



Weekend Warriors Unite! Song Summit Sydney To Open its doors to the general public on Sat April 5th

26th March 2008: On Saturday April 5th the inaugural **SONG SUMMIT SYDNEY (S³)** music expo will open its doors to the general music loving public from 9.30am to 5.00pm.

Members of the general public will have the opportunity to watch two special show case performances, by **CLARE BOWDITCH** and Thirsty Merc's **RAI THISTLETHWAYTE**.

The enormously talented ARIA Award winning singer / songwriter **CLARE BOWDITCH** will perform a special **Gibson Guitar Masterclass** featuring material from her current album *'The Moon Looked On'* as well as songs from previous releases. A popular performer among fans and music critics, Clare will also stick around for a meet and greet after her **S³ Open Day** performance.

The multi talented **RAI THISTLETHWAYTE** (lead vocals/ guitar/ piano) from **Thirsty Merc** will also take time out from touring duties to perform a **Gibson Guitar Masterclass** for **S³ Open Day**. Since first bursting onto the national scene back in 2003, the Sydney-based Thirsty Merc quickly built up a reputation with their much-loved, self-titled album debut. Now at the **S³ Open Day** Rai will perform some of the melodic tracks from the bands current album *'Slideshows'*.

For those who love rock n' roll and want to play in a band again or for the very first time, S³ has just the ticket. Legendary Sydney music store **Allans Music** is bringing its popular **Weekend Warriors** event to S³.

Under the guidance of specialist coach and Rose Tattoo legendary guitarist, Dai Pritchard, **Allans Music Weekend Warriors** has inspired the formation of bands, music-making and stress-free fun.

Ticket buyers are welcome to come and listen to five bands that were formed in the **Allans Music Weekend Warriors** program at the **S³ Open Day** from 12noon - 2.30pm on Saturday, 5 April 2008, at the Royal Hall of Industries.

Or for the ultimate interactive music experience, punters can pick up a guitar or drum sticks and have a bash. With microphones, guitars, drums, keyboards and a host of instruments available for punters to try out for size, this is rock n' roll anarchy!

The **S³ Open Day** will also play host to the **Live Music Revolution** a forum, which will address the health of Australia's live music industry. Targeted to hoteliers, club managers and restaurateurs, but open to any interested party attending the **S³ Open Day**, the forum will feature an



expert panel featuring Bill Healey, Director, National Affairs, AHA; Anthony Ball, Executive Manager-Policy & Government, Clubs NSW; Michael Morrison, Global Marketing Trends Expert; John Hart, Chief Executive, Restaurant & Catering Australia who will lead a discussion and information session on live music - why, how, now and the opportunities going forward. The **Live Music Revolution** is a must for anyone interested in hearing how to put the 'live' back in live music and to promote the community, cultural and economic benefits of live music.

Tickets for the **S³ Open Day** are just \$15 and are available online from the S³ website or on the day. But remember, it's first in best dressed for this special S³ Open Day so start your engines!

To purchase tickets for the S³ OPEN DAY please go to:

www.songsummit.com.au

For more information on the S³ program and how to register please go to:

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S³ OPEN DAY

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9.30am – 5.00pm

Tickets \$15: register online www.songsummit.com.au or on the day if available.

SONG SUMMIT SYDNEY (S³)

April 3rd to April 5th

Sydney Hordern Pavilion and surrounding venues

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