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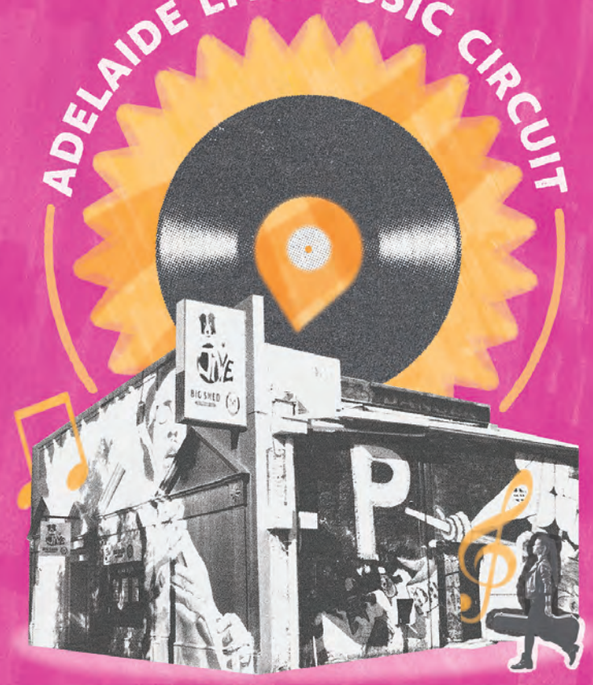
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Located on Kaurna Yarta, Adelaide is proudly Australia's first and only UNESCO City of Music. We invite you to explore our city with this backstage pass to our live music venues, businesses and experiences. Discover a city with music as its heartbeat.

So, what are you waiting for?

Hit the streets, clap your hands, raise your voice, tap those feet and find your scene!

Victoria Katsoulis Quintet at Jazz in the Square, Hindmarsh Square/Mukata 2025 — Jack Fenby

ADELAIDE CITY OF MUSIC LANEWAYS

Explore Adelaide's City of Music Laneways. Vibrant artworks in each laneway honour our musical trailblazers who got their start in our city, became local legends, and won fans around the world.

The Angels Lane

The Angels Lane features artworks by CAPITAL WASTE (Liam Somerville) and Vans the Omega, that celebrate The Angels' legacy, theatrical stage presence and revolutionary sound.

Cold Chisel Lane

Explore the legacy of Cold Chisel, formed in Adelaide in 1973, through the words of fans in a mural by James Dodd. The band's first regular residency was at the nearby former Mediterranean Hotel.

Hilltop Hoods Lane

Named by *Rolling Stone* as one of the greatest Australian acts of all time, Hilltop Hoods are the latest local legends to receive a laneway named in their honour. The laneway features artwork by Vans the Omega.

No Fixed Address Lane

Reggae rock band No Fixed Address were Australia's first Aboriginal band to tour overseas, commemorated in this mural by Elizabeth Yanyi Close (Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara), Shane Mankitya Cook (Guwa and Wulli Wulli) and Thomas Readett (Ngarrindjeri and Arrernte).

Paul Kelly Lane

Born and raised in Adelaide, national treasure Paul Kelly is celebrated through a light-based artwork *Street of Love* by Heidi Kenyon.

Sia Furler Lane

She Imagined Buttons, a mural by Jasmine Crisp, is inspired by her experience seeing nine-time Grammy nominee Sia perform live. Nearby once stood Cargo Club, where Sia performed regularly early in her career.



MUSIC ARTWORKS

City of Music Mural

Dave Court's artwork highlights the excellence, diversity and cultural history of this City of Music - plus, it's the biggest mural in the city!

Fear - Paxton Walk

Fear by Gregg Mitchell, an artwork etched into the city's East End, captures the energy of Adelaide-based 1980s punk-pop band Exploding White Mice.

The Violinist

Found on Rosina Street, this mural by artist Simeon Jones pays homage to the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra; their HQ is just around the corner on Hindley Street.

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Vans the Omega, The Angels Lane mural 2025 - Morgan Sette

LIVE MUSIC VENUES SPOTLIGHT

A playlist of some of the live music venues that locals love and where a good time is guaranteed.

9 Ancient World

An eclectic artist-run venue featuring a hidden entrance, walls adorned with local artists' work and a broad range of live music - from experimental, to post-punk, to karaoke.

