

Bundaberg Rum Blues Over Byron Busking Festival 2007

WINNERS OF THE BUSKING COMPETITION ANNOUNCE:

Marshall & the Fro

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What an amazing competition it was this year and a fantastic lead up to the Blues Fest with the Byron CBD filled with Blues Music! Raw undiscovered talent filled our streets and venues with an atmosphere worthy of the upcoming Blues & Roots Music Festival, giving locals and visitors free entertainment and an anticipation of the Festival to come.

The comp was held from Mon 2nd April - Wed 4th April & there were 2 categories to enter: Best Original Musician & Best Street Performer

BEST ORIGINAL MUSICIAN

This side of the comp was held in the 3 main entertainment venues in town; the Backroom, the Beach Hotel & the Rails. Judges Murray Burns (producer), Robert Raymond (manager), Anita Colanbrander (manager) and Adahmo (musician) where again on pub crawl around town making sure they caught all of the 35 talented entrants to decide on a final 5 to go through to the final. There were a lot of stand out entrants making their decision extremely hard as unfortunately they couldn't all make it through - the one who didn't included: De'Karpo, The Other Half, Daniel Gallo, Greg McHugh, High Horse, Matt Hanley, Birling Gap, Rebecca Ireland, Matty Devitt and Cool Calm Collective.

The final had been scheduled to the Jambalaya Stage at the Blues Fest on the Thursday afternoon, but due to technical difficulties was shifted to the Beach Hotel with just 2hrs notice thanks to the support of the Beach Hotel, the Blues Fest and Bay FM, and thanks to the patience of the finalists! There was a great crowd up there on the Thurs afternoon supporting the comp and enjoying the cream of the crop who were made up of: **G-roove, Blue Skillet Rovers, Marshall & the Fro, Groove Collective, Two Colour Mountain**

Eventual placing went to - **1st Marshall & the Fro - 2nd Blue Skillet Rovers - 3rd G-roove**

Marshall & the Fro won a stage gig at the Blues Festival on the Monday, \$500 worth of equipment thanks to Bundaberg Rum, \$100 cash thanks to Byron United and gifts from

local businesses. Blue Skillet Rovers, G-roove and Cockatoo Paul were all given permission to busk inside the festival for a day as well as gifts from local businesses.

*****KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MARSHALL & THE FRO AND MAKE SURE YOU GET ALONG AND SUPPORT THEM AT THEIR GIGS (web links above)**

BEST STREET PERFORMER

As usual there was also a lot of talent out on the streets, with Chief B Mia keeping it all under control with her assistant Ben there were also tough decisions to be made on who would be chosen to busk out at the Blues Festival. Honorable mention needs to go out to Nat de Christo who wowed the judges but only just missed out.

Winners of the Street Performer Category were: **Blue Skillet Rovers, Cloud Nine, Cockatoo Paul**

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