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Café music



Big Love

Artist: The Sheyana Band
Label / Distributor: MGM / Foghorn Records
URL: www.sheyana.com
Cafe shift to be played at: spring mornings over a lovely latte



This is Sheyana's 6th album and a very polished offering indeed from this sultry, soulful singer from Tasmania and her band. Born in London, with a Tasmanian mother and Sri Lankan father, Sheyana's music brings together multiple influences and has been likened to Tedeschi Trucks Band. The band has received national and international recognition and airplay, and has supported some of Australia's most respected musicians.



The Mezcaltones Second

Artist: The Mezcaltones
Label / Distributor: MGM / Foghorn Records
URL: www.the-mezcaltones.com
Cafe shift to be played at: driving down the highway with a takeaway coffee



Inspired by Tex Mex cowboy blues, rockabilly surf guitar with attitude, and an alt-country twang, and wearing tongue-firmly-in-cheek outfits, this highly entertaining six-piece band from Sydney is fun to watch and great to listen to. The good, the bad and the groovy, the band plays cool music with a Tarantino and strong Mexican flavour.

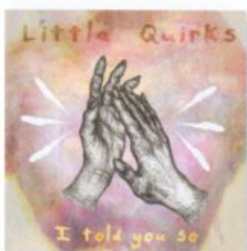


Suburban Wildlife

Artist: Big Merino
Label / Distributor: MGM / Foghorn Records
URL: www.bigmerinoband.com.au
Cafe shift to be played at: late afternoons in a funky cafe with an espresso martini



Big Merino play original songs that blur the lines between rock, country, blues, roots, soul, funk and grunge - ranging from gentle, nostalgic rock ballads though to strong social and political comments. Sweet gospel harmonies, strong guitar licks and guest appearances from some of the cream of Australia's musical talent make this an album well worth listening to.



I Told You So

Artist: Little Quirks
Label / Distributor: Independent
URL: www.facebook.com/littlequirksband
Cafe shift to be played at: on a sunny afternoon



This single is raw and joyous folk/pop from NSW Central Coast band Little Quirks, (sisters Abby and Mia, and cousin Jaymi on drums). The band's music is fresh, young and vibrant, as this charming trio produce beat-driven jangly melodies on mandolin, guitar and drums with three-part harmony vocals. Definitely an act to look out for and will be at this years Nannup Music Festival.