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YOUNG HEARTS TO RUN FREE AT NOSTALGIC MASQUERADE BALL-ROCK SHOW

Celebrating the greatest soundtrack ever sold, from the greatest love story ever told, HOTA is hosting the ultimate 90s themed masquerade ball-rock show – *Young Hearts Run Free* – under the stars on June 1.

Set against the backdrop of director-extraordinaire Baz Luhrmann's *Romeo + Juliet*, infused with the nostalgic beats of its quintessential soundtrack, **Young Hearts Run Free** delivers a night of pop-cultural magic under the stars.

The movie's 20 year milestone of cinematic and soundtrack genius is the catalyst for this epic concert bringing the iconic soundtrack to life through a stellar line-up of musicians, performers and special guests.

Announced as part of the line-up is **Abby Dobson**, of Australian pop-band *Leonardo's Bride*, who caught the country's attention with her sultry vocals on the chart topping song – 'Even When I'm Sleeping'.

Singer and songwriter, **Cash Savage**, otherwise known for the critically acclaimed album 'One of Us (2016)' released with backing band, *Last Drinks*; **Airling**, the moniker of captivating Brisbane artist, Hannah Shepherd; and **Greg Chiapello**, of Brisbane's rich indie music scene also make an appearance.

Guests will enjoy this 90s revel at HOTA's Outdoor Stage, with hits from The Cardigans, Radiohead, Everclear, Garbage, Desree, Butthole Surfers and more, all decked out in masquerade garb, with the main event to follow by a pumping DJ set, circa 1997.

CEO of HOTA, Criena Gehrke, said the nostalgic performance will take audiences on a trip back in time.

"It's such an iconic soundtrack and gives me flashbacks to all those fashion memories from the 90s I've tried to suppress," she said.

"I'm going to have a lot of fun getting my outfit ready for this one."

Co-producer with HOTA, Crowded, has previously toured the show across Sydney and Melbourne, before bringing it to the Gold Coast next month, creating a magical experience for fans of the 90s soundtrack along the way.

Young Hearts Run Free has sold out at events all over the country, including Vivid Sydney, Brisbane Festival, Darwin Festival and Melbourne Fringe, and was nominated for the *Best Event of 2018* at Concrete Playground in Sydney.

If you were born in the 90s, lived through the 90s or even just love the vibe of the era, this event is the perfect opportunity to go back in time and relive the best that the 90s had to offer.

Young Hearts Run Free will take place at HOTA's Outdoor Stage on Saturday 1st June, at 7pm.

For more information, visit <https://hota.com.au/music/young-hearts-run-free/>.

'This show is astonishingly good...the room exploded with nostalgic joy.' – *The Australia Times*

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