

Meriton Festival Village Music

ALL NIGHT DANCERS at the Village

Reykjavik Calling / Outernational! / Black Coffee with Okmalumkoolkat



Photo: Black Coffee by Nick Boulton

Get ready to turn up the heat this summer at the Meriton Festival Village where the Magic Mirrors Spiegel tent will play host to some of the best electronic sounds from around the world.

Dance for hours across three separate nights. Give yourself to the thick and infectious electronic grooves coming out of South Africa, bounce to Iceland's best electro-pop, and get down to the Outernational party-starting sound from Jamaica, New Zealand and New York City.

The Festival Village will open its doors for you to spend the balmy nights of summer on the dancefloor at these three unique and exclusive one-night-only parties that will carry on late into the night.

Reykjavik Calling, FM Belfast & Hermigervill (Iceland) – Australian Exclusive
Magic Mirrors Spiegel tent, 10 Jan – 9:45pm until late, \$49 General Admission.

Two Icelandic Electro-pop titans in a heart-thumping shakedown.

Iceland may have a rep for its icy, majestic soundscapes and kitschy twee pop, but FM Belfast and Hermigervill are here to set the record straight – and the dancefloor ablaze – in *Reykjavik Calling*. Super-cool hitmakers FM Belfast offer irresistible pop hooks with crisp electro beats and a wicked sense of humour: imagine the gleeful fun of Girl Talk with the bassy drive of Diplo and you're getting close. They're joined by one-man party-starter Hermigervill, whose live shows are the kind that get thousands literally jumping for joy. Think of this celebration as a giant, glittery piñata for your ears.

More information and video: sydneyfestival.org.au/reykjavik

OUTERNATIONAL! Deadly Dragon SOUNDSYSTEM ft. Screechy Dan & Lord Echo (Jamaica/USA/New Zealand)

Magic Mirrors Spiegel tent, 23 Jan – 9.45pm until late, \$49 General Admission.

Dance across musical borders as we link up Kingston, New York and Wellington in a mighty reggae and groove-driven get-down.

Jamaican-born New York MC and singer Screechy Dan is legendary for uniting musical cousins reggae and hip-hop, and performing alongside the likes of Shaggy. He's backed by selector Scratch Famous of the Deadly Dragon Soundsystem. Co-starring in this planetary meltdown is Lord Echo from New Zealand – a genre-hopping reggae-disco-Afrosoul dance master – and his soundsystem. Starting the party right, vinyl-slinger Raul Panui links tropical hotspots in a border-crossing frenzy of fun.

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Black Coffee with Okmalumkoolkat (South Africa)

Magic Mirrors Spiegeltent, 24 Jan – 9.45pm until late, \$49 General Admission

Heat-seeking South African electro stars head up a rave like no other.

Intense, bristling, wild, joyful: that's the sound of young South Africa, as expressed through its vibrant electronic music scene, and with *Black Coffee* and *Okmalumkoolkat*, Sydney Festival brings together two of its leading lights for one massive party.

A superstar DJ in Africa and on the world circuit (Berlin, Ibiza and beyond), Black Coffee is a true pioneer of the home-grown house music movement, offering a singular mix of thick grooves and cool, clattering beats. Opening the show, trailblazing Jo'burg rapper, DJ and producer Okmalumkoolkat (featuring Cid Rim and The Clonious) is the inventor of Zulu science fiction rap – get an earful of his jaw-dropping single 'Holy Oxygen' and *100K MaCassette* mixtape, and you'll see exactly what he means.

More information and video: sydneyfestival.org.au/blackcoffee

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