Getting in the groove from the Centre to the sea

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The Territory Jazz n Blues Festival kicks off in Darwin and Alice tonight with the first of 33 events in 25 locations across the NT.

“This is a great opportunity for Territorians to get a taste of Jazz and Blues in their own backyard, including our regional centres,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“The Giles Government is proud to be supporting this new 10 day, Territory-wide music event with $25 000 funding through FestivalsNT.

“The Territory Government launched FestivalsNT last year to build on the existing Territory wide festivals calendar and increase cultural, sporting, business events throughout the year.”

Tonight, the Festival begins with D&G Jazz Fusion in Alice Springs and the Social Supper Dance in Darwin.

“A Centre to the Sea tour will follow with dozens of events in regional areas finishing at SkyCity on Sunday 10 May,” Mr Giles said.

This includes concerts in Katherine, Devils Marbles, Renner Springs, Daly Waters, Mataranka, Nitmiluk Gorge, Emerald Springs, Berry Springs and Nhulunbuy.

“This inaugural festival was created as a way to celebrate Jazz and Blues across the Territory. In future years we hope to take the Festival to Indigenous communities as well,” Chairman of the Territory Jazz n Blues Festival Geoff Goodrich said.

The Festival headline act is James Morrison and his band the Hot Horns Happening. They will perform in Alice Springs on Saturday 9 May at the Alice Springs Doubletree Hilton and Darwin at SkyCity on Sunday 10 May.

“Hot Horns Happening last played together in 1997 and now, more than twenty years later, the group is reuniting with all the original members as part of the Territory Jazz n Blues Festival,” Mr Giles said.

The Festival also features an array of local artists including Paul Brandis, Elli Belle, Comedian Amy Hetherington, D&G Jazz Fusion, Jacinta Price, Colin Lillie, Anna Boustead and After the Rain, Emma
Stocker, The Mint Slices, Jigsaw Collective and Esther Croez, the Bar Blisters, LJ Sennett and the Governors, Brother Phoenix, Mark Muffler and the Diegos.

Territory Proud Inc and Helping People Achieve are the promoters and coordinators of the festival with the intention of raising the profile of both organisations and raising funds to help people with special needs obtain training and real jobs.

“The Territory Jazz n Blues Festival is just one of the many festivals supported under the FestivalsNT banner. Other festivals being supported this year include the Barunga Festival, the Garrmalang Festival and the Darwin Festival,” Mr Giles said.

To find out more or book a Territory Jazz n Blues Festival event ticket visit:


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