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Ausmusic Month returns to the ABC this November as we celebrate our place as one of the nation's biggest supporters of local music and musicians.

Throughout the month, we'll be putting some of Australia's favourite music artists front and centre across ABC TV including *Missy Higgins*, *Peter Garrett*, *Kasey Chambers*, *Dan Sultan*, *Angus & Julia Stone*, *Ball Park Music*, *The Presets*, *The Rubens* and more.

ABC currently plays the highest proportion of Australian music of any broadcaster. In the last year 58% of music played on triple j was Australian, and Classic FM played over 50% of Australian performances for the first time ever.

The ABC is proud of the role it plays in fostering new talent through our music initiatives, programs and platforms like triple j Unearthed. More info [here](#).

The ABC is kicking off the month-long celebration of Australian music with a one-off, one-hour reunion special of audience favourite *Spicks and Specks*.

We've taken a fresh approach to live music on television with our new program *The Set*, bringing viewers live performances from some of the Australia's most exciting talent, performing special collaborations and covers in a purpose-built share house.

In the tradition of **Ausmusic Month** concerts of previous years, ABC will broadcast *Missy Higgins and Friends Live* where Missy Higgins will perform her most loved songs and covers with some well-known special guests.

Excited to take to the stage for **Ausmusic Month**, **Missy Higgins** says "This show is going to be so fun, I've always wanted to play in the Melba Spiegeltent and to have such incredible guests joining me on stage just tops it off. My career all started because of winning triple j Unearthed way back in 2001 so to be invited by the ABC to headline their Ausmusic Month celebration feels like a pretty cool 'coming full circle' moment. It's going to be very special."

Also screening during the month is the ground-breaking new series *Don't Stop the Music*, highlighting the importance of music education in Australian schools, and inspiring the next generation of children to embrace music.

Content highlights for ABC's Annual Ausmusic Month:

On Radio:

- ABC Jazz and Classic FM will be broadcasting live from music festivals.
- ABC Local will be playlisting 100% Australian music every Monday.

- triple j will be recognising all the best moments from the year at their annual J Awards; celebrating their favourite artists with Ausmusic T-Shirt Day; and featuring all-Australian Like A Versions, Live At The Wirelesses and J Files across triple j and Double J.

On TV and iview:

***Spicks and Specks Reunion* (7.40pm, 4 November on ABC and iview)**

Hands on buzzers, it's time to play Spicks and Specks!

Adam Hills, Myf Warhurst and Alan Brough are gearing up to celebrate Australian music as only they know how; with returning old favourite games, some new surprises, and of course plenty of laughs.

Our team captains will be joined by award-winning rapper Adam Briggs, singer-songwriter Ricki-Lee Coulter and comedians Frank Woodley and Denise Scott. Expect a fantastic line-up of Australia's music greats, both past and present. More info [here](#)

***The Set* (Beginning 31 October at 9.30pm on ABC and iview)**

Hosted by triple j's Dylan Alcott and Linda Marigliano, *The Set* will be bringing viewers live performances from some of the biggest and very best artists of the moment, including Angus and Julia Stone, Vera Blue, Ball Park Music, and The Presets - and they're bringing their mates!

The Set will see headline artists curating a two-guest line-up for each episode. Expect artists like Illy, Odette, Baker Boy, Wafia, Mallrat, Angie McMahon, Tia Gostlelow, LANKS and more to enter the purpose-built share house set for some unforgettable one-off line-ups and performances. More info [here](#)

***Don't Stop The Music* (7.40pm, beginning 11 November on ABC and iview)**

In this brand-new three-part series, a school principal join forces with singing superstar Guy Sebastian on a mission to transform the lives of disadvantaged kids through the power of music.

Children who play a musical instrument do better academically and socially. But in Australia, 80% of kids are missing out – especially those who need it the most. More info [here](#)

***Missy Higgins & Friends Live* (8.40pm, 25 November on ABC, ABC iview and Double J)**

Following previous ABC concert broadcasts from Crowded House and Paul Kelly, this Ausmusic Month we bring you 'Missy Higgins & Friends Live'. Almost 15 years since her landmark album *Sound Of White* (6 ARIA Awards, 9 x platinum sales), Missy Higgins will perform some of her most loved songs, live at an intimate show in the Melba Spiegeltent in Melbourne.

Joining her for some collaborations and covers are her closest friends and family, including



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Peter Garrett, Kasey Chambers, Dan Sultan, Gretta Ray, Ben Abraham and David Higgins,
making this truly a show you don't want to miss.

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