Alice Springs Desert Festival Rocks The Red Centre

One of the Territory’s most popular cultural events is set to rock the Red Centre during the next 10 days in the form of this year’s Alice Springs Desert Festival.

Minister for Central Australia, Karl Hampton, today invited the public to attend the 10th annual Festival which is Central Australia’s premier arts and cultural event.

Mr Hampton said the Festival, from 10-19 September, celebrates the great Territory lifestyle unique to the people who live in this spectacular desert landscape and helps grow the region.

“Central Australian artists will once again inspire locals and visitors for 10 days as Alice Springs is transformed into a hive of activity, drawing people from around Australia and overseas to the Red Centre,” Mr Hampton said.

“I congratulate Red Hot Arts Central Australia for putting together a great program that includes the Bush Bands Bash, Youth Dance Off, the Wearable Arts Awards and performances by Dan Sultan, Desert Divas and Colourfide.”

Mr Hampton said the Festival includes Desert Mob 2010 which is celebrating its 20th year at the Araluen Arts Centre.

“Desert Mob is the premier Aboriginal art event showcasing work from Central Australian artists and events this weekend include the Desert Mob Exhibition, the Desert Mob Symposium and the Desert Mob Marketplace,” Mr Hampton said.

“The number of national and international collectors and researchers returning each year for the show to attend the events and buy Aboriginal art continues to increase which is a great endorsement of the success of Desert Mob.

“I congratulate Desart Inc and Araluen Arts Centre for hosting a great annual event for visitors and the people of Alice Springs and I look forward to tomorrow night's opening.”

This year’s Desert Mob Exhibition features 34 participating art centres comprising 315 works which are a stunning array of vibrant colours and of exceptional quality from established and emerging Indigenous artists living and working in remote areas of the NT, SA and WA.


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