

Rock, Soul and Vintage Sounds to Shake Up Ballarat Treasure in September



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Three nights of live music
at **Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute**
September 1 - 3
117 Sturt Street Ballarat
Tickets: \$5 - \$25 at ballaratmi.org.au/springcelebrations
or at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute

One of Ballarat's oldest treasures will be pulsing to the sounds of folk, rock, soul, jazz and surfer grooves in early September as part of its Spring Celebrations. The Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute, together with Federation University's Live Production team, are putting on three nights of live music featuring some of Ballarat's finest performers.

Sep 1 from 7:30pm: Ballarat Songwriters Night
with **Heart of the Rat Records**
featuring A Miner, The Dead Salesmen Duo,
Freya Hollick & Matt Malone

Sep 2 from 7:30pm: An Evening of Jazz and Soul
featuring Motor City Sounds,
Geoffrey Williams & Windrush Band,
Liana & The Petite Mort

Sep 3 from 6:30pm: Vintage Cinema & Sounds
featuring Surf Shadows,
short film by Yum Studios,
Jazz quintet Sounds of Silent perform live to Buster
Keaton's 1927 film Steamboat Bill Jr.

"The Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute has a long history of being a hub of social activity and entertainment, and we're glad to be bringing that back with this exciting program" says BMI Curator Amy Tsilemanis.

Kicking things off on Thursday September 1 will be a selection of artists from local record label Heart of the Rat Records, including Ballarat stalwarts The Dead Salesmen Duo.

The BMI will ooze the sweet sounds of soul and jazz on Friday September 2 with the amazing rhythms of Liana & The Petite Mort, Caribbean beats of Geoffrey Williams & Windrush Band plus the soul stylings of Motor City Sounds.

Spring Celebrations concludes with a spectacular finale of vintage cinema and sounds as surf rockers Surf Shadows get the Humffray room grooving, before a

screening of a short film by local film maker Erin McCuskey, including recently discovered footage of Ballarat. Jazz quintet Sounds of Silent will then take over the Minerva Space as they perform live to Buster Keaton's classic 1927 film Steamboat Bill Jr.

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