

# Songs for Peace



## ROEBOURNE CONCERT FOR PEACE TO STAR ARCHIE ROACH

Under the Pilbara moon on **Saturday 29th September** comes an inaugural event on country - celebrating music, hope, peace and renewal.

**Songs for Peace** is an evening of music for Roebourne - the Aboriginal heart of the Pilbara - at the Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation's Ngurin Cultural Centre. With a line-up curated by Grammy Award winner and music broadcaster Lucky Oceans, this very special event is presented with the Roebourne community and produced by Big hART.

The concert is led by one of Australia's most beloved Indigenous artists - national treasure **Archie Roach**. Archie's prolific 30 year career has been an inspiration to many, as a member of the Stolen Generations and a revered leader, his soulful sound gets to the heart of what it takes to be human. He will be joined by an impressive line-up of local artists who'll take to the stage alongside Australia's top Indigenous artists which include nationally acclaimed Broome artist **Steven Pigram** and Bidyadanga singer-songwriter **John Bennett**. Also featuring at Songs for Peace is **Brian Ritchie** (ex Violent Femmes), **David Hyams**, **Tyson Mowarin**, **Josie Alec**, **Angus Smith**, **Aaron Hopper**, **Kendall Smith**, **Allery Sandy**, **Ham and Stirling Blacket**, **Koda TahiTahi** and **Patrick Churnside**. More artist announcements to follow.

The event builds on Roebourne's intrinsic love of music - their Murru Concert at Federation Square which opened Melbourne Festival and was released on iTunes, the beloved music program of the prison, the monthly Song Sessions presented by young people, and weekly music workshops bringing young and old together in song and spirit. The remarkable culture and richness of the talent has seen the Roebourne community perform in nationally acclaimed theatre production Hipbone Sticking Out, create award-winning interactive comic Neomad, produce health film initiatives, virtual reality projects, award-winning apps, podcasts, films and the new Tjaabi - Flood Country production, all set against the backdrop of the stunning ancient landscape of the World Heritage-nominated Murujugu, which houses the largest collection of rock engravings in the world.

Held in the outside amphitheatre next to the John Pat Peace Place, the first Songs for Peace will be a small and intimate event, which the Roebourne community and Big hART hope to build as an annual attraction for the Pilbara region, attracting tourists from across the country and eventually the world. Every day in the week leading up to the event, a fire will be lit at dusk for peace at the John Pat Peace Place.

Songs for Peace is proudly supported by Wirru-Murru Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation, Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation, Fortescue Metals Group, Coins Foundation, Pilbara Development Commission, Perpetual, Australian Government Building Better Regions Fund, and the Blacket family.

Big hART is Australia's leading campaigning arts organisation, working with all language groups of the Roebourne community for 8 years to tell their story, including 80% of the young people in the town. To date Big hART has worked in over 50 communities, alongside over 8000 individuals in urban, rural, regional and remote Australia and won over 45 awards.

All are warmly welcome to join the Roebourne community to sing up the future in this uplifting evening of music, spoken word, food and culture on Saturday 29th September from 6:30pm.

**WHAT:** Songs for Peace

**WHERE:** Ngurin Cultural Centre, Roe St, Roebourne

**DATE:** Saturday 29th September

**DOORS OPEN:** 6:30pm

**TIX:** Tickets are free, but seating is limited so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.



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