36 The Ed Castle

You can catch live music most nights of the week at The Ed Castle. Showcasing a mix of local and touring artists, the venue carries forward the spirit of the legendary Crown & Anchor ahead of its planned return in 2027.

41 The Exeter Hotel

An East End institution featuring live bands and DJs every weekend. Extra credibility points if you spot and recreate the photo of Nick Cave, Kim Gordon and Tex Perkins in the front bar.

45 Gilbert Street Hotel

Pouring drinks since 1848, this historic pub hosts live music from jazz and blues to folk and DJ sets. Experience the atmosphere of one of Adelaide's oldest continuously operating hotels.

47 Grace Emily Hotel

Affectionately known as 'The Grace', this West-End pub hosts the city's longest-running open mic night on Mondays - Billy Bob's BBQ Jam - plus jazz mid-week, new talent, and established bands.

52 Hindley Street Music Hall

The largest contemporary music venue in the city and the place to see big national and international touring artists. Their online accessibility guide has your good time in mind.

53 The Hotel Metropolitan

'The Metro' is a big supporter of live music, hosting gigs most nights of the week and showcasing a diverse mix of alternative, folk, punk and experimental artists. It's also a pre-show dinner and drink favourite for performances at Her Majesty's Theatre next door.

58 Jive

Step inside past the Jimi Hendrix mural, where you'll find a sunken dance floor, mezzanine level and lounge area. Settle in and get your contemporary music fix from local favourites to touring acts. This West End institution has recently undergone accessibility upgrades to create a more inclusive experience for audiences and performers.

59 Khukuri Nepalese Restaurant

Named after Nepal's traditional curved knife, Khukuri showcases multicultural music every night of the week. Experience performances in Nepali, Hindi and English, creating a vibrant and memorable dining experience.

61 La Louisiane

A classy night out with French cuisine, live jazz, swing and cabaret music, and world-class beverages that will transport you to the romantic boulevards of Paris.

65 Lion Arts Factory

This heritage-listed venue hosts touring artists, club nights and local shows. Keep an eye out for the yellow custard dripping down the side of the building, a clue to its former use.

78 Memphis Slim's House of Blues / Shotgun Willie's

Inspired by the New Orleans and Chicago music scenes, get your basement blues jam on at Memphis Slim's or kick back with some country/folk music upstairs in Shotgun Willie's saloon.

85 Nexus Arts

This community-centred contemporary arts space champions culturally diverse and intercultural artistic practice hosting contemporary musicians from around the world.

89 North Adelaide Baroque Hall

Enjoy intimate chamber music concerts in this stunning rococo style music hall created in 2022 within a heritage-listed North Adelaide home.

93 Pastel Wine Bar

From BYO vinyl nights and live jazz to nightly DJs, there's always something playing. The dedicated DJ booth and mirror ball-lit courtyard make it a favourite North Adelaide spot for a memorable night out.

101 Rhino Room / Lowlife Basement Bar

See a gig upstairs at Rhino Room or have a late-night dance party at Lowlife. When these venues pair up, expect an intimate multistage festival with a mix of local and interstate bands.

104 Royal Oak

This classic North Adelaide pub hosts live music most nights with a focus on acoustic artists and cover bands you can dance to. Winged trumpets, trombones and a pressed tin ceiling are a vibe.

117 UniBar Adelaide

A vital part of university culture and the Australian live music scene since the 1970s, this venue hosts regular all-ages shows and festivals from international bands to DJs to emerging local acts.



143 Mary's Poppin

This proudly queer-owned and operated LGBTQIA+ venue is a multiple SA Pride Award winner, known for its drag performances, themed nights and late-night dancing. Located in SA's first synagogue, this building has hosted live music venues and night clubs for decades. Mary's also runs the popular outdoor music festival Poppin Out.



Adelaide Afrobeat Collective at Rhino Room for Make Music Day 2025 — Spoz Spozington



ADELAIDE ICONS

Standing the test of time, these Adelaide icons have a rich history and continue to shape our dynamic live music scene.

1866

Adelaide Town Hall

An SA Music Hall of Fame inductee, Adelaide Town Hall has hosted concerts, civic events and public gatherings since 1866, even welcoming The Beatles in 1964. Free lunchtime performances often showcase its famous pipe organ, with classical, contemporary and candlelight concerts year-round.

