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Ekka

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Grammy Award winners to rock the Ekka

For the first time in Ekka history Grammy Award winners will take the stage in a concert series set to go down in history.

Grammy Award winners Wolfmother are set to rock the Ekka this year, while Grinspoon, who first performed at Ekka in 2005, will join for two huge nights of cutting edge entertainment.

RNA Chief Executive Jonathan Tunny said this year's Ekka concert series should not be missed.

"We have a proud history of showcasing fantastic Australian bands and this year we are thrilled to have artists of this calibre performing," he said.

"Since 2005, visitors to Ekka have been treated to incredible performances including the Living End, Spiderbait, Evermore, The Beautiful Girls, Regurgitator, Screaming Jets and Sneaky Sound System."

Grinspoon kicks off the line up on Friday August 12 in the Auditorium, with Wolfmother wrapping up the Ekka on Saturday August 20.

One lucky band will also be chosen as the support act for Wolfmother to warm up audiences before the big finale in a special competition run by Triple M called Show Starter.

Wolfmother

Brothers and sisters sound the siren, a new moon is rising and the era of Wolfmother is well and truly upon us. Through the whirlwind journeys that the band has been on with the *Wolfmother* and *Cosmic Egg* albums, voyages that resulted in millions of albums sold, multiple ARIA Awards, a Grammy, and festival and film and soundtrack appearances. Andrew Stockdale (vocals, guitar), Ian Peres (bass, keys, vocals), Aidan Nemeth (guitar), and Will Rockwell-Scott (drums) have travelled the world, testifying to the band's fans, and to the world at large.

Grinspoon

It took an epic quest spanning across four continents for Grinspoon to find rock's Holy Grail. Now unlocked, the band has shaken up the Australian rock scene with their double Platinum 1997 smash-hit debut, *Guide To Better Living*, then Platinum-selling *Easy* in 2002, then going on to receive Rock Album of the Year in 2004, loads of ARIA Award nominations and conquered stages across the country, including multiple Big Day Out tours and Splendour In The Grass bills. From Canada to Spain, Amsterdam and Singapore, the band's latest album, *Six To Midnight*, now finds a home in Australia. Frontman Phil Jamieson, bassist Joe Hansen, guitarist Pat Davern and drummer Kristian Hopes recorded this album together live for the first time in a decade, resulting in a tight, frenetic and tense rock album, brimming with energy and buoyant enthusiasm.

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