



illawarra **FOLK** FESTIVAL

12-15 JANUARY 2012

BULLI SHOWGROUND, WOLLONGONG, NSW



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MEDIA RELEASE

Folk festival summer school scholarships for young musicians

The Illawarra Folk Festival is offering 20 youth scholarships to talented and enthusiastic young musicians to attend the Illawarra Folk Festival Summer School.

The scholarships are open to young musicians aged 18 and under.

The Illawarra Folk Festival Summer School at venues in Bulli on January 11 and 12 gives musicians of all ages the opportunity explore a broad range of musical traditions in an open and fun environment.

The summer school provides a rare opportunity to learn from leading singers, songwriters and musicians from the folk music world who will be in the Illawarra to perform at the folk festival at Bulli Showground from January 12-15.

“The school has over 80 sessions over two days to choose from, with a program catering to a broad range of musical interests,” summer school coordinator Ann Lehmann said. “The workshops include fiddle, songwriting, ukulele, banjo, button accordion, Celtic music, whistle, storytelling, throat singing, guitar, and the 2012 festival theme instrument, the Autoharp.”

This is the ninth summer school, and Illawarra Folk Festival artistic director David De Santi urged budding young musicians to apply for the scholarships which cover the full two days of workshops at the Folk Summer School.

“The Illawarra Folk Summer School aims to increase awareness of folk music traditions and provide opportunities for musicians of all ages to build on their skills with some of the best folk musicians in Australia who will be here for the festival,” Mr De Santi said.

The Illawarra Folk Festival Summer School will be held from 10am-5pm on January 11 and 12 at two venues in the festival site at Bulli Showground and at the Northern Illawarra Uniting Church in Bulli, just across the road from at the showground.

Enrolment for two days costs \$60 and one day is \$40, while you can also pay \$15 per session if you only want to attend one or two.

The youth scholarship applications close on December 14. Apply online at www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/page/FolkMusicSchool or contact Ann Lehmann on 0414 680 123 or by email on folkschool@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au

Captions:

1: West Australian Andrew Winton will be conducting sessions on the slide guitar and songwriting at the Illawarra Folk festival Summer School.

2: Lindsay Haisley will feature the Autoharp in his sessions at the Illawarra Folk Festival Summer School.

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