The LadyBeatles at Adelaide Town Hall for the 60th anniversary of The Beatles' visit



1870

Adelaide Central Market

A hub of food and culture, a feast for all the senses, with over 70 fresh produce traders and eateries. Its regular Friday night music program, school holiday activities and roving entertainment bring life and colour to our city all year round.



1900

Elder Hall

A renowned concert and performance venue on Adelaide's boulevard of culture and learning for students of Adelaide University's Elder Conservatorium of Music, the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM), and guests. Free lunchtime concerts every Friday.



1913

Her Majesty's Theatre

'Her Maj' is a heritage jewel in the heart of the city, hosting national and international touring acts including contemporary and classical music, opera and ballet, and musical theatre.



1972

Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM)

The only tertiary-level music program for First Nations musicians in Australia, CASM is a music hub where Aboriginal Australians can find their voice and realise their potential as musicians. Alumni include Electric Fields, DEM MOB and No Fixed Address.



Discover Kaurna language, stories and songs in the Little Library. With interactive activities, artwork and music from *Yurikurringa Ngadluku Paltirna (the Kaurna Songbook)*, developed by CASM, it's a fun space for children and families to learn, listen and play.

Yurikurringa Ngadluku Paltirna: Listen to Our Songs Kaurna songbook launch, Kaurna Day 2025, Adelaide University



1973

Adelaide Festival Centre

Australia's first multi-purpose arts centre and home to Adelaide's major festivals, touring productions and community events. Set on the banks of the River Torrens/Karrawirra Parri, it also features the Adelaide Festival Centre Walk of Fame, celebrating artists who have performed at the centre.

Hyoshi in Counterpoint at Adelaide Festival Centre — Xplorer Studio

1976

Rundle Mall

Expect the unexpected in Rundle Mall, Adelaide's iconic shopping, dining and entertainment hub. The Mall hosts buskers, DJs and public art year-round.

The Mall has seen some unforgettable moments, from performances by Culture Club and Guy Sebastian to John Farnham's iconic 1980s advertisement and an infamous afternoon set by Nick Cave's band, The Boys Next Door.



I ♥ LOCAL

If you know where to look, live music can be experienced in the City of Adelaide every day and night of the week, and this backstage pass will help you find it. From local artists to touring acts, discover a diverse mix of genres and live performances across venues, restaurants, public spaces and businesses throughout the city.





The Festival State

Adelaide's calendar is packed with festivals celebrating music, arts and culture, including Adelaide Fringe, Adelaide Festival, WOMADelaide, Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Make Music Day, Illuminate Adelaide and Feast Festival.

Alongside major events, you'll also find independent and community-led festivals popping up across the city throughout the year. Whether it's a headline act, an emerging artist or your next favourite band, you never know who you'll discover on an Adelaide stage before they blow up.

Gig Guide

Wondering what's on? Adelaide has local gig guides ready to point you in the right direction. Check out The Note, Adelaide Gigs or What's On in Adelaide for the latest listings and music news. If you're on social media, follow Liv at the Gig, Homebound, Spoz's Rant, That Adelaide Band, Band Banta and Pocket Rock-it.

Check out what's on in Adelaide!

All Ages

Under 18? Adelaide has plenty of ways for young people to enjoy live music and get involved in the local scene. Look out for events such as Holiday Bands at Carclew, NEO at AGSA, On the Flip Side, and the DreamBIG Children's Festival.

Venues including UniBar Adelaide, Jive, Nexus Arts, and Arthur regularly host all-ages gigs, while the Adelaide Festival Centre offers special events for all-ages.

Check out *Teen Spirit*, The Note's youth edition, available online and through local schools.





Parks and Recreation

The City of Adelaide delivers a year-round program of outdoor events and activations featuring music, from open-air concerts and cultural celebrations to street performances, markets and seasonal festivals. Look out for Music in the Square, Make Music Day, New Year's Eve, Winter Weekends and Christmas in the City, helping bring free music experiences into our public spaces year-round.

