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## MEDIA RELEASE

### SHOCKONE AND STELLA DONNELLY ADDED TO EPIC 2018 SOTA FESTIVAL LINE UP

- **A FREE all-ages showcase of Western Australian talent**
- **Part of WA Day celebrations on Monday 4 June 2018**

**ShockOne** and **Stella Donnelly** will hit the SOTA Festival stage for the first time joining WA international successes Birds of Tokyo, San Cisco, Mama Kin Spender and many more this WA Day, Monday 4 June.

SOTA returns in 2018 with a fully Western Australian line up designed for music lovers of all ages, with both under 18 and licensed areas. Best of all, it's FREE!

Proudly presented as part of the 2018 WA Day Festival and co-presented by WAM, the seventh annual SOTA showcase will be held at Elizabeth Quay as part of the WA Day long-weekend festivities.

**ShockOne** (aka Karl Thomas) has garnered a hero status on the drum and bass scene since the release of his debut EP, *The ShockOne EP* in 2009 with hit song *Polygon* labelled by Radio 1's Annie Max as 'the biggest drum and bass tune out'. 2013 saw ShockOne release his groundbreaking debut LP, *Universus* that within weeks hit the number one spot on iTunes and the Australian ARIA albums chart. Get ready for ShockOne to inject energy into the crowd when he hits the SOTA Festival stage on June 4.

**Stella Donnelly** burst onto the music scene with her hit debut EP *Thrush Metal* and has since been labelled one to watch after a standout performance at last year's BIGSOUND Festival. Tipped to follow in the footsteps of WA international successes Tame Impala, Pond and Luke Steele, Stella Donnelly has recently signed an international record deal with leading US label Secretly Canadian. Get ready to be captivated by the raw beauty of Donnelly's sounds this WA Day!

So, what does SOTA 2018 sound like?

Birds Of Tokyo

San Cisco

ShockOne

Mama Kin Spender

Stella Donnelly

Psychedelic Porn Crumpets



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Arno Faraji

The Southern River Band

Calmly

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John Bennett with David Hyams

Spacey Jane

With headliners that span everything from alternative rock to Aussie hip-hop, SOTA's line-up includes a mix of WA favourites, old and new. Many of these artists will be returning to home soil from international or national tours to party at SOTA Festival 2018.

In addition to these epic sounds we have plenty of food and drink to keep you hydrated and your energy levels high enough for dancing all day long. For the first time SOTA Festival will bring Bar Pop's *Bar, Bites and Beats* to Elizabeth Quay: featuring Insta-worthy bites from a swathe of food trucks, that showcase incredible local produce amongst urban cool bars with WA brewed beers, wine and more. Listen to the epic sounds whilst snacking on delicious bites, *Bars, Bites and Beats* is every foodie's dream.

For those that can't get down to Elizabeth Quay on WA Day, the sounds of SOTA Festival will be live streamed on YouTube for all to enjoy.

SOTA Festival 2018 will be held on WA Day Monday as part of the wider WA Day Festival. On Sunday 3 June, the festival will see Elizabeth Quay abuzz with a fun filled family day. Highlights include a bigger than ever, all-inclusive kids zone featuring a silent disco, gold panning from Perth Mint, a mascot race and much more to keep the little ones entertained all day. Centre Stage will also be packed on Sunday 3 June with performances all day. Concluding with spectacular Fireworks at 7pm.

Bar, Bites and Beats will transform from 4-10pm on Sunday, as Bar Pop bring you special guest DJs at the *Sunday Sessions*.

SOTA Festival is a collaboration derived from the desire to support, nurture and grow creative opportunities for local artists, and to further position contemporary music as a leading cultural identifier for WA. The popularity and awareness of SOTA continues to grow from year to year and the event is now a key feature on the WA music calendar.



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## SOTA

A Festival Celebrating WA Music

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FREE – No registration required

ELIZABETH QUAY

Monday 4 June, 12-9pm

For more information visit [celebratewa.com.au/sota/](http://celebratewa.com.au/sota/)

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SOTA is an all-ages event. Licensed area will also be available.

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