

# IT'S A DANCEHALL PARTY!

## THE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS ANNOUNCE NEW ALBUM & TOUR

- *The Beautiful Girls announce the release of their first album since 2010*
- *National tour goes on sale Friday*
- *Crowd funded album sees the return of one of the country's most loved live acts after a decade of touring and over 250,000 album sales*

It's been quite some time since **The Beautiful Girls** hit the road, but the drought is over with the announcement today of their brand new album "**Dancehall Days**" (released through MGM **October 3**). To celebrate, The Beautiful Girls are dancing their way around Australia, bringing back the **unique live music celebration** that fans have missed over the last few years of the band's hiatus.

Performing the songs of singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist/producer **Mat McHugh**, The Beautiful Girls became one of Australia's **most recognised roots music** monikers, resulting in over **250,000 albums sales** and nearly a **decade of touring**, both here and abroad. Since the act's last activity in 2012, McHugh has been busy exploring a life, experiencing the world, looking for inspiration, releasing a solo album, working with the close collective that formed the core of The Beautiful Girls and continuing to write the songs that eventually became '**Dancehall Days**'.



"I started writing the next album with the intention of it being a Mat McHugh album but the songs started taking on a life and sound of their own," said McHugh. "When I stood back from them I was able to see that I was being steered into a particular direction. They all sounded like 'The Beautiful Girls'. **It's hard to explain it but I know it when I hear it.** Spooky, dubby, digital dancehall tinged, rootsy, punky, reggae music mashed up with some mellow acoustic sea songs. **In some ways it's about reclaiming my musical identity**".

**The Beautiful Girls'** new album and live show sees McHugh at his experimental best, borrowing from genres, experiences and revelations to create a new chapter in The Beautiful Girls songbook, with musical messages as exploratory and poignant as they were at the release of the first EP some twelve years ago.

Launched with a **Pledge campaign**, "**Dancehall Days**" will take McHugh's "**direct to fan**" **ethos** (he was doing it a decade ago.... before it had a name) and involve fans from around the world in every step of the process. The album will be released independently (through MGM distribution) on **October 3** with The Beautiful Girls hitting the road once more bringing the familiar and the soon-to-be-familiar songs of one of Australia's best loved indie acts back to fans.

As McHugh puts it, "To me, music is far too precious to exist in a box, I think a song is born and dies in a moment and in that, becomes a new definition. **Playing live, I never know what's going to happen and that's exactly the way I like it.** As long as there is love there though, everything will be okay".

**THE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS 'DANCEHALL DAYS' TOUR IS ON SALE THIS FRIDAY  
THE ALBUM IS OUT OCTOBER 3 THROUGH MGM DISTRIBUTION**

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# THE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS

## Dancehall Days Tour 2014

- Wednesday 1st October**                      **Dalrymple Hotel**                      **QLD**  
[www.dalrymplehotel.com.au](http://www.dalrymplehotel.com.au) 310 Bayswater Road, Garbutt  
Tickets \$30 +bf available from venue & [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au) Doors 8pm
- Thursday 2nd October**                      **Magnums Hotel**                      **QLD**  
[www.magnumshotel.com.au](http://www.magnumshotel.com.au) 366 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach  
Tickets \$30 +bf available from venue & [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au) Doors 8pm
- Friday 3rd Oct-14**                      **Tanks Arts Centre**                      **QLD**  
[www.tanksartscentre.com](http://www.tanksartscentre.com) 46 Collins Avenue, Edge Hill, Cairns  
Tickets \$40 GA/\$35 Con + bf available from [www.tanksartscentre.com](http://www.tanksartscentre.com) Doors 6.30pm
- Saturday 4th October**                      **Caloundra Music Festival**                      **QLD**  
For full line up and ticketing details [www.caloundramusicfestival.com](http://www.caloundramusicfestival.com)
- Thursday 16th October**                      **Wollongong Uni Bar**                      **NSW**  
[www.unicentre.uow.edu.au](http://www.unicentre.uow.edu.au) Wollongong Uni Centre, Northfields Ave, Gwynneville  
Tickets \$27 students, \$30 +bf GA available from venue & [www.bigtix.com.au](http://www.bigtix.com.au) Doors 8pm
- Friday 17th October**                      **The Metro**                      **NSW**  
[www.metrotheatre.com.au](http://www.metrotheatre.com.au) 624 George Street, Sydney  
Tickets \$35 + bf from [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) Doors open 8pm
- Saturday 18th October**                      **Cambridge Hotel**                      **NSW**  
[www.yourcambridge.com](http://www.yourcambridge.com) 789 Hunter St, Newcastle West  
Tickets \$30 + bf from [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) Doors open 8pm
- Thursday 23rd October**                      **Spirit Bar**                      **VIC**  
23 Kay St, Traralgon  
Tickets \$30 +bf available from venue & [www.oztix.com.au](http://www.oztix.com.au) Doors 8pm
- Friday 24th October**                      **170 Russell**                      **VIC**  
[www.170russell.com](http://www.170russell.com) 170 Russell St, Melbourne  
Tickets \$35 +bf available from venue & [www.170russell.com](http://www.170russell.com) Doors 8.30pm
- Saturday 25th October**                      **Barwon Heads Hotel**                      **VIC**  
1 Bridge Rd, Barwon Heads  
Tickets \$30 + bf from the venue (03) 5254 2201 & [www.oztix.com.au](http://www.oztix.com.au) Doors 9.30pm
- Friday 7th November**                      **Rosemount Hotel**                      **WA**  
[www.rosemounthotel.com.au](http://www.rosemounthotel.com.au) 459 Fitzgerald St, (Cnr Angove St), North Perth  
Tickets \$35 + bf from oztix.com Doors open 8pm
- Saturday 8th November**                      **Blues at Bridgetown**                      **WA**  
For all line up and ticketing info go to [www.bluesatbridgetown.com.au](http://www.bluesatbridgetown.com.au)

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