some of the biggest and best acts to play as part of the **Ekka 2010 Concert Series presented by Triple M, B105 and Radar.**

Over the next two weekends, The Grates, The Beautiful Girls, Yves Klein Blue and Operator Please will be hitting the stage at Ekka. Supporting this abundance of talent will be local heroes **Ball Park Music**, the laid back **Rokeby Venus** and also the romping **Dead Beat Band**.

Brisbane's own **Ball Park Music** will bring their own unique pop recipe full of sliding trombones and folk to this Friday's show (6 August). Their jangly guitars and honky-tonk piano will be a perfect warm up before The Grates help you shake it all out on the first night of the series. The six-piece have released a self-produced debut EP "*Rolling On The Floor, Laughing Ourselves To Sleep*" in 2008 and recently have backed that up with the release their second EP - "*Conquer the Town, Easy as Cake.*"

Joining The Beautiful Girls on Saturday night (7 August) will be **Dead Beat Band**; another set of locals that will have your feet stomping. Their fusion of old school classics and modern day rock will also send you back to the days of long boards and bronzed beach girls. They recently released a self-titled EP "*To Neverland*" that wouldn't be out of place between The Beatles and Jimi Hendrix in your CD collection.

Opening Saturday's night of chilled rock will be **Rokeby Venus**. The vibrant new Australian band have a sound that will have you uncontrollably bopping your head, tapping your feet and thinking of summer days. Capturing listeners with charismatic Aussie accents, Rokeby Venus have emerged as an addictively listenable Brisbane outfit with an infectious energy.

Of course this isn't all that the Ekka will be bringing. For those with a little more pop in their heart be sure to catch rockers **Amy Meredith** on Tuesday August 10 or **Vanessa Amorosi** and **Stan Walker** on Friday August 13. The five big nights will then be closed by a stampede of handclaps and swinging hips to **Operator Please** and **Yves Klein Blue**.

All these fantastic bands plus many more still to be announced are available for the low price of a day ticket to the Ekka.

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FRIDAY 6 AUGUST: THE GRATES

Plus **Ball Park Music**

The Ekka @ RNA Showgrounds

Tickets available from <http://www.ekka.com.au/tickets/welcome.aspx> for just \$24 for adults, \$18 concession and \$14 for children. ALL AGES event. Entry includes access to rides, showbags and all the fun of Ekka.

SATURDAY 7 AUGUST: THE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS

Plus **Rokeby Venus** and **Dead Beat Band**

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TUESDAY 10 AUGUST: AMY MEREDITH

Plus Special Guests

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FRIDAY 13 AUGUST: VANESSA AMOROSI & STAN WALKER

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SATURDAY 14 AUGUST: OPERATOR PLEASE & YVES KLEIN BLUE

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