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The Grates return to Australia to kick off the Ekka Concert Series

Brisbane's favourite trio, **The Grates**, return Down Under after a year-long jaunt to the United States. With Patience's patented high kicks, The Grates will be jump-starting the **Ekka 2010 Concert Series presented by Triple M and B105** on **Friday 6 August** at the RNA Showground with a one-off performance in their home town of Brisbane.

The Grates will be the first of three very special concerts throughout **Ekka**, with **The Beautiful Girls** entertaining audiences on **Saturday 7 August** and a massive double bill with the Gold Coast's **Operator Please** and Brisbane's own **Yves Klein Blue** headlining on **Saturday 14 August** to finish proceedings with a bang!

The Grates have been living in Brooklyn, New York for nearly a year, writing, demoing and touring throughout the USA and Canada. It's been a while since the ribbon-twirling, dancing darlings have graced a Brisbane stage. With a slew of new songs under their belts, as well as sing-a-long hits sure to get the crowd dancing, The Grates will be announcing their return with bells on. The whirlwind visit will see them depart Australia again to continue writing and recording internationally for their forthcoming, highly-anticipated third album.

The Beautiful Girls' unique blend of rock, folk, reggae, and dub-step makes for some interesting party tunes that have people of all ages and walks of life bopping along to. While their new album "*Spooks*" has received accolades across the nation, the three-piece truly shine when performing live. The Beautiful Girls are touring throughout July and August before heading to the northern hemisphere for a massive US tour. Catch them at The Ekka while you can!

Gold Coast indie-popsters **Operator Please** have had a rollercoaster ride since they were discovered as teenagers. With their second album, "*Gloves*", Operator Please shed their youthful inhibitions and have developed a more mature, refined sound. Having toured the world including Europe, Japan and Australia with a series of gigs that included Glastonbury, Reading & Leeds Festivals and Splendour in The Grass, Operator Please have made a name for themselves in the live arena.

Joining Operator Please in a double-header worth jumping off the dodgems for, local lads **Yves Klein Blue** will have young hearts a-beating. Having ignited the crowd at the recent Go Between Bridge Concert, Yves Klein Blue continue to be a crowd-pleaser. The Brisbane four piece are about to take a break from touring

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to step into the studio to record the follow-up to their 'Polka'-led debut, "Ragged & Ecstatic".

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 Special Guests

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 Special Guests

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SATURDAY 14 AUGUST: OPERATOR PLEASE & YVES KLEIN BLUE DOUBLE BILL

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