

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## Jalen Ngonda announced for Sydney Festival 2025 as part of debut Australian Tour

R&B/soul sensation Jalen Ngonda is set to embark on his debut Australian tour this January. Presented by Untitled Group and Double J, the unequivocally gifted songwriter and artist will be debuting across major cities and performing at City Recital Hall for two nights on January 16 and 17 as part of Sydney Festival.

Jalen Ngonda has continued to rise as a prominent figure in the music industry. Signed to the prestigious Daptone Records, he released his debut album *Come Around and Love Me* (2023) to critical acclaim, followed by two standout singles in 2024. Ngonda often describes his sound as “*modern soul with a touch of the Beach Boys and the Beatles*”.

Renowned for his silky, enriching vocals and nuanced voice Jalen Ngonda seamlessly blends classic and contemporary soul to create a truly unique sound. Having already supported icons like Lauryn Hill in 2019,

sold out shows across the US, UK, and Europe, and performed at major festivals like Down The Rabbit Hole and Glastonbury, his debut Australian tour promises to deliver an unforgettable live experience.

Jalen Ngonda's debut Australian tour is presented by Untitled Group and Double J. Untitled Group is Australia's largest independently-owned music and events company, renowned as the masterminds behind much-loved festivals including Beyond The Valley, Pitch Music & Arts, Wildlands, Ability Fest and more.

Ngonda's Sydney performances will be featured as part of the **Sydney Festival**, a vibrant city-wide celebration of culture and creativity. Spanning multiple locations across Greater Sydney, the festival offers a diverse program of free and ticketed events, including theatre, music, dance, visual art, and more.

Jalen Ngonda will kick off his Australian tour at Brisbane's Princess Theatre on January 14, followed by two performances as part of the Sydney Festival at City Recital Hall on January 16 and 17. Melbourne's Northcote Theatre will host the artist on January 18, with a show at Lions Art Factory in Adelaide on January 20. The tour will conclude at Fremantle's Freo.Social on January 21.

**To register for Sydney Festival pre-sale tickets, available on Wednesday 25 September at 10am, visit: <https://www.sydneyfestival.org.au/>. Tickets go on sale on Thursday 26 September at 12pm.**

### **Jalen Ngonda – Australian 2025 Tour Dates**

Tuesday 14 January - Princess Theatre, Brisbane  
Thursday 16 January - City Recital Hall, Sydney  
Friday 17 January - City Recital Hall, Sydney  
Saturday 18 January - Northcote Theatre, Melbourne  
Monday 20 January - Lion Arts Factory, Adelaide  
Tuesday 21 January - Freo.Social, Fremantle

For more information about the Jalen Ngonda Australian Tour, visit:

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<https://www.untitledgroup.com.au/>  
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### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**About Sydney Festival:** Sydney Festival is one of Australia's largest international arts festivals, with a stellar reputation for bold, inventive and intelligent programming. Its vibrancy reflects the confidence, creativity and vigour of one of the world's most beautiful cities. Under the curation of Festival Director Olivia Ansell, the Festival's mission is to deliver an exhilarating summer of art, drawing stories from Sydney's 65,000-year history through to its contemporary zeitgeist. Sydney Festival stages the world's best artists whilst nurturing its homegrown talent; many of Australia's most memorable theatrical productions have stemmed from its premieres and commissions. The buzz of summer wouldn't be the same without the Festival's spectacular installations, immersive experiences and live events splashed across Sydney each January. In 2026 Sydney Festival will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.