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Aboriginal group from Queensland Australia to complete ECLECTIC FOLK line -up!

Folk on the Rocks is thrilled to welcome OKA to the line up this year. "We are particularly excited for OKA to meet some of our aboriginal performers, and have the opportunity for cultural exchange, which is something that FOTR is known for ", says Artistic Director Lynn Feasey.

OKA have toured extensively, building a loyal fanbase and gaining an unforgettable reputation as crowd pullers, wherever they perform and were voted one of the top five memorable festival performances alongside festival headliners "Sting" and "Kiss" at last year's Quebec Summer Festival. Past Canadian festivals also include the Montreal Jazz Festival, Winnipeg Folk Festival, Vancouver Folk Festival, Montreal's DiversCite and Shambhala, Evolve, Komasket and Calgary Stampede.

Their latest release, *OKA LOVE*, shines an optimistic light on the beauty of Indigenous cultures, in a progressive style. *OKA LOVE* is a celebration of Australian cultures, sinking deep into the roots of the Asia Pacific region. The OKA sound is deeply rooted in the laid back coastal style of their home.

Their signature is a smooth hi-fidelity sound that is full of beautiful uplifting melodies, tones and textures cooked over raw didgeridoo rhythms and phatt dance driven grooves. A live collective where no two gigs are the same, the OKA flavor is their own hybrid of feel good Roots, Reggae, Dub and Jazz, marinated in Electronica and served on Island Time.

They have independently sold over 60,000 albums worldwide, a true testament to their ever growing appeal to people of all ages and cultures. It's the kind of sound you spread the news about with an almost missionary fervor.

OKAs hypnotic, high energy live performances are a spontaneous exploration into the sublime. They consistently set themselves apart as a festival crowd favorite with their originality, honesty, and passion.

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For more information or to arrange an interview with OKA, please contact Lynn Feasey at 446 3484, or the FOTR office at 920 7806.