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**ANNOUNCING VIBE FESTIVAL: A DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
DIGITAL FESTIVAL THIS SEPTEMBER**

***Australia's contribution to celebrate and open
International Week of the Deaf 2020***

From midday on the weekend 19 - 20 September 2020, Deaf Services and The Deaf Society bring the world a vibrant, eclectic two massive days of twenty-six deaf and hard of hearing performances that will enthrall, entice and inspire.

VIBE FESTIVAL lands on the digital stage and will leave the world in awe of Australian and international Deaf culture and community.

With free entry and held completely online, VIBE FESTIVAL is entirely in Australian Sign Language (Auslan), with English interpreting and captions.

30,000 Australians use Auslan as their primary language - which will be recognised in the 2021 Census in Australia as an official language. This groundbreaking event celebrates the language along with the culture and community of people who rely on Auslan, attracting audiences from all over the world.

HEADLINE ACTS:

SALLY AND POSSUM: As featured on ABC TV, watch Sally and Possum perform using Auslan in a wonderful children's show designed exclusively for VIBE FESTIVAL

THE JOHN SMITH SHOW: British comedian performing in BSL.

MADemoiselle COCO: Deaf drag performer

Vibe Festival includes children's performers, deaf youth films, aerial acrobatics, illusionists, magicians, Auslan performance poetry, deaf chefs, art tours and so much more.

Vibe Festival is funded through the support of the City of Parramatta Council Community Grant and the Deaf Lottery. Together with gold partners, AI-Media and Deaf Culture Council Queensland, our silver partners, ASLIA NSW/ACT and Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and our bronze partners, we are able to bring an incredible, spectacular celebration the world will watch this International Week of the Deaf.

For more information, and to take part in the festival on 19-20 September visit:

www.vibefestival.org

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