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Hang with The Screaming Jets

EVER wanted to mingle with Aussie rock royalty? Ahead of its gig at Brothers next week, timeOUT and The Screaming Jets are giving the chance for a reader to take home a prize pack consisting of two double passes to the gig at Brothers World of Entertainment, a copy of the boys' new album *DO YA* and a special meet-and-greet with the band before the gig. To enter, just head to www.cairns.com.au/competitions and enter your details.





WHAT'S ON
 WITH JESSE KUCH



Christmas is fast approaching and it's time to get into the festive mood – I'm sure everyone has a party to attend in the next few weeks so no doubt it's going to be busy around the traps.

Most notably, this week is one of the biggest events of the year for northern dance fans in the shape of the Cairns Music Festival at Fogarty Park on the Esplanade this Saturday.

It features a massive line-up of talent from around the country, including one of Australia's biggest acts – the ARIA Award-winning Sneaky Sound System.

Also playing is *inthemix.com's* No.1 DJ in Australia, TyDi, Melbourne rockers Dukes of Windsor, electro kings TV Rock and Brisbane club legends The Stafford Brothers, along with a host of other great talent from both Cairns and interstate, so even if dance music isn't your thing you should go check it out and soak up a bit of summer festival atmosphere.

There is also plenty happening in the clubs, with Gilligan's hosting a big weekend of funky tunes kicking off on Friday with Melbourne five-piece fusion/soul band Funky Love Tank on Friday and US house king Who Da Funk (responsible for the Top-40 smash hit *Shiny Disco Balls*) on Saturday.

For those who prefer it a bit deeper, local label Open Records hosts its Christmas party at Cadence tomorrow night with two great acts from Melbourne, Tristan Boyle and Aaron Smiles, and a host of Cairns' best electronic music producers, including the Urban Monkeys, One Tasty Morsel and more.

For lovers of classical music and opera, the mammoth production of *Handel's Messiah* makes its way to

town on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Cairns Civic Theatre.

Featuring a cast of 140 performers, including some of Australia's best singing talents such as Peter Axford, Kim Kirkman (of Ten Tenors fame), Heather Michael and Fortini von Gunten, it's not often a show of this size drops into town so make sure to go and have a look if it tickles your fancy.

The art and fashion community also has a bit to be happy about, with local boutique We're hosting *Photocopulist*, an exhibition by prominent Sydney-based design collective WEBUYYOURKIDS on Friday night at the new Crate gallery.

Birch Carroll and Coyle Cinemas also has a bunch of great movies premiering as well, with the sequel to DreamWorks' animated smash *Madagascar*, vampire thriller *Twilight* and family fantasy adventure *City of Ember*.

We've also got a heap of stuff to give away this week, with the great new competition section at cairns.com.au making

it much easier to enter and register for our giveaways.

First off the bat we have a Screaming Jets prize pack that includes double passes to the event next weekend at Brothers, a copy of their new album *DO YA* and a special "meet-and-greet" with the band before the event.

Head to cairns.com.au/competitions for full details on how to enter.

Last but definitely not least, it's been great to meet you all since I've started working at timeOUT. Have a great week and see you out there! **TO**



The Cairns Music Festival is set to be one of the biggest events of 2008

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