Dinner and a Show

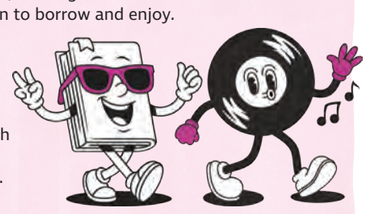
Head to one of these venues to get your fill of tasty tunes: Luigi Delicatessen, Luma Restaurant & Bar, Mamacita Restaurant & Bar, BB Thai Town, Jalsa Indian Bar & Restaurant, Khukuri Nepalese Restaurant and ROMA all pair great food with live music.

Enjoy a diverse mix of multicultural performances and dining experiences, offering everything from local acts to music influenced by cultures from around the world.

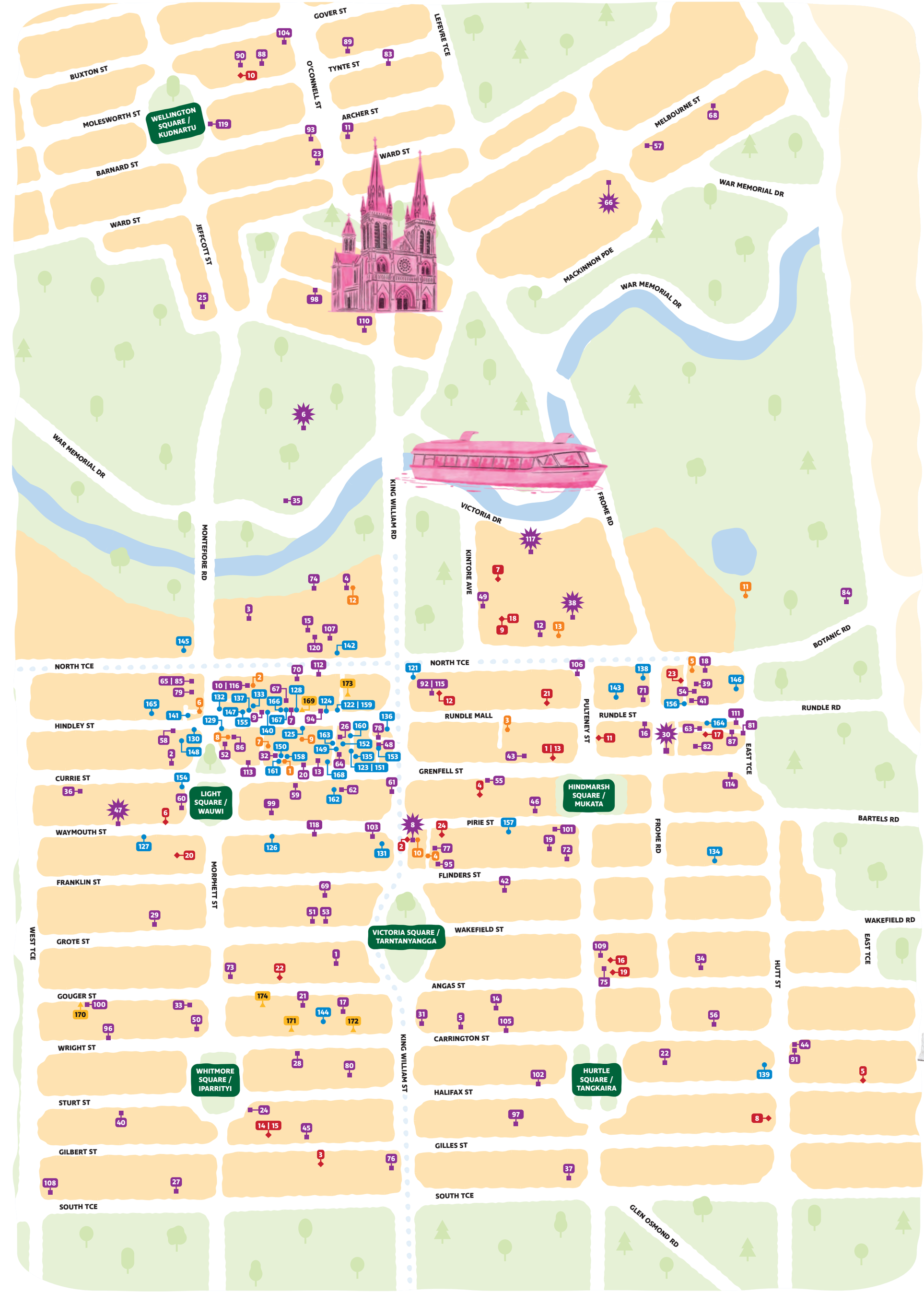
Free Music Resources

Discover a range of free music resources offered through City of Adelaide's libraries and community centres. At City of Adelaide Library, North Terrace, you can borrow records from the UNESCO City of Music Vinyl Collection, access music-making equipment through the Library of Things and play a digital grand piano. Music toys are available at all three City Libraries branches, offering free instruments and music-themed toys for young children to borrow and enjoy.

Emerging musicians can book free rehearsal space at the Adelaide Town Hall Meeting Hall, while Live Music Loading Zones across the city and North Adelaide support performers and crews travelling to venues.



1. Praise Mangena at Make Music Day 2026, West Oak Hotel — Saige Prime
2. Kiasmos at Hindley Street Music Hall for Illuminate Adelaide 2025 — Kerrie Geier
3. Oscar the Wild at Queer Club Vol 5, UniBar Adelaide 2026 — Thomas Jackson
4. OzAsia Festival - Xplorer Studio



LIVE MUSIC

1 Adelaide Central Market
2 Adelaide College of the Arts
3 Adelaide Convention Centre
4 Adelaide Festival Centre
5 Adelaide Irish Club
6 Adelaide Oval
7 Adelaide Symphony Orchestra — Grainger Studio
8 Adelaide Town Hall
9 Ancient World
10 Angela's Kitchen and Bar
11 The Archer Hotel
12 Art Gallery of South Australia
13 ARTHUR Art Bar
14 The Arts Theatre
15 The Atrium Lounge, InterContinental Adelaide
16 The Austral
17 Australian Migrant Resource Centre
18 Ayers House
19 Baddog
20 Basement Gallery and Studio
21 BB Thai Town
22 Box Factory Community Centre
