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## **LAID IN EARTH**

The entire community is invited to gather around the Musical Ship at Cooktown's Endeavour Park on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August from 3pm for an afternoon of incredible music and performance, celebrating life in tropical Far North Queensland.

Multi award-winning singer Sarah Blasko, joined by the diverse musical communities of Cooktown and Far North Queensland will converge on the Musical Ship with a sixty-strong assembly of massed voices, percussionists, musicians, artists and singers.

Queensland Music Festival Artistic Director, Deborah Conway said, "Laid in Earth is a musical event especially created to rejoice in the trials and tribulations of living in this extraordinary part of Australia, it is a shining example of what can happen when the QMF and a community come together".

Opening the event will be *Mothership*, an innovative work using the iconic Musical Ship to bring together professional percussionists with over sixty primary school students.

Far North Queensland's own Deadly Award winning band 'Black Image' will be premiering their own fresh and original songs and a brand new 'unplugged' sound; Sydney wind ensemble 'Kurrawong'; and local songstress 'Emma Louise'.

As the sun sets on Cooktown, the unique voices of the Hope Vale Choir will herald in the performance of an original composition by Australian composer Damian Barbeler. Sarah Blasko will perform alongside a mass choir drawn from the communities of Hope Vale, Rossville and Cooktown and a percussion and chamber music ensemble created for this world premiere event.

This superb new musical work, supported by stunning lighting, soundscapes and visual projections will highlight the diversity, beauty, and challenges of living in paradise.

The Queensland Music Festival is a state-wide biennial celebration of musical excellence that makes the joy of music accessible to all. Whether your primary interest is in serious contemporary music, world music, regional cultural development or just taking in fantastic entertainment, QMF offers 44 events in over 20 regions throughout the State to connect with.

The Festival ignites artistic potential throughout Queensland. Working in collaboration with local councils and regional communities, QMF inspires participation in music-making and performance that reflects local culture and tells local stories.

### **EVENT DETAILS**

Date: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August  
Time: from 3pm  
Venue: Endeavour Park, Cooktown  
Tickets: FREE EVENT

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**Laid in Earth is presented by Queensland Music Festival and Cook Shire Regional Council**

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