



2023 PARKES ULTIMATE ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST CONTESTANTS REVEALED

The 2023 **Parkes Elvis Festival** will see 19 of the top Elvis Tribute Artists from across Australia and overseas compete for the title of **Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist**, Australia's top prize for budding Elvis performers.

The **Parkes Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest** is serious stuff for semi-professional and professional artists and is a part of a worldwide search for artists who are the best representation of the Legacy of Elvis Presley, officially endorsed by Elvis Presley Enterprises.

Across two momentous days, leading Elvis tribute artists from Australia and abroad will compete for the opportunity to represent Parkes Elvis Festival in the semi-final round of the 2023 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist in Memphis during Elvis Week, August 2023.

With \$5,000 in prize money, US\$2,000 in vouchers from B&K Costume Co. and a cruise on P&O's *Tribute to The King* cruise up for grabs, the competition promises to be fierce.

Heats will take place on **Friday 6 January** with the exciting finals on **Saturday 7 January**.

This year's contestants are:

QUEENSLAND:

- **Stephen Fletcher**, Gold Coast
- **Brody Finlay**, Leyburn
- **Andrew Bithell**, Slacks Creek
- **Gabe Phoenix**, Treasure Island

NEW SOUTH WALES:

- **Michael Tsamandanis**, Parramatta
- **Darren Armstrong**, Narellan

VICTORIA

- **Joe Piastrino**, Melbourne
- **Gavin Chatelier**, Thorpdale
- **Rick Hudson**, Taylors Hill
- **Antony Fenech**, Fraser Rise
- **Anthony Petrucci**, Lalor



Parke's ELVIS FESTIVAL

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Gerard Mascarenhas, Perth
- Stuart Vierya, Ellenbrook

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- Matthew Birse, Munno Para
- Geir Borholm, Greenwith

JAPAN

- Toyokazu Toki, Osaka

NEW ZEALAND

- Johnny Angel, Auckland
- Che Orton, Waikato

UNITED KINGDOM

- Johnny Lee Memphis, Coalsnaughton

Returning from **Wednesday 4 – Sunday 8 January 2023**, Parkes Elvis Festival will see more than 24,000 people make the annual pilgrimage to Central NSW for the biggest tribute to The King in the Southern Hemisphere. The 2023 event theme celebrate's Elvis' most successful film at the box office **Blue Hawaii**.

Celebrating 30 years of rockin' and rollin', the spectacular program features hundreds Elvis and Blue Hawaii-themed events, including returning favourites **Goodsell Machinery Miss Priscilla Dinner, Northparkes Mines Street Parade, Renewal of Vows ceremony, Festival markets** and a stellar lineup of entertainment on the **Cooke Park Main** and **Memphis Stages**.

The Festival will host new events, including a collection of Elvis themed props and items from the Festival's early years in a display. The display will feature props and life-size house sets from Warner Bros. including the famous **Jungle Room, Carnival of Mirrors, Lansky Bros. Neon Lights** and the world's largest hound dog from **Baz Luhrmann's movie Elvis**. The will induct **Ross Wilson** onto the Elvis Wall of Fame plus a 30th Anniversary concert with three other Australian music legends; **Brian Cadd, Russell Morris** and **Joe Camilleri**. From **Climb Me a Mountain Rock Climbing** to a new skydiving event by **Sydney Skydivers** are also added to the Festival line-up.



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The Parkes Elvis Festival is proudly supported by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW, Regional NSW and Transport for NSW.

For all programming and ticketing information, visit www.parkeselvisfestival.com.au.

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