23 Byblos / Boss of Clouds
24 Cafe Troppo
25 Carclew
26 Casablabla
27 Cha Cha Bar
28 Cozinha
29 Crafty Robot Brewing
30 Crown and Anchor Hotel
31 The Crown and Sceptre Hotel
32 Cry Baby
33 Diverse-City
34 Dom Polski Centre
35 The Drive
36 The Ed Castle
37 ela Bar (Hotel Alba)
38 Elder Hall
39 Elephant British Pub
40 Encanto Latino
41 The Exeter Hotel
42 Flinders St Baptist Church
43 The Gatsby Lounge
44 General Havelock
45 Gilbert Street Hotel
46 The Golden Wattle
47 Grace Emily Hotel
48 Hains & Co
49 Hal's Hall
50 HC Club
51 Her Majesty's Theatre
52 Hindley Street Music Hall
53 The Hotel Metropolitan
54 The Howling Owl
55 Hymn Bar
56 The Italian Centre
57 Jalsa Indian Bar and Restaurant
58 Jive
59 Khukuri Nepalese Restaurant
60 The Lab at ILA
61 La Louisiane
62 Lady Burra Brewhouse
63 The Laneway Social
64 Leigh Street Luggage
65 Lion Arts Factory
66 The Lion Hotel
67 The Little Hunter
68 Lord Melbourne Hotel
69 Luigi's Delicatessen
70 Luma Restaurant & Bar
71 Luna 10 (Crowne Plaza)
72 MAKAN
73 Mala Mia
74 Malt Shovel Taphouse
75 Mamacita Restaurant and Bar (Tryp Hotel)
76 The Market Shed
77 Meeting Hall
78 Memphis Slim's House of Blues / Shotgun Willie's
79 Mercury Cinema
80 Minor Works Building Community Centre
81 Mothervine
82 Mr. Goodbar
83 Mylk Bar
84 National Wine Centre
85 Nexus Arts
86 Nineteen Ten
87 NOLA
88 North Adelaide Baptist Church
89 North Adelaide Baroque Hall
90 North Adelaide Community Centre
91 Nowhere Bar
92 Page & Turner (Myer Centre)
93 Pastel Wine Bar
94 Piano on Hindley
95 Pilgrim Uniting Church
96 Prince Albert Hotel
97 The Q on Hallett
98 The Queens Head Hotel
99 The Queens Theatre
100 Quicksteps
101 Rhino Room / Lowlife Basement Bar
102 Rob Roy by L.Law
103 Roma
104 Royal Oak
105 Saracens Head
106 Scots Church
107 SkyCity Adelaide
108 Skyline Events Centre
109 Some Where House
110 St Peter's Cathedral
111 The Stag Public House
112 Strathmore Hotel
113 TAFE SA
114 Tandanya
115 Three of Cups Teahouse (Myer Centre)
116 TIA LIVE
117 UniBar Adelaide
118 Union Hotel
119 The Wellington Hotel
120 Westward



