

TALENT: Hat Fitz & Cara

TEASE:

Across Australia, even the tiniest towns have a community hall. Those four walls have seen dance nights in the 20's, honoured and hosted our armed forces after the World Wars... maybe you've visited your local hall for a wedding, a karate class, or a bake sale?

More recently, halls across Australia have come alive with the music of acclaimed Aussie and International artists normally better known for playing big city venues. More on that... right after this...

INTRO:

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When was the last time you visited your local community hall? Perhaps it was for a wedding, a yoga class, if you're lucky, maybe even some live music...

The tune you just heard is from Queensland folk and blues duo Hat Fitz and Cara, who've been touring from the rainforest to the outback since mid-November as part of the Festival of Small Halls

The Festival tour takes folk and acoustic artists from big festival stages to tiny regional halls in communities all over Australia, giving music-lovers outside the big cities the opportunity to welcome acclaimed artists in the spirit of melody and fun...

The summer tour has taken in Northern New South Wales, the Queensland coast and Darling Downs, with six shows remaining before the finale at Woodford Folk Festival in the last week of the year...

Cara Robinson is a singer- drummer, and one half of folk and blues duo Hat Fitz and Cara...

QUESTIONS:

Q: What makes this tour, this festival, so special? What drew you to it?

Q: How would you describe the music of Hat Fitz and Cara, for those listeners who haven't had a chance to hear you yet?

Q: How do you keep up the energy over a summer tour with all that travel? **Q:** What are the audiences like, do you see a lot of different communities? What unites them? **Q:** Travelling for the Festival of Small Halls has taken you to many regional communities, some of them struggling with drought... how important is it that events like this travel beyond the big cities and centres?

Q: You're ending in the final week of the year with perhaps the biggest small hall experience in Australia- Woodford Folk Festival- what are you looking forward to there and into the New Year?

NOTES:

- Largest dedicated regional music tour in Australia
- Kicked off Summer Tour on November 15-17
- Travels through Queensland Darling Downs, Fraser, Keppel, and Cassowary Coasts, and Northern NSW
- Not-for-profit, live music, story-telling, community connection
- Playing in Pialba (Hervey Bay) tonight