

Presented by  
**Monaro Folk  
Society Inc.**



Doors open 6.30pm  
Support - 8.00pm  
Main Act - 9.00pm  
\$12 members  
\$14 concessions  
\$17 others

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## Sat 5 June I Viaggiatori -supported by Dante Musica Viva Choir

Be transported with **I VIAGGIATORI** to forgotten Italian fishing villages, moonlit olive groves, and a hard life under a hot sun where women sang melancholy songs of lost love, displacement and revolution and fought hardship with a fierce sense of humour. Kavisha Mazzella, Irine Vela, David De Santi and Mark-Holder Keeping as I Viaggiatori provide the sounds of folk, celtic, gypsy, blues and Italian world music woven expertly together. **Dante Musica Viva** is the Dante Society's choir that loves to present Italian popular songs at public events in the Canberra area, including at the recent National Folk Festival.



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## Sun 6 June 2:30 pm Kitty & the Bobcats -supported by Jaq Diamond & the Dubious Pleasures

Enjoy afternoon tea with **Kitty and the Bobcats**, a three-piece band based in Canberra and Melbourne that plays traditional and original songs and tunes predominantly in the Old Time American style. Rob Mahony (fiddle), Peggy Daroesman (guitar and vocals) and Bob Hefner (banjo and vocals) produce lively, toe-tapping instrumentals and beautiful vocal harmonies.

**Jaq Diamond and the Dubious Pleasures:** Julie Barnes teams up with Strathmannan's Niall Howe (keyboards) and Mark Jenner (fiddle) for some songs around the piano. A little bit of alt. country means the usual slice of heartache and tragedy with a dash of swing on the side; maybe even a surprise guest or two. Join us for a merry musical night - The Pleasures are always keen to be shared.

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## Fri 11 June Crooked Fiddle Band - supported by Mr Fibby

Australian chainsaw-folk vigilantes **The Crooked Fiddle Band** deliver a no-holds-barred celebration of dark, ecstatic energy. Holding nothing sacred (or is it everything?) tCFB intertwine folk traditions with modern evolutions, spurring the dance floor into a post-apocalyptic hoedown. The Sydney based four piece are equally at home in the late-night revelry of The Famous Speigeltent, underground warehouse parties and in the concert hall, playing for Brian Eno's Luminous Festival at the Sydney Opera House.



**Mr Fibby** – if you haven't seen them you've missed a theatrical, musical performance that defies description! Take the chance...

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## Fri 18 June Drumassault - with special guest Mohamed Bangoura



World class djembe master, **Mohamed Bangoura**, will guest star with Canberra's leading drumming group, **Drumassault** to perform the traditional music of West Africa and take you on a journey from the hauntingly beautiful sounds of the kora (traditional harp) to the explosive and hypnotic sounds of the djembe and dundun drums.



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## Fri 25 June Freyja's Rain cd launch – supported by Jacquie Nicole.

**Special cd launch price: \$10 members & concessions, \$12 non-members.**

Canberra four-piece roots band **Freyja's Rain** is launching its first EP **Wild and Free**. The album features five great original tracks and was recorded by Freyja's Rain guitarist Brendon Houlahan, mixed by the fabulous Arran Boom and mastered by the amazing Kimmo Vennonen! Their positive bluesy/folky vibes will have you up dancing and singing along with their beautiful harmonies! EPs will be on sale for \$5 on the night (\$10 normally).



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**Coming Up:** Fri, 9 July New York Public Library/Hoddle  
Sat, 17 July David Long and Band  
Fri, 23 July The Odd Box – local singer-songwriters sing each others' songs

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