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**NGV NEWS | Lineup announced for free *Summer Sundays* in February at NGV**

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ARIA-nominated singer-songwriter **Dan Kelly** and his **Dream Band** and Melbourne melodist **Ainslie Wills** have been announced on the line-up for the free *Summer Sundays* music series in NGV's Garden, every Sunday in February.

During *Summer Sundays* visitors can enjoy the popular outdoor music series at NGV International underneath the *2015 Summer Architecture Commission*, designed by John Wardle Architects, as well as food offerings including a summer BBQ.

The line-up also includes post-punk four-piece **Gold Class**, who released their debut album *It's You* in September, which led to comparisons with The Smiths and post-punk pioneers Joy Division. On Valentine's Day, enjoy a free music set by newcomer **Ella Thompson**, who *Purple Sneakers* have already dubbed 'one of the most exciting acts in Australia at the moment.'

Tony Ellwood, Director, NGV, said '*Summer Sundays* is one of the highlight events in the NGV's summer program celebrating local talent and we are proud to support emerging and established local musicians and DJs every summer. Throughout February visitors can enjoy live music and great food underneath the shade of the *Summer Architecture Commission* designed by John Wardle Architects.'

The family-friendly program at *Summer Sundays* complements current exhibitions at NGV, including *Andy Warhol | Ai Weiwei*, spanning more than 300 works from both artists' careers; *Studio Cats*, which features cat-themed interactive activities and artworks; *Jess Johnson: Wurm Haus*, the first virtual reality artwork presented at the NGV; *Blue: Alchemy of a Colour*, which explores the meaning and symbolism of the colour blue and the *Friday Nights at NGV* music program each Friday at *Andy Warhol | Ai Weiwei*.

The *Summer Sundays* line-up includes:

**February 7**

Gold Class and DJ Annaliese Redlich

**February 14**

Ella Thompson and DJ Planète

**February 21**

Ainslie Wills and Rat &amp; Co DJs

**February 28**

Dan Kelly's Dream Band and DJ Fee-B Squared

**Weekly Schedule:**

1 – 3pm DJ set

3 – 4pm Headline Act

4 – 6pm DJ set

*Summer Sundays* runs every Sunday in February, from 1pm – 6pm, in the NGV Grollo Equiset Garden. Free entry.

**Image Caption:** Dan Kelly

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## BIOGRAPHIES

### Gold Class

Characterised by attacking rhythms and bristling Aus-garage guitar lines, Gold Class are making waves in the Australian music scene. Based in Melbourne, this post-punk 4-piece have captivated crowds with their live shows and won critical acclaim with their debut album, *It's You*.

Their newest album, *Life as a Gun*, shows an undeniable energy, pessimism and intoxicating darkness. The deep vibrato of singer Adam Curley transports you back to a bleak London in the 1980s.

<https://goldclass.bandcamp.com/>

### Ainslie Wills

Local singer/songwriter Ainslie Wills' voice is arresting, melodic, and full of charm. Her Australian Music Prize and Melbourne Music Prize nominated LP *You go your way, I'll go mine* has gained her both Australian and International renown.

Her albums create a sense of intimacy and patience – unvarnished answers to unspoken questions. Cinematic in scope and closely felt, they are a beautiful example of progressive pop.

Loved by her fans and contemporaries, Missy Higgins has said "I love the distorted Casio/organ sound ... [Her] voice is perfectly close and restrained and I love the slightly electronic harmonies way in the background."

<http://www.ainsliewills.com/>

### Ella Thompson

Ella Thompson's debut record *Janus* takes its names from the Roman God, the god of new beginnings who is synonymous with doorways and the opportunities they present. Through her electro melancholic style Ella thoughtfully explores life's contradictions and the difficulties of becoming an adult. In her album she beautifully combines lyrical inflections, uncertain mutters, husky ruminations and empowered bellows.

There's misery in many of her lyrics, but despair has never sounded so good. Featured on Triple J, she has been described by Purple Sneakers as 'one of the most exciting acts in Australia at the moment.'

<http://www.nicheproductions.com.au/artists/ella-thompson/>

### Dan Kelly Dream Band

An underground music iconoclast, Dan Kelly has released 4 highly praised CDs and 2 EPs both solo and with his bands Dan Kelly and The Alpha Males and the Dan Kelly Dream Band. His song *Drunk on Election Night* is the unofficial election night anthem of Australia.

Dan has received seven Aria nominations, been nominated for a J Award and AMP Award and won The Age Award for Best Male Artist in 2010. His latest album release *Leisure Panic* has received rave reviews and is on the list for the 2015 Australian Music Prize.

The six piece Dan Kelly Dream Band is a psychedelic party with dancing and gravity defying hair styles. Featuring members of Augie March, Ground Components, CW Stoneking's touring band and the Magic Mountain Band.

<http://dankelly.com.au/>