

WA FOLK FEDERATION PRESS RELEASE 26th MARCH 2012

Folk and Roots @ Perth Cultural Centre

Sunday 1st April, 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Sunday 8th April 2012, 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Perth Cultural Centre

(Bounded by Roe, Beaufort, Francis and William Streets), Perth

The W.A Folk Federation with the support of City of Perth and the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority has announced the April folk artist lineups for Sunday 1st April and Sunday 8th April 2012 for the Folk and Roots @ Perth Cultural Centre on Sundays. The performances will be from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at the Perth Cultural Centre.

‘The WA Folk Federation with the support of City of Perth and the Metropolitan Development Authority are bringing folk and roots music to the Perth Cultural Centre in April in the last performances from this series of the Folk and Roots @ Perth Cultural Centre’, said Keith Anthonisz , Chair of the WA Folk Federation.

On Sunday 1st April, the WA Folk Federation have Rachel Dillon and Joel Smoker supported by the John Mc Nair and Keith Anthonisz duet.

Rachel Dillon is a singer songwriter who is a story teller, singing songs about change. The music draws from a range of shared traditions with influences of folk, country, Bluegrass and Americana. In 2012, Rachel was a finalist in WA Country Music Awards at Boyup Brook for Best New Talent. She was awarded second prize for her song, Boab Tree by WA Poets Inc in the Lyric Writing Competition of the 2010 WA Poets Festival. She has also played at numerous festivals including Tamworth, the NSW Country Music Festival, The ACT Country Music Festival and the Nanga Music Festival, WA. She has received national recognition as demonstrated by her opening for Tex Perkins at the iconic Sydney venue, The Vanguard in 2011.

Joel Smoker is a country music song writer who is inspired by the Kimberley. With *The Red Dirt Band*, Joel has recorded five albums with a strong Australian flavour.

The first album, 'Out On Highway One' explores the themes of leaving home and discovering the world. 'Outback' reflects Joel's Kimberley experiences both growing up as a child and returning to the heartland later as an adult. 'The Flesh And The Spirit' explores more internal issues. 'The Road to Nullagine' is a four song EP reflecting Joel's experiences in the north west of this state. 'Smile', deals with the passage of time and how it affects us all. His latest recording, 'Heaven', is a six song CD of original Gospel songs.

'Rachel Dillon and Joel Smoker give us songs from an appreciation of the country and I am happy to have them playing their songs the Folk and Roots @ Perth Cultural Centre series', said Keith Anthonisz.

On Sunday 8th April, the WA Folk Federation have Lauren Arthur and Steve Froudlist supported by the John Mc Nair and Keith Anthonisz duet.

Lauren Arthur is an emerging singer songwriter from Northam who has been recommended by WA Folk federation member Peter Byfield. She is currently doing TEE music and is planning to make it into the WA Academy of Performing Arts for contemporary double/electric bass for next year. She has recorded 10 original songs which will go on her first CD and has been performing with regular gigs at Rivers Edge, as well as the Grass Valley Pub and has supported Split Seconds/Sam Carmody.

Steve Froudlist is a singer, guitarist and audio producer with a powerful voice who is also an active supporter of the WA Folk Federation. Steve is also the audio producer for the soon to be released 'Songs of the Folk and Roots Workshops' CD for of the WA Folk Federation. He has over thirty years in the recording business and even longer as a performer.

'The WA Folk Federation is very happy to bring a new young performer from Northam to demonstrate our support for our regional artists as well as a warm welcome for Steve Froudish who is a tireless supporter of the WA Folk Federation', Keith Anthonisz said.

Further information on Folk and Roots @ Perth Cultural Centre and WA Folk Federation artists, please email:

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