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FOLK PHENOMENON ALDOUS HARDING BRINGS HER MAGIC TO PERTH FESTIVAL

“Watching the folk singer perform is to be touched by something deeply human and oddly universal” – The Guardian



New Zealand gothic folk artist **Aldous Harding** is joining some of the biggest and best names in contemporary music as part of the **Perth Festival 2020** program.

Harding will perform headline shows in Sydney, Melbourne and at WOMADelaide, as well as bring her enthralling show to Perth Festival on **Friday, 28 February**.

Aldous Harding’s must-see live experience has set critics and audiences alight. The overwhelming response to her striking Australian performances earlier this year has taken the cult star to phenomenal heights; her bewitching, bewildering set lauded as the best new thing in music.

The New Zealander’s third album, *Designer*, was released earlier this year to widespread acclaim. A surreal folk masterpiece, its opaque lyricism and delicate folk flourishes earned rave reviews globally, this month winning APRA NZ Silver Scroll for whimsical single, *The Barrel*. She followed it up last week with a weird and wonderful music video for album single, *Zoo Eyes*.

Aldous Harding’s truly remarkable stage presence has captivated Primavera, Laneway Festival, Fairgrounds, Meredith Music Festival and during a sold out run of US and UK headline dates, as well as appearances on the *Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*, *Later... with Jools Holland*, and NPR’s *Tiny Desk* series.

Perth Festival contemporary music programmer **Clara Iaccarino** says Aldous Harding is a fitting inclusion to the Festival’s diverse and exciting line-up of contemporary music.

“I first saw Harding in a small club in Melbourne where she hushed the audience from her very first breath. Almost otherworldly, she is as mesmerising as she is intense, drawing the audience into her majestic orb,” Clara says.

“This year’s contemporary music program is peppered with strong female voices and we’re thrilled to announce that Aldous Harding will be one of the many highlights.”

Needless to say, New Zealand’s songwriting treasure has captured the world’s attention, and Perth is in for a treat on 28 February.

The full Perth Festival program will be announced on 31 October.

WHAT: Aldous Harding

WHEN: Friday, 28 February

HOW MUCH: \$49

BOOKINGS AND INFO: Friends of the Festival priority booking period: Mon 21 October, 12pm (Perth time). General Public tickets on sale: Wed 23 October, 12pm (Perth time).

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Perth Festival

Founded in 1953 by The University of Western Australia, Perth Festival is the longest running international arts festival in Australia and Western Australia's premier cultural event. The Festival has developed a worldwide reputation for excellence in its international program, the presentation of new works and the highest quality artistic experiences for its audience. For 66 years, the Festival has welcomed to Perth some of the world's greatest living artists and now connects with hundreds of thousands of people each year.

Iain Grandage is the Artistic Director 2020 – 23.

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