

ALTER BOY

Six-person Perth powerhouse Alter Boy bring their dark, shiny pop hits all performed in Auslan to B Shed.

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Comprising three deaf/hard-of-hearing members Alter Boy subvert the traditional music gig, flipping the script and alienating the hearing "listener".

Welcome to a new music experience and community that champions inclusivity, accessibility and where Auslan takes centre stage.

WHAT: Alter Boy

WHERE: B Shed / Fremantle / Walyalup

WHEN: Sat 26 Feb

HOW MUCH: \$35 - \$39

Artistic Credits

Vocals: Molly/Aaron

Auslan Signers: Jack Meakins, Laura Bullock

Lighting Designer: Dean Gratwick, Beatmatch Design

Alter Boy Bio

Hailing from Perth, Alter Boy, a six-person powerhouse, comprising three deaf/hard-of-hearing members, continues to influence a greater understanding of how deaf/hard-of-hearing individuals experience the power of music through their dark, shiny pop hits all performed in Auslan (Australian Sign Language).

Banding together within the Perth deaf community in 2019, **Molly/Aaron** (Vocals), **Jack Meakins** and **Laura Bullock** (Auslan Signers) drew inspiration to create a music project to rid misconceptions of their connection to music and promote inclusivity.

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Channelling James Blake, Banks, and London Grammar, Alter Boy mastered their 2020 musical output: *Bad Dream Break In*, *Glitter*, and *Section 504*, and their signature lyrics conveying hope and purpose married with intricate melodies and whispered vocals extends to their new single, 'Act of God'.

Referencing the unjust socio-political system operating under the guise of a punishing God or apparent misfortune, *Act of God* explores the internalisation of systematic issues for deaf/hard-of-hearing individuals.

Specifically, *Act of God* delves into the childhood experience of band member Jack who, like many other deaf/hard-of-hearing individuals, was unable to find his supportive community - where one can call home. Powerfully portrayed and performed in the video clip, this devastating reality restricted him from experiencing a sense of belonging and struggle with self-identity.