

97 YEAR OLD SPIEGEL TENT FROM BELGIUM TO FEATURE AT 50TH NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL

Breaking Festival News! The National Folk Festival today announces that the milestone 50th Festival in Easter 2016 will feature a very special venue - a 97 year old Spiegel tent from Belgium 'The Spiegel Zelt'.

"This is the very first time in the National Folk Festival's 50 year history that we will have a Spiegel tent as part of our festival precinct," said Festival Director Pam Merrigan. "It's always been a dream to have a really special venue to program our more intimate shows and the Spiegel Zelt will bring a real touch of magic to our 50th anniversary Festival."

The Spiegel Zelt is one of the oldest original Spiegel tents operational around the world brought over from Belgium in 2014. Featuring a hand-hewn pavilion built of wood, mirrors, canvas, leaded glass and detailed in velvet and brocade the Spiegel Zelt houses a bespoke audience of 110 people and will have a specially curated program for the 50th Festival.

At the National Folk Festival The Spiegel Zelt will feature an intoxicating mix of entertainment designed to seduce with special presentations from some of the Festival's international performers, immersive and intimate shows, and also some of the more edgy and outrageous acts featured at the Festival.

The Spiegel Zelt will take its place as a focal point in the National's vibrant reimagined festival village. With 18 venues and featuring an A-List of over 1200 artists from around the planet Exhibition Park in Canberra will come alive in a riot of colour and sound to celebrate the 50th National Folk Festival - Easter 2016 24-28 March.

Artists announced thus far include British folk icon & multiple BBC Award-winner **Nancy Kerr**, seventh-generation ballad singer **Sheila Kay Adams** (US), Grammy-winning Bluegrass Legend **Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band** (US), vivid West African outfit **Jaaleekaay** (AFRICA), grungy folk North Canada outfit **The Jerry Cans** (CAN) high profile Irish act **The Rambling Boys** (IRE), and Australian Acts **Skipping Girl Vinegar**, **Joseph Tawadros**, **Jordie Lane**, **Perch Creek**, **Castlecomer**, **The April Maze**, **The Little Stevies** and so much more.

Early Bird Discounted Tickets still available. Don't miss out on being at the epic 50th Festival in Canberra this Easter. Keep up with all the latest 50th Festival news and announcements at www.folkfestival.org.au or on our Facebook or Twitter pages. @natfolkfest #ournff #5daysinaperfectworld

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