DJS

121 2KW Bar & Restaurant
122 Bank Street Social
123 BCKYRD
124 Black Bull Hotel
125 Cherry
126 Cosmos Club
127 The Cumberland Arms Hotel
128 DISTRICT
129 DIV-DE
130 Dynasty
131 Electra
132 Electric Circus
133 Fabric Adelaide
134 FUTUREJUICE
135 Girl Next Door
136 HENNESSY Rooftop Bar, Mayfair Hotel
137 Higher Vision Bar
138 honeydripper
139 Latteria
140 Level Up
141 The Little Red Door & Winston
142 Madame Hanoi
143 Mary's Poppin
144 Merrymaker Rooftop Bar (Hotel Indigo)
145 MOD.
146 Monica
147 Mr Kims
148 Nearly
149 Nevermind
150 Nightshade
151 Paloma Bar and Pantry
152 Plain Jane Adelaide
153 Poster Boy
154 The Reserve Social
155 Rocket Bar & Rooftop
156 Smokelovers
157 SORA
158 Sunny's Pizza
159 Surge Nightclub
160 Therapy Cocktail Bar
161 trap.
162 Two Suns
163 Udaberri
164 Wax Bar
165 West Oak Hotel
166 When N Where
167 The Woolshed
168 Zhivago



SA MUSIC HALL OF FAME VENUES

6 Adelaide Oval
8 Adelaide Town Hall
30 Crown and Anchor Hotel
38 Elder Hall
47 Grace Emily Hotel
66 The Lion Hotel
117 UniBar Adelaide



SUPPORT ACTS

1 Addicted to Audio
2 Adelaide Town Hall Rehearsal Space (Meeting Hall)
3 AA Plus Music and Art Academy
4 ARMI Australian Rock and Metal Institute
5 The Audio Embassy
6 Billy Hyde Music
7 Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM)
8 City of Adelaide Library, Hutt Street
9 City of Adelaide Library, North Terrace
10 City of Adelaide Library, Tynte Street
11 Clarity Records
12 Consortium Music (Myer Centre)
13 Derringers Music / Store DJ
14 Fretco Guitar Repairs
15 The Guitar Academy
16 Interim Recording Studio
17 Jewels of Thought Records
18 Little Library
19 The Mill
20 My Dead Grandpa
21 Rerun Records & Photography
22 School of Chinese Music & Arts
23 Streetlight
24 Transition Records

LIBRARIES ROCK!

UNESCO City of Music Collections available at City Libraries.

City of Adelaide Library, North Terrace

Vinyl and record players, vinyl listening lounge, Roland digital grand piano, music toys, music books, magazines and DVDs, digital music resources.

City of Adelaide Library, Hutt Street

Music toys, books, magazines and DVDs.

City of Adelaide Library, Tynte Street

Music toys, books, magazines and DVDs.



CITY OF MUSIC LANEWAYS AND MUSIC ARTWORKS

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10 The Beatles artwork, Adelaide Town Hall
11 Elvis Presley memorial, Adelaide Botanic Gardens
12 Adelaide Festival Centre Walk of Fame
13 Jubilee Walk, North Terrace



SING YOUR HEART OUT

169 K. Illusion Karaoke Lounge
170 La Sing
171 I Darts Adelaide
172 No.9 Karaoke
173 Rush Karaoke
174 YangGuoFu

1. Wauwi Nights: Vintage, Vinyl & Vibes 2026 — Jack Fenby
2. Jasmine Crisp, *She Imagined Buttons*, 2020, Sia Furler Lane — courtesy of the artist

