

# media release



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## EKKA: A MUSIC MECCA!

A selection of Australia's best music acts will be rocking Ekka 2009.

When it comes to Live and Loud music, it doesn't get much better than Evermore, Bob Evans and Paul Dempsey, along with the star power of the internationally acclaimed Ten Tenors.



Nova Live & Loud, which runs over three big Ekka nights, has developed a reputation for being one of the best outdoor gigs in Brisbane and, best of all, the concert is included in your Ekka entry ticket price of just \$23 (\$17 concession / \$13 up to age 14)!

Paul Dempsey will kick off **Nova Live & Loud @ Ekka** with a performance on Friday 7 August, followed by Bob Evans on Saturday 8 August, before Evermore caps off three big nights of entertainment with a concert on Saturday 15 August. After sharing the bill with Little Birdie at Nova Live & Loud @ Ekka 2006, Evermore are back, gracing the stage with hit songs from their latest album *Truth of the World*. **Evermore** has dominated both the Australian and New Zealand music scenes after releasing their breakthrough 2004 album *Dreams*, featuring the songs *It's Too Late* and *For One Day*. Evermore will be supported by both Rock School Winners as well as the breakthrough Melbourne girl duo Dash and Will, who are currently wowing the Australian pop scene.

Something For Kate frontman **Paul Dempsey** has made a mark in 2009 with his inaugural solo effort *Everything Is True*. Ekka audiences will rock out to some of their favourite Something For Kate tracks along with Dempsey's very own material which has already received significant airplay on Nova 106.9. Brisbane post-punk band Cairos will be supporting Dempsey at Nova Park on Friday 7 August.

Singer-songwriter and Jebediah frontman Kevin Mitchell has received plenty of attention from the Australian music scene this year, serenading fans with his catchy and melodic tunes such as *Pasha Bulker* through his solo artist alter ego **Bob Evans**. Evans will be supported by Brisbane singer-songwriter Andrew Morris who will perform his keyboard-based songs.

### NOVA 106.9'S ROCK SCHOOL

Nova 106.9 and Ekka are once again on the hunt for Brisbane's best school bands. In 2009 there are two new categories, Primary Schools and Secondary Schools, with the major winners of each title walking away with \$5000 each.

Requirements include that nominated bands must have all members attending either primary or high school in Brisbane and have provided a demo to Nova Studio by 10am Monday 3 August via CD or MP3. A judging panel will select the top five bands from each category to perform at Ekka on Tuesday 11 August (Primary Schools) and Thursday 13 August (Secondary Schools). Ekka visitors can vote for their favourite band from Monday 3 August and determine the winners of Rock School 2009. Visit [www.nova1069.com.au](http://www.nova1069.com.au) for more information.

### Ekka Sunday Sunset Concert

In 2009 the Ekka will pay homage to the **Ten Tenors**, who are returning home this year to enchant audiences with an exclusive Ekka Sunday Sunset Concert. The Ten Tenors have gone from strength to strength since studying at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, becoming one of the most successful worldwide touring acts today, performing, on average, 250 international critically acclaimed concerts every year.

### Billy Hyde Music presents Urban Upbeat @ Ekka

This major musical event showcases school and community music ensembles from all over Queensland and even interstate. More than 3500 instrumentalists from a wide variety of ensembles – including concert, jazz, string, choir, percussion and rock – will be in the running for trophy prizes in the following categories: Most Musical Ensemble, Most Entertaining Ensemble, Best Choice Repertoire, Most Outstanding Group, Best Young Ensemble and Best Presented Music Program.

Urban Upbeat sounds will be ringing through the Billy Hyde Rotunda for the 10 days of Ekka. A highlight at the Rotunda will be the Billy Hyde Music Showcase Day on Sunday 16 August featuring some of Queensland's professional bands and entertainers, including the Australian Army Band (Brisbane).

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